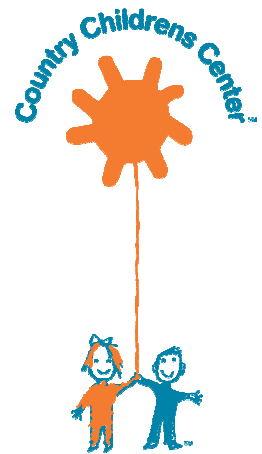




After the Bell



Country Childrens Center

School Age News

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Welcome back to another school year and another year of excellent care with the Country Childrens Center.

at CCC. CCC provides before and after school care at 5 different schools and all 5 programs have different games, activities and traditions and the purpose of this newsletter is to provide families with an opportunity to become familiar with all of the them.

As you know, CCC is very proud of the care we provide and working closely with parents and schools only makes our programs stronger. We are looking forward to having a great time with your kids everyday! Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Highlights:

- ✓ Welcome back to CCC After-School!
- ✓ Get to know each of the after-school programs
- ✓ Goals for the year

This year we will be providing parents with a monthly newsletter in order to give you an even closer look at what your children are doing during their time

Bedford Hills Elementary

One of the best parts of school starting again is coming back to CCC where fun with our friends never ends! Miss Jess is back for her 5th year as site director and Miss Fran is back for her 6th year at CCC. New to us this year, but not to CCC, is Mr. Zach. We couldn't be more excited to see our old friends and meet new friends joining us this year!

where the children can play quiet games if they have no homework to do. If you would like your child to work on their homework here and have not already told us please make sure to do so we can help them work on it. We come together at snack time to share our yummy treats and stories of our days. He/She will also be able to pick out something tricky for us all to say on "Tongue Twister Tuesdays" or try to stump the group on "Trivia Thursdays" and will have a chance to test their word puzzle skills as we hear from Myrtle the Wordle Turtle on Wednes-

days throughout the school year! Your child will have a chance for unstructured free play each day.

If you have any questions or concerns, our site cell phone is (914) 216-4371 and if something arises before that time, you can reach Jessica at (914) 242-0520 x411 from 8:30-1pm.

We look forward to a wonderful, fun filled year together at CCC!

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During your child's time at CCC he/she will be able to sign up to be in charge of a number of activities like our daily inside games and outside or gym games. Built into our fun filled time together we set aside a time for homework and quiet time

the Wordle Turtle on Wednes-



Enjoying a yummy afternoon snack!



Katonah Elementary

Although the kids of Katonah were sad to see the summer end, they were more excited for school to start and to spend time with their friends at CCC! They picked up right where they left off in June making the transition from summer effortless. Everyone dove back into the routine of



Katonah kids hanging around!

helping each other with homework, creating Lego masterpieces, and continuing favorite outside games of four square and kickball.

Arts and crafts were a big hit last year and the kids

can't wait to see what projects are in store for this year.

After stimulating their minds and their artistic

expressions, this active group is planning on utilizing the gym and playground as much as they can.

Ms. Coralyn, Ms. Julianna, Ms. Rachel, and Ms. Rachelle can't wait to see how the Katonah bunch use

their creativity this year. Last year, the kids created a carnival and scavenger hunts. Word around the cafeteria is that something big is already in the works!

Increase Miller Elementary

Welcome back! Here at Increase Miller, we are excited for the new school year!

I'm Greg Barnes and working with me this year as always is Marie, who is ready to do some arts and



crafts with your children. We have a good family here and while we welcome three new first graders to the program, we also are glad to welcome back familiar faces!

In the first two weeks, we have been going outside and enjoying the last days of summer. I've been playing soccer and football with those who want to play. Marie has been dutifully watching your children play on the playground and those running

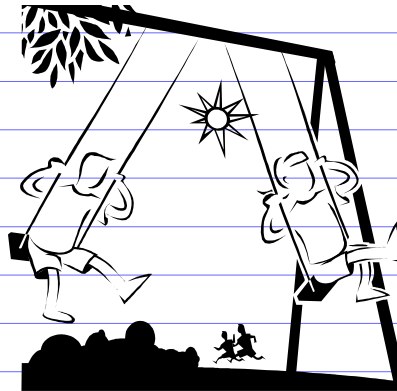
around, enjoying each others company. Other games we play are four-square and wall ball.

We look forward to working with your children everyday as they learn and grow while working together as a team. It is a joy to watch the kids interact with each other and it makes my day to be able to work where I do. Hopefully this year will bring us many more great memories!

Lewisboro/Meadow Pond

Welcome to all the new parents enrolled in the Lewisboro/Meadow Pond CCC After-School Program and the families continuing another year with CCC. Double the program, double the fun, and we are ready for another fantastic year with your children! Here at our site we provide a consistent enriching social environment for the children. This month we will be getting to know one another as we integrate two programs into

one. With a bigger group, it allows us more diversity and opportunities in play, along with a bigger pot of ideas and perspectives to



use and learn from.

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in our program. Feel free to share any thoughts and concerns with me, this program is always open to suggestions. All CCC information regarding events, community hand outs, or need to know information is put by the sign out sheet by the phone.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Ho

John Jay Middle School

Welcome back to the returning parents as well as new families to our after school program. My name is Tiffany J. Baffi and I have been the site director for the JJMS after school program for four years. I am also, a NYS certified teacher's assistant. I wanted to review all the outstanding aspects of this program with you.

One of our objectives is to offer a well rounded program to after school students with the proper amount of supervision which allows recreation and education. Since the program's inception, I saw the importance of a homework support system for the students so they could not

only complete their assignments before leaving, but to be able to have an academic support system for those students who need extra help with their assignments.

As you know, we provide healthy snacks, which include but are not limited to, fruit,

vegetables, apple sauce, yogurt, and a variety of home baked snacks like: corn muffins, oatmeal cookies, pumpkin bread, etc.

Independence comes from self success and by removing some pressure of stud-

ies at home, we allow the student time to choose an activity they would like to pursue. Sports, games, even time once a month for a video and popcorn are their number one choices.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Pumped up for another great year!

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The Teepee Construction Project

Children at CCVC, or the Vacation Camp, were very busy during September 29th and 30th.

We built a "teepee village" at CCC's Farm location. Children spent the morning gathering fallen tree limbs and bound them together using a simple design. The kids had a blast building the village and the children at the Farm now have an outdoor classroom to play and explore.

