



# LSU

STUDENT LIFE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES  
Child Care Center

## May 2009

The vision of the LSU Child Care Center is to become a leading model of exemplary quality in early care and education by functioning as a support mechanism for families of the LSU Community and a focal point of excellence to agencies and organizations throughout the state and nation. By providing quality service, we will be recognized as a recruitment tool for students, faculty and staff thus supporting the positive growth at LSU.



### Director's Corner



Dear Parents,

Tiny Tiger Fest was a big success. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this event so special. The day was perfect! We were fortunate to have good weather, fun and exciting activities, good food and great company. The silent auction and baked goods raised over \$6500.00! Last year, from the money raised by Tiny Tiger Fest two of our teachers attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conference in Dallas. It is our goal to send the same number to Washington D.C. this year. Thank you for your support! I would also like to welcome our two Teaching Coordinators; Nicole Parham and Kristen Stewart.

Michelle DeMeulenaere  
Center Director

### A Tiny Tiger Fest to Remember!

This year's 5th Annual Tiny Tiger Fest had an outstanding turnout and was a great day for all who participated. A children's petting zoo, sponsored by the LSU AG Center, space walks and children's games were just a few of the activities the children enjoyed. There was plenty of jambaylaya and baked goods to go around. Thanks to all volunteers and those who helped out with this event. We look forward to next year being even better! The winners for largest class attendance are as follows: Fifth Place—Penguins, Fourth Place-Koalas, Third Place-Ladybugs, Second Place-Dolphins, First Place-Panda's. Congrats to these classes!



### Facilities Update



Facility Services has recently donated and planted several shade trees around the Child Care Center grounds. They will provide some much needed shade during the Summer months!

### PAC NEWS

Teachers Appreciation Week is just around the corner. Mark your calendars May 4th-8th

The weeks activities include:

**Monday**- Children may bring a handmade card for each teacher.

**Tuesday**- Children may bring a sweet treat for their teachers.

**Wednesday**- Teacher Luncheon - If you have signed up to bring an item, please bring to the Center by 10:30.

**Thursday**- Children may bring a small lotion, soap, or candle to place in a relaxation basket

**Friday**- Children may bring a flower that is either purchased or picked from their yard



### May Weekly Themes

- May 4th -8th Dinosaurs
- May 11th-15th- Volcanoes/Fossils
- May 18th-22nd—Moon and Sun
- May 25th-29th - Stars



## Center Closures

The LSU Child Care Center will be closed:  
 Independence Day- Friday, July 3, 2009  
 Staff in-service—Friday, August 7, 2009  
 Friday, October 2, 2009



### Mark Your Calenders

End of the School Year Ceremony for Koalas and Frogs will be August 4th at the University Recreation Center. Time to be announced.

End of the School Year Ceremony for Bears and Ladybugs will be August 5th at the University Recreation Center. Time to be announced at a later date.



## Health Corner

Beginning at birth, all children need to trust adults to not only fulfill their physical needs, but also their mental development. The implementation of consistent routines and rules as established by the child's primary caregiver are critical toward establishing this foundation of trust. A child must have a sense of security and belonging in order to thrive and explore their environment. The LSU Child Care Center practices these principles daily as the staff is aware that their attachment to the children serves as motivation in their cognitive and emotional growth.

LSU CCC also promotes a system of discipline which contributes to the child's overall trust of their caregivers as part of the Quality Rating System model. This model of positive behavioral support focuses attention on the child's positive behaviors and decreasing negative ones. Children inherently want to please adults and often resort to negative attention if that is the only time they are noticed. When adults use frequent and specific praise, children are more likely to comply. While this takes a lot of effort and energy, the results are rewarding for all.

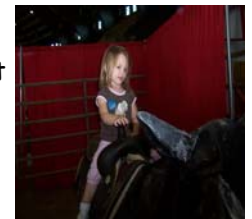
-Jane Fruedenberger, GSW  
 Quality Start Mental Health Consultant

## The LSU Child Care Center Celebrates the Week of the Young Child.



This special week is celebrated annually throughout the country to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of young children. The children had a very special week consisting of a field trip

to "Ag Magic" hosted by the LSU Ag Center, silly hat day, gardening, recycling, pajama day and dressing up as their favorite nursery rhyme or fairy tale character. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers that made this week so special. We couldn't have done this without you.



## LSU CCC Contact Information

Front Desk	578-7882	Ladybugs	578-4825
Bears	578-4825	Lambs	578-4851
Bluebirds	578-4883	Pandas	578-4881
Butterflies	578-4883	Pelicans	578-4855
Koalas	578-4819	Puppies	578-4886
Dolphins	578-4888	Alligators	578-4881
Frogs	578-4819	Tigers	578-4855
Kittens	578-4888	Penguins	578-4851

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