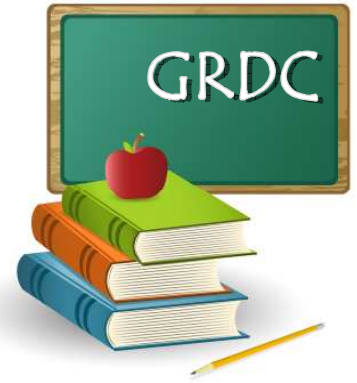


# GRANT ROAD DAY CARE NEWS



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

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Goodbye summer, HELLO school year! It's fun to have a break from the everyday, but 3 months is usually long enough for children AND their parents! As exciting as going back to school is, it can also be intimidating. Not just for Kindergarten but all grades. Here are a few ways to help keep the new school year going smoothly.

Communication is key!  
Stay in touch with your  
child's teacher.

Encourage your children  
to communicate with  
their teachers too!

- 1. FAMILY CALENDAR:** Get a family calendar. This is where you can post everyone's activities including practices, games, social events, dr. appointments and more. It's a good idea to use a different color for each member of the family. That way you know who is supposed to do what, with just a glance!
- 2. BE PREPARED:** Talk to your child about the things that he/she might experience. (What's going to happen on bus routes, during drop off, during lunch, during pick up.) Take a few minutes each morning to go over Bus numbers, phone numbers and a transportation plan. It's a good idea to put a tag in or on your younger child's back pack with his bus number and a phone number, that way if he forgets it will be close by.
- 3. TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** KNOW YOUR BUS NUMBER. Your child should know his bus number. He should also know to look at the number on the bus to be sure it's his before getting on the bus. Kids need to pay attention so they DO NOT get off at the wrong stop and need to know WHEN to get off at their stop.
- 4. UPDATE INFO!** Make sure your information is always kept up to date with the school AND the daycare. Be sure to notify us when your child will NOT be at the daycare, if they aren't on the bus/van, we can only assume that they should have been and we will call the public school immediately to find them. It makes it easier on us and them if you keep us up to date.
- 5. PLAN AHEAD:** Take some time every night before school. Pack lunches, pick clothes, set alarms, make sure projects are done. It helps to have bins that keep your week organized. M,T,W,TH,F bins are a good tool. That way on Monday soccer uniforms will be at the ready and Tuesday dance clothes are ready. This also helps you get out of the door faster in the mornings. Teach your children to help you stock the bins every Sunday night so the whole family is ready for the week!

## Kindergarten-6th Grade

Grant Road picks up and drops off at several schools. These schools are: Bleyl, Brill, Farney, Hassler, Lakewood, Matzke & Moore.

Hancock Elementary is the only school bus that picks up and drops off at the Daycare. This is bus #1169 Children riding this bus should be at the daycare no later than 7:15am.

When your child arrives at the daycare they are given a snack & juice, then we have inside or outside play (weather permitting). If your child would like to do his/her homework in the afternoon we can accommodate them with a quiet place to do so.

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## Preschool

School is in session for many of our children here at the daycare. So what about those of us who have children who are not yet part of the school system?

**PRE-SCHOOL and PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN!**

While the older children are off to "big school," our smaller children will be learning as well. Children love learning! They have done it since the day they were born. Watching & copying every move you make. Their little minds are like sponges ready to soak up all the knowledge the world has to offer!



Our preschoolers follow "A Beka Book" Curriculum. This Curriculum is designed specifically for each child's age group. It was designed to help build language development, skills development, fine motor skills (putting puzzles together, holding a crayon, using scissors, & more.) & gross motor skills. (using large muscles, hopping skipping, jumping & more.) We also have a Music Teacher, Ms. Kathy, who visits the daycare on Wednesdays & Fridays we have Story Time with our Private Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. Donna!

## Art Classes



Grant Road Day Care & Cypress Murals are now offering children's **Art Classes for Ages 5-12yrs.** Ms. Jaime will be teaching the class every Thursday afternoon from 4:30-5:15.

If your child loves artistic things like painting, drawing and more, they will love this class! Please see Mr. Cliff or Mr. Jayme for pricing and more information!

### Free Daycare

Spread the word! Our business has thrived through word of mouth advertising for over 40yrs. Keep up the good work Grant Road family! We still rely on our hard work and effort to bring in new GRDC family members.

Did you know that if you recommend us to a friend and they begin attending the daycare that you can receive a credit for free daycare? For more information and questions please speak to someone in the front office.



## Birthdays



**September: 5yrs.** MacKenzie

MacLaughlin, **6yrs.** Makenna Levy,

**8yrs.** Sabastian Segovia, **9yrs.** Caeden

Coffey, **11 yrs.** Shirley Nguyen

**October: 2yrs.** Isabella Hampton, **4yrs.**

Kallista Jeffus-Kleb **7yrs.** Victoria

Coams **9yrs.** Jesslyn Schumann, Elijah

Travino, Simone Yeary

**November: 4yrs.** Gabriella Travino,

**5yrs.** Ryan Contreras, **6yrs.** Gabriel

Pemberton



## Halloween Party



The preschool group (ages 15 months - 5 years) will be having a party! Our Halloween costume party will be held on Monday the 31st this year. It will be from 9:30-10:30am. The children may wear their costumes OVER their clothes.

We will be having yummy snacks, playing games and winning prizes! They will have a blast. If you would like, you may bring cakes for the cake walks, WRAPPED candies for prizes or cookies or cupcakes for snacks.

We like to encourage our parents to come and join us in the fun. It makes the day extra special if you have a family member there to help you have your fun! And of course volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!

Remember, check your child's candy when you take them trick or treating on Halloween evening. Take the opportunity to teach them a little road safety! (The street is for cars, stay on the sidewalk, watch for cars backing out of drive ways, look both ways before you cross the street, etc. And of course HAVE FUN!!!

## Reminders

- Remember all fees are due every Monday each week, unless you pay Monthly.
- Preschool Parents please don't forget to check for your little ones school work in the yellow file box by the front door. They have worked very hard and would like to show you how well they have done! If your child is in Ms. Donna's class please don't forget to empty and return your manila folders.
- Please Don't forget to bring a lunch if your children are ages 4 and up.
- Our preschoolers (ages 15 months-Private Kindergarten) will have Fall Portraits on November 3rd.
- Grant Road policy is that everything your child brings must be able to fit inside their cubby. Back packs may be hung in the hallway.
- We will be closed November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving.
- We check our toys regularly to make sure they are safe and have not been recalled. If you have questions or concerns about your toys at home you can visit [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) to check for any recently recalled toys.
- Sign your child in/out DAILY!!!!

## Welcome!

We would like to welcome all of our new children and their families to the daycare! Reid Bellon, Isabella Hampton, Christine Heydrick, Preston Sheffield, Megan Shelenhamer, Charlie Hart, Rosie Leon, Gabriella & Elijah Trevino, Makinzi Cornstubble, Rylie Metzler, Anamaria Rubiano, Victoria Coams, Taylor Dean, Makenna Levy, Lanoon & Logan Solorzano, Tave Sosa, Morgan Thomas, Ryanne Thompson. We are so glad you chose to join our Grant Road family. Also our new teacher Shelby Wilson!!! We are so glad you're with us and we can't wait to get to know you all! If you have any questions or there is anything you need, please stop by the office and we will be more than happy to help!

### GYM/TKD

Every Monday we have Gymnastics for almost all ages. Coach Jeff Martin joins us at the Day Care with Athletic on Wheels! Mini-Meets are held every year to which parents will be invited. If you are not yet signed up for Gymnastics you can speak to someone in the office about doing so.

We also have Beginner & Advanced Tae Kwan Do every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. These classes are held in the blue room at the Daycare. We are proud to say the children now have belts of all colors, including a few Black Belts!!! Each achievement is truly a magnificent rise in self esteem for the kids! We are so proud of how well they are doing and how far they have come in their commitment to the sport! Great job to our black belts! You have worked so hard and been so dedicated.





Our very first Carnival and Movie Night went GREAT!

A huge **THANK YOU** to Jerry & Joan Bearden, Sun Manufacturing & Mr. Dickie Billeck, Kristen Hall & Becky Schumann, The Fields family! Thank you to everyone who came out, we hope you had as much fun as we did. Thank you to all of our AMAZING volunteers: The Triplets, Emily Algermissen, The Craigs, The Yeary/Ullman Family, The Olson's, The Popp's and the Netterville's and everyone else who helped. It was so hot and you worked your tails off! We couldn't have done it with out you. We'll keep everyone updated on our playground equipment progress. We are so close!!! And next year, we promise we will have our carnival in cooler weather!

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