



# LSU

Finance and Administrative Services  
Child Care Center

## November 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,

The LSU Child Care Center will be going through the assessment process over the next several weeks for the Quality Start Program. The Quality Start Program is an assessment tool that rates quality childcare and early learning in centers throughout Louisiana. The LSU Child Care Center was one of the first centers in Louisiana to complete this process. We are very excited to reapply again this year for a continued star rating. This rating will allow our families and staff to receive the School Readiness Tax credit for the 2009 tax year.

We look forward to the many upcoming activities as the fall semester comes to a close.

**Michelle DeMeulenaere**  
Center Director

Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday, October 31st as Daylight Savings Time begins.



### PAC NEWS

Thanks to all of you for making the Garage Sale a huge success. Please continue to save your clothes, toys, shoes, etc.. as your child outgrows them. We will have another garage sale next year.

We raised over \$500.00 from this event!

The PAC will host one additional fund raiser this fall. We will be serving Jambalaya dinners after the Spirit Day Parade on November 11, 2009. These dinners will be available for a small donation. We will need several volunteers to help to serve the dinners after the parade. A sign-up sheet will be available at the front desk.

As the holidays approach we encourage you to share your talents and traditions with your child's classroom.



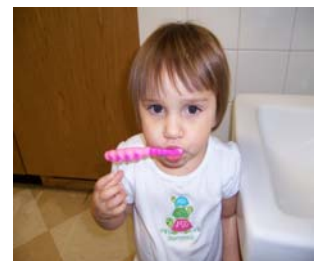
### What's on the Agenda this Month?

**LSU Spirit Day Parade—November 11th at 3:30.** Decorate your child's stroller or wagon in LSU Colors. Come ready to meet Mike the Tiger and the LSU Cheerleaders.

**December 1st—Holidays on Campus—6:00 pm—8:00 pm.** at the University Recreation Complex. The children will enjoy games, entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from Santa. Children are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Adults are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Baton Rouge Food Bank. Come by and visit the LSU Child Care Center table for a holiday craft.

### Brush'em, Brush 'em, Brush 'em

A special thanks to dentist, Dr. Nora Richardson, for her demonstration on the importance of having clean teeth! Dr. Richardson also was kind enough to bring goodie bags of floss, toothpaste and toothbrushes for the students and staff.



LSU Child Care Center will be closed the following dates:

Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th

December 23rd- Center closing at 3:00

Center Closed -December 24th-January 1st 2010

## Health Corner

### Keeping Children Healthy



The wellness policy of the LSU Child Care Center is designed to keep children and staff healthy. Contagious illnesses spread in group child care through touch and the air which make it very important for the ill child not to be around the other children.

Staff and children prevent spreading germs by frequent hand washing and keeping the environment clean. Another way is to ask children, parents and staff who may be contagious to refrain from coming into the building until they are no longer contagious.

The teachers are responsible for performing daily health checks as children arrive at the center. Teachers visually examine each child for possible symptoms of any contagious illness or disease. The teacher may request a physicians note that the child is not contagious if she suspects the child may have a contagious illness. If your child has been to the doctor, **the note must reflect that the child is not contagious and it is safe for the child to be around other children.**

Please call the office if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious or infectious disease so that we may watch for signs and symptoms of the illness in the classroom.

Parents that have a contagious illness are asked to refrain from coming into the center. Parents that need assistance when dropping off or picking up a child may call the office. We will gladly escort your child to your car if you are ill.

The LSU Child Care Center Faculty and Administration appreciates your help in containing and preventing the spread of contagious and infectious diseases.

## Medical Alert

Parents when bringing in snacks for the children's parties, please check all labels to make sure that the products are free of nuts. We have several children and parents throughout the center that are highly allergic.

## “Walk for Parish”

The Duck's classroom participated in a “Walk for Parish” for Down Syndrome Awareness month. Parish, our local celebrity won a national photo contest. As the winner, Parish participated with many celebrities in New York City to raise awareness for Down Syndrome. Congratulations to Parish and his parents Kelli and Brook Webber.



## Preschoolers Learn “Safety”



This month the preschool hosted two very special visitors. Betsey Tramonte from the Federal Highway Administration discussed safety around and near train tracks and crossings. Sgt. Russell Graham from the Louisiana

State Police talked to the children about seat belt safety, and general safety on and off the roads. They learned how to call “911” and why it was important.



## LSU CCC CONTACT INFORMATION

Alligators	578-4851	Bears	578-4825
Bluebirds	578-4819	Butterflies	578-4819
Bumblebees	578-4888	Chicks	578-4886
Dolphins	578-4881	Ducks	578-4888
Giraffes	578-4883	Kangaroos	578-4883
Kittens	578-4881	Pandas	578-4855
Penguins	578-4851	Puppies	578-4883
Tigers	578-4825	Front Desk	578-7882

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