



# UAB CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Teachers Educating And Motivating Children”

April 2012

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Are you planning for April 22-28, the Week of the Young Child? The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The 2012 Week of the Young Child™ is **April 22-28** and the theme is **Early Years are Learning Years®**.

For the Week of the Young Child we have planned some special events to help us all focus on quality childcare. As a quality program for young children, UAB CDC recognizes that families and staff all work together to help create a quality environment for our children. Without our focus and effort, early learning becomes nothing more than “daycare”. Taking a week to remember how the elements of parent involvement and quality child development practices come together, is what we want to accomplish during this week.

Quality childcare doesn’t just happen in the state of Alabama, we have to put each element in place and then work very hard to keep the efforts cohesive. These elements include educating families and staff, using community resources, getting financial support and focusing on accreditation and quality standards. We have these elements in place at UAB CDC, but we must maintain focus on each of these as an im-

portant part of what we do. During this week we plan to participate in activities to recognize these elements by including children and families. We will also be sending information to our state representatives and thanking our own staff for the great job they do each day.

You can help by first getting involved in our activities for the week. See the calendar of activities in this newsletter for a list of special events going on during this special week. To kick off the event we will be having a fundraiser associated with Barnes and Noble bookstore at the Summit. During this fundraiser, parents and friends will have the opportunity to purchase items. We will then receive a portion of the sales to help us pay for training. More information will follow concerning this event, but your participation will ensure that our staff will have enough funding to attend a national NAEYC conference later this year. This training will be a major influence for our staff and the learning that will take place is invaluable. Please look for the Barnes and Noble event on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and give us your support. Help us make the Week of the Young Child a time to focus on the early years of our children.



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## Birthday Corner

Simone Sutton	04/07
Mr. Randy	04/09
Elliot Determann	04/11
Cara Li	04/11
Alex Amara	04/14



Children are welcomed to celebrate their birthday at school with their friends but per NAEYC requirements, food that comes from home for sharing among the children must be either whole fruits or commercially prepared packaged food in factory-sealed containers.

**Enrichment Activities**

**Artplay - \$150 (Ages 3-5)**

January 23rd-April 16th

Mondays @ 10:00am

**Soccer Shots—\$88 (Ages 3-5)**

March 27th– May 15th

Tuesdays @ 3:15pm

**Compuquest Computer Classes**

Mondays, 3pm (Ages 3-5)

**Storytime**

**Avondale Library** (Pathfinders)

Thursday @ 9:30am

**Southside Library**

(Explorers & Busy Bees)

Fridays @ 9:30am

\*Please have your child at CDC by 9:00am\*

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Albert Jameson Savage V

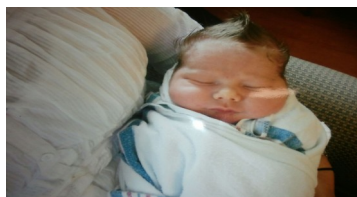
“James”

Born March 23rd

10lbs. 10 oz. - 23 inches

Proud Parents: Jessica & Jay

Big Sister: Julia (Busy Bees)



**REMINDER**

All tuition payments are due by the 3rd of each month.

All termination of services require a one month's notice.

**STAFF UPDATE**

We would like to welcome three young ladies to our CDC family: Aneisha Williams, Emily Carney, Kara Woods.

On February 24th, the following employees were recognized at the HR Service Awards for 5 years of service to the university:

Tessica Jordan-Peterson

Rhonda Barnette

Cleatrice Coleman

**The Preschool classrooms will attend the SNOW QUEEN at the Alys Stephens Center on Friday, April 13th. The performance will begin at 10am. The children will travel by CDC van.**

**Please see your teacher for more details.**

**Family Night with UAB Baseball**



On April 24th, UAB Baseball will sponsor Family Night at the Kennesaw State v. UAB game for UAB CDC families only. For this event, UAB Baseball will give you \$1 tickets across the board! This is a pre-order event so interested families will need to sign up in

the CDC Office by Friday, April 20th. Your child can have the opportunity to come down to the field before the game starts and run out with a baseball player! So come on out and support our Blazers at the ole' ball game!!

**PORTRAIT VIEWING**

Representatives from Teddy Bear Portraits will be here on Wednesday, April 11th for you to view and purchase Spring Pictures beginning at 3pm.

3:00-4:00: Lambs, Waddlers, Huggers

4:00-5:00: Little Bears & Busy Bees

5:00-6:00: Explorers & Pathfinders

**Parent Volunteers Needed**

On Wednesday, April 25th our staff will have an extended lunch at a local restaurant of their choice. In order to make this a success, we need parent (or grandparent) volunteers to sit with the children during nap-time. Times range from 11:30-2:00 with 30-minute increments. If you wish to volunteer, please email Shanae (jsa34@uab.edu) or stop by the office.

**STORYTIME**

Brown Bear, Brown Bear; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom; Goodnight Moon.....Love to read these books? During the Week of the Young Child, there will be opportunities for you to read to your child's classroom. Be on the lookout for signup sheets outside of each classroom.



# 2011-2012 UAB Child Development Center Activities Calendar

Preschool Peepers - 9am  
Thursday, April 5th  
(children ages 2-5)

Portrait Viewing - 3pm-6pm  
Wednesday, April 11th

Snow Queen - 10am  
Alys Stephens Center  
Friday, April 13th  
(Busy Bees, Explorers, Pathfinders)

**NAEYC Week of the Young Child**  
Barnes & Noble (Summit) Bookfair 3pm-6pm  
Sunday, April 22nd

Parent Appreciation Breakfast 8am  
Monday, April 23rd

UAB School Spirit Day  
See Blaze @ 3pm  
Tuesday, April 24th

Staff Appreciation Lunch 11:30am-2pm  
Wednesday, April 25th

Pajama Day  
Thursday, April 26th

Zoo Day & Picnic 9am-12pm  
Friday, April 27th

UAB CDC Yard Sale - 8am-12pm  
Saturday, May 5th

Muffins for Mom  
Friday, May 11th

Pathfinders' Graduation  
Thursday, May 24th

Memorial Day - May 28th  
**CENTER CLOSED**

Doughnuts for Dad  
Friday, June 15th

Independence Day - July 4th  
**CENTER CLOSED**

## 2012 Parent Teacher Conferences

Lambs/Waddlers	July 2nd-July 6th
Huggers/Little Bears	July 9th-July 13th
Busy Bees/Explorers	July 16th-July 20th
Pathfinders	July 23rd-July 27th

Lambs/Waddlers	October 29th-Nov. 3rd
Huggers/Little Bears	Nov. 5th-Nov. 9th
Busy Bees/Explorers	Nov. 12th-Nov. 16th
Pathfinders	Nov. 26th-Nov. 30th



*The UAB Child Development Center was established to provide a quality child care facility aimed at helping parent-employees fulfill work and family responsibilities without sacrificing their occupational goals or the quality of their family life. The Center program and policies are designed to be consistent with the University mission as an institution of higher learning, while placing foremost the quality of care received by the children enrolled.*

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**The UAB CDC is a part of the Department of Human Resources**

CDC Parent concerns or Questions?

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## PHOTO GALLERY

