

KIDS FIRST News

We are proud to recognize our April Employee of the Month:



LINDSEY CURRY
Caregiver in 107

Lindsey has worked at KIDS FIRST since 2007. Her coworkers describe her as a very hard worker, who demonstrates an obvious love for the children at KF. We can always count on Lindsey!

Congratulations on this well deserved honor!

Please let us know if your address or phone number changes. We MUST have a working phone number in the event of an emergency.

Thursday Night Parenting Classes:

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

May 6th-How to deal with Anger
May 20th-How to deal with Divorce
May 27th-Support for Families with a Child with Special Needs

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519 Latham Drive
Lowell, AR
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May 2010

Announcing the KIDS FIRST Graduating Class of 2010



Commencement Exercises will be held Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 5:30 PM

in the Jones Center-Generations Room

Refreshments will be provided

Congratulations Graduates!

Micah, Hailee, Kaylen, Andy, Isabella, Trevor, Lacy, Aiden H., Natalie, Alexander, Shannon, Eli, Alyssa, Joseph, Orenton, Ayden L., Tynesha, Braxton, Noe, Grace, and Aluria!

Things to Remember:

- ☺ Turn off your TV week April 25-May 1
- ☺ Nurses Appreciation Week May 6-12
- ☺ Teacher Appreciation week May 3-7
- ☺ Spring Pictures May 25 & 26
- ☺ Preschool Graduation May 27

KIDS FIRST staff participates in 1st Annual Autism Involves me 5k/Fun Walk in Bentonville.

The NWA Autism Support Group held their first fun walk on April 10, 2010. Staff and families from KIDS FIRST participated in the event. Money from the event will go to help families pay for summer camps, therapy, special equipment, and assessments. Thank you to everyone who came out to this event!

- 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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF OUR CLASSROOM STAFF!

Teacher Appreciation week is May 3-7. At KIDS FIRST we are so proud of our 18 classroom staff who work with our children every day. Thank each one of your for your hard work and dedication to helping our kids grow and develop. THANK YOU!!!

3rd Annual Spring Carnival is a Huge Success!



We held our Spring Carnival on April 16, 2010. Over 40 families attended and we had more than 130 parents, siblings, and friends join us for this fun afternoon. Special thanks to the Lowell Kiwanis Club and their cooking skills, Arvest Bank Lowell,



Fastlane Entertainment, and the Lowell Fire and Police Departments for

joining us at the clinic. If you missed the carnival this year, make plans to attend next year. We gave away more than \$1000 in door prizes and a grand prize of a new wagon! Congratulations to David M. and family! Thank



you so very much to local restaurants, vendors, and friends who donated items to support this event! And most importantly, thank you to all of those who came!

National Nurses Week 2010



National Nurses Week 2010 Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from **May 6**, also known as **National Nurses Day**, through May 12, the birthday of **Florence Nightingale**, the founder of modern nursing. KIDS FIRST honors the 22 nurses on staff, as well as the 44 part time nurses who cover vacations/sick days.

Thanks for your dedication and service.

April was Occupational Therapy Month!

Thank you to Teresa, Traci, Mandy and Bethany for all of the hard work they do for our children at KF. OT helps improve fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and sensory process. If you would like to talk with your child's OT, please call 750-0130

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

You listen and talk all of the time, but when is the last time you really thought about it?

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, the perfect time to communicate some important information about hearing and speech. 1 in 6 Americans has a hearing, speech, or language problem—a condition that makes it difficult to communicate with others. Untreated, these problems can limit you at home, school, and work. Anyone, of any age, can have or develop an impairment of the ability to hear, speak, or understand effectively.

Treatment to eliminate or minimize communication problems is available. If you suspect a hearing, speech, or language problem, call an audiologist or speech-language pathologist. To discuss concerns with your child's speech or progress in speech therapy, please contact us at the clinic.



Note from our Physical Therapists:

Spring has sprung and Summer is just around the corner. Please remember to send your child to school in tennis shoes with their braces on. Sandals are cute, but they don't provide the support necessary for therapy sessions and the playground.

Clothing Drive:

We have had several sizes of little girls clothes donated to the center. The clothes are from all seasons and are clean and in good repair. If you know of a little girl who might need these, please call Tonya to set up a time to "shop." These clothes are free! :)