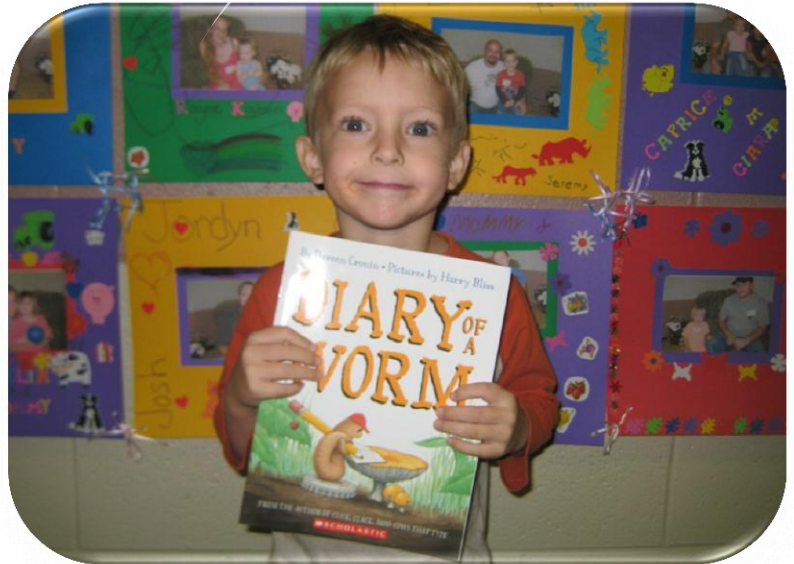


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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

The maple leaves are beginning to turn, the days are getting shorter, the evenings a little cooler, and the mail box is full of "Back to School Sale" flyers....where did the summer go? Although seemingly short in duration, I hope each of you had opportunities during the summer break to relax and refuel. With the economy still struggling, the services you provide to Early Head Start and Head Start families have never before been so important and valuable. Thank you for all you do to support our children, families, and each other.

I look forward to working with you during the upcoming year.

Sharon Glessing, Director



*Welcome
Back!*

HEAD START PARENTS HELP OUT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES



The parents at the Dallas Early Learning Center collected \$228.00 for the following local food pantries: Barron, Cameron, Chetek, and Dallas/Ridgeland.

Ashley Vandenbrink and Amber Tallman helped deliver the money.



Opal Samson, Family Resource Provider

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Help keep your children safe from unintentional injury by teaching them safe ways to travel to and from school. Back to school season provides a great opportunity to teach kids common sense safety behaviors.

Walking to school tips:

- Choose the safest route. Children under 10 should walk with an adult or older child every day because they do not have the necessary skills to judge the speed or distance of oncoming traffic.
- Teach children to obey all traffic signals and markings.
- Make sure children look to the left and to the right, and back to the left again for moving vehicles before they cross the street.
- Be a good role model – your children need you to show them how to be a good pedestrian.



School bus tips:

- Teach your children about the 10 foot danger zone around the school bus, and explain that the driver cannot see children on the ground. Young children should take eight giant steps away from the bus so the driver can see them.
- Do not let your child run toward the bus – children should stand on the sidewalk, grass, or other designated pickup spot while waiting for the bus, and should remain in that designated area until the driver has opened the door of the bus.

Let's make sure our children have a safe school year!

Barb Christenson, Transportation Coordinator

WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL FOR INFANTS/TODDLERS OFFERED AT WITC – ONLINE COMING FALL 2011!

The Professional Credential for Infants/Toddlers (Wisconsin) is designed for and will benefit infant/toddler educators, teacher's assistants, program directors and administrators from full day and half day early care and education programs including: child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start, pre-kindergarten, early intervention programs, and preschool or nursery schools. Students will gain knowledge of the unique skills and experience needed to provide nurturing, stimulating, high quality infant and toddler care.

To meet the needs of all students, the Professional Credential for Infants/Toddlers will be offered in a fully online environment. The flexibility and accessibility of distance learning allows students to decide where and when you attend class, eliminating barriers that traditional classes often place on working students. As an online student you can study from home, the office, or an Internet café – anywhere you can find a connection.

In addition, WITC also offers the Wisconsin Professional Credential for Administrators, the Wisconsin Credential for Preschool Teachers, the Wisconsin Professional Inclusion Credential, and the Early Childhood Education Associate Degree program.

For more information check out witc.edu or contact Laura Wassenaar, Divisional Dean of Family & Consumer Services at 715.394.6677, Ext. 6217 or laura.wassenaar@witc.edu.

Laura Wassenaar, Divisional Dean of Family & Consumer Services

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHILD CARE PROFESSION CLASS

The Intro to the Child Care Profession class offers Head Start staff and parents the opportunity to learn more about child development and meet entry-level training requirements for working in a licensed child care setting. This August, seven Head Start staff members and two parents participated in the class.

Topics included: brain development, guidance and discipline techniques, developmental traits of children from birth to age five, and moving with the brain in mind. They will receive a certificate from the WI Registry documenting their success. Congratulations to them all!



Pictured are: Cheryl Witzany, Sara Mani, Nikki Sandvig (parent), Michelle Conrad (parent), Dean Chaffee, Sue Smalley, Courtney Peterson, Chris Schmitt-Larson, Sharon Sands, and Beth Tilleson.

Beth Tilleson, Children's Services Coordinator

NEW RICHMOND HEAD START MOVES TO THE “COMMUNITY COMMONS”



“Uniqueness” - our Head Start classroom has a fireplace with electrified logs. We had our initial Day Care Licensing inspection, and all went well.



Playground and fencing is also reinstalled, which includes a great trike area. Thanks to the Head Start Body Start Grant for helping to offset the expense of the move.

New Address:

New Richmond Head Start
PO Box 374
421 South Green Ave.
New Richmond, WI 54017
Same phone # - 715-246-3232

Mona Karau, Center Director

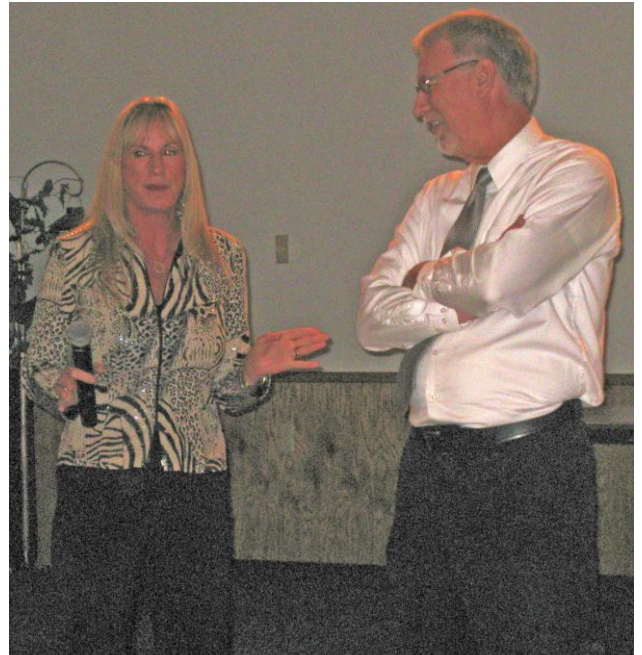
2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF WITH OUR ANNUAL ALL STAFF MEETING



Our presenter, Vicki Sanderson, who came all the way from Dallas, Texas, provided us with an outstanding, energetic, and entertaining presentation.

Hope everyone enjoyed the message of the importance of working better together, taking risks, and building stronger relationships with each other, your children, and their families.

What a great way to kick off the new school year!



The following staff were recognized for their longevity and dedication to our Head Start Program

*Becky Evan
20 years*



*Chris Hulback
30 years*



*Suzanne Schultz
30 years*



*Connie Voeltz
35 years*



We thank our recently retired staff, Lena Vranek, Giane Gibson, Tom Horst, and Marilyn Miller (not pictured), for making a difference in the lives of children and families.

Now it is your time to enjoy!

BUS SAFETY REMINDER

School Buses are back on the road picking up children!



Please be aware of the buses with “**Flashing Red Lights**”. A stopped school bus with its flashing red lights on means you MUST stop at least 20 feet in front of, or in back of, that school bus. You may see a lighted stop sign; however, you must stop whether that stop sign is out or not out.

When the school bus shuts off its red lights, you may proceed. Begin moving slowly, watching for young children who may dart into the street and are not thinking about the traffic.

Drive safely and have a great school year!

Barb Christenson, Transportation Coordinator

“Every baby



needs a lap” • ~Henry Robin

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Benefits of Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

Economic Benefits

Health Benefits

Educational Benefits