



CECC NEWS 2020

Central Early Childhood Center

**We are so glad you are here!
Thank you for sharing your precious child
with us.
We are looking forward to a GREAT year!**



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Stay up to date! You will want to be sure to read through these monthly newsletters to stay current on program events, classroom happenings, ways to get involved, birthdays and any calendar updates.

CECC will be closed Sept. 4th & 7th for Labor Day and a Staff Inservice day.



The Family Handbook can be found on our website (paper copies available upon request). Parents agree to abide by all *policies and procedures at enrollment. Please read and understand! Pay special attention to: Highlighted information. Procedures for sick children. Drop off and pick up times. lunch and snack guidelines. **Any COVID-19 health and safety protocols supercede all other policies and procedures.*



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A few reminders

Label, label, label

everything that comes in with your child with his/her first and last name. (We recommend using namebubbles.com for labels, see handout for order information.) Please remove any toxic materials (ie. Medication, hand sanitizer) or choking hazards from bags or other items that remain at school. No personal items or toys from home are allowed at this time (except for sleeping items.)

Will your child be absent from school?

Please be sure to always let your child's teacher or a director know!

You can call, leave a voicemail message, or email us 24/7!

Tuition is due on the 1st of the month but is not late until after the 10th.

Do we have all required forms turned in for your child?

Health Form*

Updated Immunizations

Individual Experience Form

Family Heritage and Preference Form*

Signed Notice of Parental Responsibility

Infant Feeding and Care Form (for children less than 12 months)

*For newly enrolled children only

Missing a form? Email a Director.



PLAYGROUND Update:

The CECC playground is currently closed for family use outside of CECC hours. This is to help assure that the playground remains a safe environment for the enrolled children to use during CECC hours.

The playground is also closed to public use until further notice.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Business of School Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

The current pandemic has affected all our lives and the way we conduct the business of school in what sometimes feels like a myriad of never-ending ways. With information changing at a rapid pace, planning for and implementing new protocols, schedules, and procedures has been quite a learning experience. It has been a roller coaster ride at times for those that work here, and we realize that it also has for the families that we serve. I know the staff joins me in thanking you all for supporting and adapting with us through this crisis. We will continue to follow all the protocols we have in place to limit exposure, isolate groups, and keep everyone safe. Thanks for also doing your part to aid in this endeavor. Let us all keep remembering that this is for now, not forever, and pray for an end to come soon.

Several of you asked for more specific information as to what to do if someone should get sick or have exposure to Coronavirus. Please see the chart below and remember that these guidelines are always subject to change as more information becomes available. The information on the chart has been gleaned from several resources including the CDC and Kansas City Health Department. We will continue to watch for the latest recommendations and advise you of any changes.

Stay safe and well,

Donna Brown, Director



CECC- COVID-19 SYMPTOM GUIDANCE

If exposure at Central all affected persons would be contacted individually. If documented positive case at ECC all families/Staff would be notified. It would be our intent to only quarantine where required. This could be an individual or family, an entire classroom or multiple classrooms. Our first step will be to contact the Kansas City Missouri Health Department and our licensing body and follow their recommendations. All protocols are subject to change as we learn more about COVID-19. Information compiled from Children's' Mercy, KCMO health department, and CDC resources.

What to do if a student/staff has symptoms of COVID-19:

Exposure	High Risk Symptoms	Moderate-Risk Symptoms
To a person with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cough • Difficulty breathing/shortness of breath • Loss of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (of 100) or chills • Congestion/runny nose • Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea • Sore throat • Headache • Muscle or body aches • Other signs of illness
Screening results	Does the person require a COVID-19 test?	When can person return to school?
1 moderate-risk symptom And No COVID-19 exposure	NO	Return to school 72 hours after fever/symptom resolution non medicated.
1 high risk symptom Or 2 or more moderate risk symptoms And No COVID-19 exposure	YES	<p>Negative COVID-19 Test: Return to school 72 hours after fever/symptom resolution. Non-medicated.</p> <p>Positive COVID-19 Test or NO test: Return to school at least 72 hours since resolution of fever/symptoms And At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.</p>
Exposure to a person with COVID-19 with or without symptoms.	Advised based on local resources.	Person/siblings quarantine for 14 days from last exposure to a person with confirmed/suspected COVID-19. (The 14 days of quarantine must follow the end of the infected person's period of isolation.) If person develops high or moderate risk symptoms during quarantine, they need to be evaluated for COVID-19 then follow protocol for matching test result.

The following list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

MEET THE STAFF

Joyce McKelvy is thrilled to say that this will be her third year of teaching at CECC. When she is not teaching, Ms. Joyce enjoys date nights with her husband, game nights with her five adult children, and eleven grandchildren. And holidays birthday celebrations are always exciting at her house. She is looking forward to seeing what the year brings and making it as much as normal as possible for the children in 105.



Sara Noreña (Room 101) was born and raised in Kansas City, but her parents were originally from Mexico City, Mexico (Mom) and Columbia, South America (Dad). Sara was encouraged by her mom and teachers to do well in school and to never give up. This motivation led Sara to attend college to earn her first Associates degree. She is currently working on her second degree in Early Childhood Education at Penn Valley. She has worked with children since 2013 in many different capacities, including MOPS, and other church related and EC programs. Sara is fluent in Spanish. She is very excited to be starting a new role as a Classroom Teacher.

Michelle Garcia (Room 104) Michelle was born and raised in Kansas City, MO where she attended KCMO schools. She has 3 children; Makayla (21), Reggie (16) and Jai'Chelle (10) who is a CECC alum! Michelle confesses that her children are "her world". She has worked in the child care field since 2000 and came to CECC in the summer of 2013. Michelle enjoys working with infants best and has become one of Central's specialists when it comes to our youngest students. She once took a break from working in early childhood to attend a Pharmacy Technical school, but she realized her passion is working with children. She is looking forward to another awesome year at CECC.



Donna Brown (Director) Donna has been the director at Central since 2008. Donna has 25+ years of professional experience in the early childhood field including years as a classroom teacher, an education coordinator, an early childhood specialist, and a program director in a large school district but prefers the more intimate, family atmosphere that Central offers. Donna has used her NAEYC accreditation experience to train other Early Childhood Directors. She has also served on the board of Mid-America AEYC. Donna has a BA in Early Childhood Education and a BA in Elementary Education with graduate coursework in Early Childhood Education including program administration. Donna grew up and continues to reside in Platte County with her husband, David. Donna loves spending time with her teen-age granddaughter, Jadyn. She has two adult children; Anthony (father to Jadyn) is in management in the automotive field in Gladstone and AmyLee is a high school administrator/former math teacher living in Chicago. Donna enjoys travel, reading, and spending time with friends.

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Sally Dux (Support Staff) has been part of Central's Early Childhood Program for over 30 years. She is comfortable caring for infant/toddlers in the younger rooms, as well as sharing silly stories and songs with the older preschoolers. She encourages imaginative play through music, stories, puppets, and games, enjoying the individual responses of each child.

Originally from Wisconsin, Sally holds a B.S. degree from UW Madison. Her interests include the preservation of native tall-grass prairie, art history with a focus on the artist Toulouse Lautrec, and poetry for all ages. As she comforts children to sleep at naptime, she remembers the verse by Eugene Field..."And I'll rock you away to that Sugar Plum Tree in the garden of Shut Eye Town." Each school year, the ever changing world of Early Childhood Education brings new challenges, and "Miss Sally" is ready to contribute to this year's adventure.



Pam Cutelli (Room 207 PM Support) is looking forward to meeting and sharing with the children in Room 207. Listening to questions and trying to follow those queries with explorations to build curiosity, teamwork, self-control and responsibility is a goal. When at home, Pam enjoys puzzles on the tablet, jigsaw puzzles, cross stitch projects, reading and working in the

gardens. Watching movies with husband, Steve and snuggling with Midnight, the cat, have become a very nice benefit of being at home more frequently. Home improvement projects are always lurking and waiting patiently for engagement.

Pam has 3 sons; Paul, is continuing to work IT for a local church while adding assistant "teacher" for his 6th grade daughter; Greg, is a staff sergeant in the Marines currently stationed in Jordan and her youngest son, Adam is in the home and tackling a new hobby, blade smithing.



Kerra Wilborn (Room 101) joined the CECC staff in September of 2019 and has over 13 years experience working with young children. She is very excited to continue at CECC. Kerra enjoys working with infants and toddlers and is looking forward to working with Ms. Sara. Kerra is also the mother of 4 wonderful kids, Alanah (14), Samiah (14), Dominique (11) and Kameron (8). In her spare

time she loves to design clothes, bake and go to movies with her kids.

Napping Info – Each child who naps on a cot will need to bring a sheet labeled with his/her name to use at school.

This sheet will be sent home at the end of each week (or sooner if soiled) to be laundered at home and needs to be returned for your child's next school day!

Fitted crib sheets work well with our cots.

Cot sheets can also be purchased through

Discount School Supply or Creative Playthings. If purchasing a cot sheet, please check with your teacher about the size (standard or toddler) of cot your child will be using this year. *The program will continue to supply and launder sheets for our infants using cribs.*



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Jerri Taylor (Room 203) has been a teacher at CECC for 3 years in October! Jerri is 39 years old and has worked in childcare for 15 years. She has worked with all ages; preschool being her favorite. Jerri has 3 beautiful children with her lifelong partner Calvin. In her down time Jerri loves arts and crafts, she says her glue gun is her best friend. She also enjoys watching Marvel and sci-fi movies with her boys.

Katie Lane (207 Support) has been on staff with CECC for 14 years. She is a mother of two former CECC students; Tommy is 22, living his best life and working full time. Nick is 18 and just graduated from KCA. Katie is a second generation teacher here at Central as well as former student herself. Years ago when it was time for her boys to start in an early education program, Central was the only option she entertained. It felt like home and that is the reason she decided to join the staff in welcoming 'home' students and parents that feel the same. Katie fills whatever down time she has with reading, gardening, spending time with her family and needle-point.



Kristina Snider (Substitute) has been with CECC for five years, now. She has worked with babies-preschool aged children, on and off, since 2008. She and her husband bought their first home in May 2020; they have been married for close to four years. In her spare time, she enjoys caring for and cultivating plants, cooking and baking with new recipes and cuisines, listening to audio books and podcasts, hiking, exploring the city, identifying plants, and dabbling in nature photography.

Bonita Kubas (Substitute) has been working at CECC as a substitute for over 10 years. She started in the Central church nursery and soon after began subbing for CECC as well. Ms. Bonita has experience working with all ages of children and enjoys watching them learn and grow. She enjoys doing arts and crafts and spending time with her family.



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Shelby Walz (Room 105) is starting her second year at CECC. She lives in Independence, MO with her 5 year old son named Mason. She has worked in early childhood for almost 4 years and has experience working with infants as young as 6 weeks to children 5 years old, with most of her experience working with children 12-24 months. Shelby enjoys playing with her son and spending time with her family. She is looking forward to a great year at CECC.

Erin Guthrie (Room 107) is looking forward to a new school year at CECC! She holds a BFA from Stephens College (Columbia, MO), spent a summer abroad studying Shakespeare at Cambridge University, and holds an associates degree in Baking and Patisserie from the Le Cordon Bleu Orlando.

Though she was born and raised in Topeka and Lawrence, she has lived and worked all over, including Park City, Utah; Orlando, Florida (where she worked at Walt Disney World); and the UK. Now she lives in the historic Strawberry Hill neighborhood of Kansas City with her husband, Wil, and her sons, Thor and Rocket (who also attend CECC.) She serves on the Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association, and is currently working to improve her neighborhood's parks.



Kay Verts (Support) is starting her second year at CECC. She has a degree in Special Education and has taught a variety of ages in a wide range of settings. When she isn't with children, she is reading, cooking, gardening or watching a good movie with friends.



Update us in writing (email is ok in most cases) with any changes to your

contact information, absences, illnesses, requests to change schedule/enrollment status, immunization updates.

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Carla Warriner (Room 203) is teaching at CECC for her 12th year. She worked as a CECC substitute this summer. She is thrilled to be back in 203 this fall with Ms. Jerri. Carla has been married to her high school sweetheart, Matt for 24 years. They have 3 cats, 2 Corgis, and 2 children, Mason and Alta. Mason is in 11th grade and Alta is in 8th grade. They both attended CECC when they were younger. In her time outside of work, Carla enjoys reading and listening to audio books. She also does volunteer work with DREAM Camp,

Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. This summer she got to attend camp at H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation with Mason.

Adriane LaCaze (Room 207) Central has been Adriane's home away from home over the last 18 years. Her Central family has been a mainstay over the course of different life adventures. The CECC family has celebrated Adriane's completion of her BA in Early Childhood Education, the marriage to her husband, Terry in 2008, and the 2010 birth of her second daughter, Maeryn! Both daughters, Maeryn (in fourth grade) and Brenna (A high school graduate) are CECC alumni. In her spare time, she enjoys fiber arts of crocheting, dying yarn and learning how to knit and sew.



This is **Angela Bowers'** (Room 207) eighth year at CECC as a teacher! Angela also completed her student teaching experience at Central as part of her bachelor's degree. She is very excited to be teaching with Ms. Adriane & being back in room 207 for the school year! She has been busy planning for the school year! In her free time, she likes to watch movies and the KC Chiefs, or read a good book. She recently started a book club that includes other CECC staff! She is very excited to be back to work with the wonderful children here at Central!

Trina Taft (Assistant Director) has been at CECC since the fall of 2001. She has a B.A. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and enjoys her role as Assistant Director. She previously taught in early childhood classrooms for 15+ years before working in administration. Trina and her husband, Larry are Central UMC members and have two grown daughters, Emily (28) who lives and works in Chicago, and Hannah (25) who is currently living and working in KC. Trina enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She and her husband have two cats, Ruby and Minnie, and hope to start a remodeling project at their home later this fall..



Who is behind the MASK?

Can you guess the staff member who is in each photo? Try your best, then check the key below to see if you guessed correctly!



Top to Bottom, Left to Right:
Jerrri, Sara, Michelle
Shelby, Carla, Joyce,
Erin, Angela, Pam,
Adriane, Donna, Kerra,
Sally, Katie, Kristina
Trina, Kay

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August Birthdays

Jerri Taylor*	8/7	Room 203
Katie Mincher	8/11	Room 101
Stella Hoefer	8/15	Room 101
Leo Ravkin	8/15	Room 101
Donna Brown*	8/20	Director
Thor Warren	8/22	Room 207
Luella Whitesides	8/23	Room 203
Cole O'Connor	8/24	Room 207

**CECC Staff*



It's not too late to sign up for Electronic Payments

Visit the CECC website to get an Authorization Form to set up monthly electronic payments for your child's tuition. It is quick and easy and one less thing to think about each month!.

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