

# *Stepping Stone News*

May 2018 Edition

## **A Message from the Directors**

**Hello SSCC Families!**

**We had an AWESOME April here at Stepping Stone Children's Center. During the month of April we celebrated the Week of the Young Child and showed our personalities during Spirit Week. Thank you for all your participation and presence during these events. We would also like to send a special thank you to those that attended the Ice Cream Social to celebrate all of your young learners.**

**In the coming month, we will be celebrating Mother's Day on Friday, May 11th. SSCC will be hosting our Annual Mother's Day Luncheon. We look forward to seeing all of you on May 11th.**

**As the Summer months are approaching, be on the look out for Summer Activities that will be taking place at SSCC. Also, please remember we are closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.**

**As always we thank you for your continued support of Stepping Stone Children's Center.**

## **What's Happening in May**

**May 8th: Sta" Appreciation Day  
May 11th: Mother's Day Luncheon at 12pm  
May 13th: Mother's Day  
May 21st-25th: Spirit Week  
May 28th: Memorial Day (SSCC Closed)**

## **Upcoming Events/Closings**

**June 1st: QACPS Half Day of School  
June 15th: Father's Day Luncheon  
June 15th: QACPS Last Day of School  
July 4th: SSCC Closed**



**Opening Day!**



**Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle!**



**Twinsie Tuesday!**

## Education

During the month of May we will be observing Mother's Day and Memorial Day. The theme for the month is Flowers and Gardening. What a lovely way to celebrate the Spring! The letters of the month are S & T and the color is Yellow. The shape we will be practicing is the circle, as well as numbers 17 & 18 that we will continue to learn, use and display.

In the month of May, the Berry Buddies and Little Guppies will finish up with the balls study and begin the Recycling Unit!

Most of us don't spend much time thinking about trash and garbage. We might give the problem some thought when our community needs a new landfill, a crisis about dangerous waste arises, or litter gets out of control. But then we often forget about the ever-present challenge of dealing with trash and garbage. We think studying how to reduce, reuse, and recycle trash and garbage will engage children because they are familiar with and curious about the topic. We'll need many different objects related to trash and recycling to investigate. Your child's teacher may ask you to send in items from home. What to do at home: As you are outside with your child, take a moment to point out any litter that may be on the ground. Ask your child if they think that is where the litter belongs or if there is a better place someone could have put it.

The Island Adventurers and the Terrapin Turtles will finish up the Recycling Unit and begin the balls unit of study! Children love balls. They play with them in many different ways: throwing, catching, kicking, and rolling them. Children make balls, marbles, and other rolling objects change speed and direction. They see how natural forces such as gravity and friction affect the movement of balls. Children play traditional games with balls and often invent their own games. This study of balls will offer children opportunities to investigate objects from many different perspectives. They will explore important concepts of physical science and social studies as they observe, gather data, explore their community, and meet interesting people. Your child's teacher may ask your help in bringing in different types of balls. What to do at home: Collect the balls you have laying around at home and sort them in different categories – size, weight, etc.

## Classroom Spotlight- The Berry Buddies

In the month of May the Berry Buddies will be learning the sounds and pronunciations of the letters S and T. We are also completing our Ball study, and moving along into the Reduce,

**Reuse and Recycle curriculum.**

**The Berry Buddies will also be celebrating our Moms all month! We are also excited that our teacher Ms. Leslie is expecting a SSCC addition this month!**

## **Family and Fun**

**May 5th: Springfest- Ocean City, MD**

**May 3-6. Food, entertainment, arts and crafts and more. Free, headline acts require admission.**

**May 6th: Made in Maryland Festival- Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena MD**

**Artisans, crafts, food, live music, character meet and greets, petting zoo, moon bounce, face painting, exhibits and more. Free.**

**May 19th: Air Show and Navy Commissioning Week, Annapolis MD**

**May 18-25. Some activities open to the public that show the history and tradition of the Navy academy. Three airshows on Tues., Wed. and Fri. Free.**

**May 25th: Arts and Storytime- Chesapeake Children's Museum, Annapolis MD**

**Fridays weekly. Enjoy explorations with art. Ages 2-4. Free with \$5 museum admission.**

**May 31st: Creek Critters- Chesapeake Children's Museum, Annapolis MD**

**Thursdays weekly. Parents and children alike will enjoy learning about the local environment with indoor and outdoor activities. See what critters live in our woodlands and creek. Share stories, songs, games and crafts with other Creek Critters Nature Explorers. Ages 3-10. Free with \$5 museum admission.**

## **School Age Information**

**Hello School Age Families!**

**Happy Spring! As we have all seen the weather has been o" and on despite the season change. Please make sure your child is wearing a light jacket as we will be going out to play in the afternoons.**

**Summer is approaching! Please make sure you turn in Field Trip forms by May 15th. Something new that has been added to the Summer Experience at SSCC are Field Trip T-shirts. If you turn in your form by the due date, your child will receive a FREE T-shirt. T-shirts will be required to be worn on each o" site field trip. Be sure to take advantage of this benefit.**

**We will also be sending out sunscreen forms soon, so be on the look out for those. If your child has received any new immunizations be sure to turn in an updated record for your child's file.**

**On May 25th, QACPS and SSCC will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.**

We are looking forward to an awesome summer, and enjoying some beautiful weather.

Thank you!  
School Age Sta"

## QACPS Information

May 28th: Schools Closed

June 1st: Half Day of School

June 15th: Last Day of School



## About Us

**Owner Information: Danielle and Todd Lofland**

**Contact Information: 443-286-3651**

**Email: [Danielle@steppingstonecc.com](mailto:Danielle@steppingstonecc.com)**

**Director- Courtney Paquin**

**[courtney.steppingstonecc@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.steppingstonecc@gmail.com)**

**Director- Jessica Jackson**

**[jessica.steppingstonecc@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.steppingstonecc@gmail.com)**

**Assistant Director: Mona Lackey**

**[mona.steppingstonecc@gmail.com](mailto:mona.steppingstonecc@gmail.com)**

 189 Log Canoe Circle, Stevens...

 [Danielle@steppingstonecc.com](mailto:Danielle@steppingstonecc.com)

 (410)643-4181

 [steppingstonecc.com](http://steppingstonecc.com)