

# KIDS FIRST News

We are proud to announce our March employee of the Month:



Andrea "AJ" Baird  
ECDS Room 120

Congratulations AJ!

AJ was selected by her co-workers to receive employee of the month of March. AJ plans exciting activities and weekly themes for her treatment room.

Congratulations again, AJ on the well deserved honor!



The sun is finally out! We will be playing outside more now. Please make sure we have a light jacket for cool mornings.

## Thursday Night Parenting Classes:

Classes are held in Rm. 112 at the Jones Center for Families in Springdale. Call 751-3463 for info.

April 15th-Surviving Divorce  
April 22-Parenting a Child with Special Needs  
April 29-Arkansas Crisis Center

## Schmieding KIDS FIRST Clinic

519 Latham Drive  
Lowell, AR  
479-750-0130

April 2010

Please join us for the.....

3rd Annual Spring Carnival  
Friday, April 16th, 2010  
2:30-4 on the west lawn

Celebrating Arkansas Children's Week

Enjoy an afternoon of games, food, beverages, and fun for the whole family.

Over \$1000 in prizes will be given away!

Inflatable                      Face painting  
Bowling                         Snacks  
Drinks                            Obstacle Course  
Treasure Dig



## Things to Remember:

- ☺ National Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2010 (Wear Blue!)
- ☺ Autism Involves Me Fun Walk April 10, 2010 8:45am
- ☺ 3rd Annual Spring Carnival, Friday, April 16, 2010 from 2:30-4.
- ☺ Picture Days May 25 & 26, 2010
- ☺ Preschool Graduation, May 27, 2010

- Clinic Hours: Classroom and Therapy services begin at 8:00. Your child needs to be at the clinic by 8:30. If you have an appointment, your child will need to be at KIDS FIRST by 10:00. We want your child to get their full amount of therapy and classroom time during the week if at all possible.

## National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week is April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. For a child to be enrolled in KIDS FIRST, he or she must be up-to-date on required vaccines or involved in a catch-up program with his/her physician. Vaccines are extremely safe and are monitored carefully by doctors, researchers and public health officials. Vaccines not only prevent disease, they reduce the costs associated with missed time from work, doctor visits and hospitalizations. Infants are especially vulnerable to infectious diseases and, therefore, it is critical to protect them by immunization. Infants need to be immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before age 2. If you have any questions about immunizations, please contact your physician or ask one of your KIDS FIRST nurses.



## Arkansas Children's Week

April 12-16, 2010

### "Healthy Choices for Better Beginnings"

KIDS FIRST celebrates Arkansas Children's Week to recognize the needs of young children and thank educators and others involved in the education and care of young children. Arkansas

Children's Week coincides with the national Week of the Young Child and is celebrated across the state and country by thousands of local organizations working to improve opportunities for all young children.

Early learning experiences are crucial to the growth and development of young children. Arkansas Children's Week provides opportunities for all of us to recognize the importance of the physical activity and nutrition, and to work together to insure better beginnings for all children.

During Arkansas Children's Week, early childhood programs across the state, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools, and elementary schools, hold special events to bring awareness to the needs of young children. "Young children and their families across the state depend on quality education and care," said Rich Huddlestone, Executive Director of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families. "Arkansas Children's Week is a time to recognize the people, programs and policies that are helping to build better futures for children."

### Ways you can show that high-quality early education is the right choice for kids:

- Volunteer your time to work with children and teachers at a school, community center, Head Start or child care program; spend time playing with a child;
- Support policies and programs that help improve professional opportunities and compensation for teachers and staff;
- Thank early childhood educators and others who play a vital role in preparing young children to succeed in school and beyond.

### News from the Classrooms:

**Nursery, 115:** Several of our friends are starting to move around more, and a couple of us are even pulling up now!

**Toddlers, 107:** We've welcomed a new teacher to our room, Mr. Chad. We've also welcomed a few new friends into our classrooms. Ms. Lindsey helps us learn new signs and words during circle time.

**Twos, 108:** Last month we decorated Easter Eggs and had a hunt in our classroom. In April we will be learning about community helpers.

**Twos & Threes, 106:** In room 106, April showers bring May flowers. We are learning about Spring weather, creatures, and colors. We also love to blow bubbles outside on the playground.

**Threes & Fours, 105:** In our room we are working on using our words and pictures to communicate. Our favorite book is the Pout, Pout Fish.

**Preschool, 122:** In April we will be talking about our 5 senses: sight, smell, touch, hearing, and taste. We have lots of fun activities planned throughout the month. At home you can talk about sounds, smells, and other sensory experiences.

**Preschool, 120:** This month we are learning about the alphabet. We are learning about a new letter each day.

**Preschool, 121:** This next month we will be learning about community helpers. We'll be reading books about firemen, policemen, dentists, and other people who help us in the community. We also welcomed Mr. Randall to our classroom.

### Welcome to our New Staff!



Randall Lothes, Caregiver



Jennifer Glur, Caregiver

### March Perfect Attendance Awards:

Tryston, Lacy, Ashley, Eli, Ayden L., Nathan M., Erika, Grace, Julian, Marty, Conner, Jesus, Noe  
Congratulations and thank you for your good attendance!