

KIDS CORNER

NEW CHILD CARE STAFF SHIRTS!!

Starting in 2020, all Orange County School Age Child Care staff will be required to wear our new staff t-shirt/sweatshirt at all times while working with the children on site. The new shirts will make it easier for parents to identify who the OCSACC employees are, and who are not (OCPS employees, parents, volunteers, etc.). So if you have any questions or need anything, please look for any of our child care staff members to assist you. We are always happy to help!

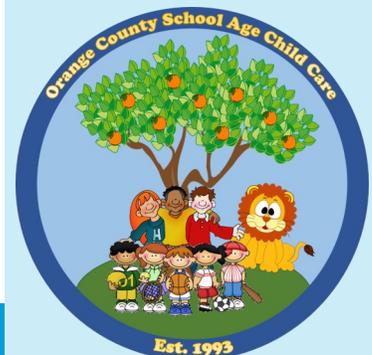


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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

“In general, OCSACC follow the lead of Orange County Schools regarding winter precipitation. It is easy to make the decision when precipitation is imminent or occurring - the child care sites will automatically be closed. However, when the school system remains closed for a period of time, we recognize that this places a hardship on parents. Therefore, every attempt will be made to re-open the sites as soon as the roads and parking lots are safe for travel.

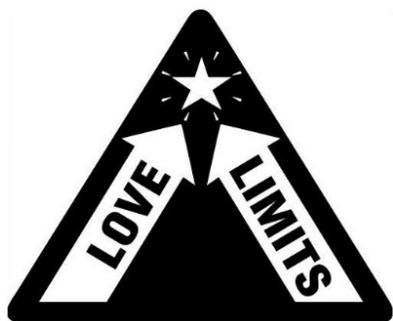
Delayed openings may occur when appropriate in order to allow staff and parents safe travel to the sites during the daylight hours.

In the event the Orange County Schools closes early (for any reason) the child care sites will open immediately. The staff asks that parents attempt to pick up the children as soon as possible to allow the staff and parents safe travel in the daylight hours. This does not mean that parents are expected to pick children up within the first few minutes of day. If you do not work in the immediate area - please contact your child’s site to establish what the weather is currently doing and how quickly you will need to make arrangements for your child. Fees **MAY** be adjusted for early closings based on pick-up times (e.g., waving early closing fee).

There will be NO fees assessed for full days closed due to inclement weather, or unforeseen circumstances. Site Directors/Managers will adjust the fee for the week to reflect a credit for days closed due to weather or other unpredictable occurrences.

All closings and delayed openings will be posted on the Office on Youth Facebook pages, on each site’s voicemail, and an email will be sent out through OnCare. Please check your email and site voicemail frequently as the situation may change.” - Parent Handbook; pg. 11

UPCOMING STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM



Beginning February 4, 2020, the next session of the Strengthening Families Program will start. Families with youth ages 10-14 can work together to learn to manage emotions, set goals, avoid peer pressure, make better decisions, and create better relationships. This program takes a whole family approach and involves parents/caregivers and youth for its seven-week duration.

This fully grant-funded program is not only free to all participants, but provides childcare for younger family members, in addition to a meal each week. Gas station gift cards are also provided to each family in attendance to help cover transportation costs.

Weekly sessions begin with dinner for the entire family, followed by separate parent/caregiver and youth group sessions, and ending with a family session. Many families find the program is a great way to spend time with their child and help their children be successful during their teenage years.

The program will be held at Lake of the Woods Church at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Registration is now open and limited to ten families total. Contact Ashley Jacobs, Program Coordinator, at ajacobs@orangecountyva.gov or at (540) 672-5484 ext. 1 for more information.

OCSACC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Hope Woodward

School: *Gordon Barbour Elementary*

Grade: *3rd*

Favorite Subject: *“Science because I get to do experiments and I enjoy replicating them at home with my Nana and Pawpaw”*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Arts and Crafts and Coloring*



Cooper Kurtz

School: *Locust Grove Primary*

Grade: *1st*

Favorite Subject: *“Handwriting and writing stories”*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Going to the playground and coloring in the cafeteria*



Dallas Fountain

School: *Orange Elementary*

Grade: *Kindergarten*

Favorite Subject: *“Reading because it’s fun!”*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *“Color with my friends”*

OCSACC STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Chelsey Herrell

Primary Child Care Site: *Gordon Barbour Child Care*

Position: *Teacher*

Years with the OCSACC: *Almost 4 years (2 years as Teacher Assistant, and the rest as a Teacher)*

Hobbies: *Hiking and Traveling*

Favorite Games to Play with the Kids: *Soccer, basketball, Uno, and Apples to Apples.*

2019

JANUARY
FEBRUARY



Natalie Monaco



Joseph Mayer



Joseph Snell

MARCH
APRIL



Autumn Champion



Evan Conley



Rachael Burke

MAY
JUNE



Owen Waters



Janyse Cooper



Silas Tinder

Spotlight Students



Devonne Reynolds



Kaylyn Johnston

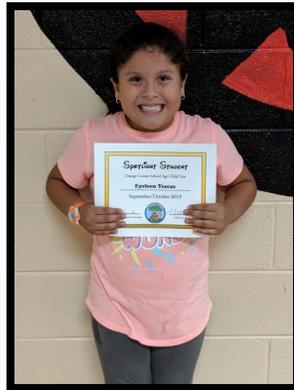


Rory Laycock

JULY
AUGUST



Emily Ledger



Eyleen Yescas



Scarlett Oliff

SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER



Camden Hall



Dylan Thompson



Audrey Ryan

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

ILLNESS POLICY

Since we are beginning to enter into cold and flu season, we wanted to update everyone on our illness policy so that you know what to expect from us, and what we expect from you. In our Parent Handbook on page 14 it reads:

“OCSACC staff will conduct Daily Health checks on all children when they arrive at the center. There are certain circumstances which will prohibit the child from remaining on site - because of potential exposure of germs/infection to other children and staff. Children will not be allowed to attend the Child Care program for the day if they have any of the following:

- *A temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit;*
- *Recurrent vomiting or diarrhea (twice in two hours); or*
- *A communicable disease (including but not limited to: pink eye, head lice, chicken pox).*

In the event a child displays any of the above, parents or emergency contacts will be notified and expected to pick up the child as soon as possible. When children at the site have been exposed to a communicable disease, parents will be notified within 24 hours or the next business day (if appropriate to wait). Notification of exposure to life threatening diseases will be reported within 24 hours. Notification may consist of a sign hanging at the sign-in area, notes home, and/or phone calls to specific parents depending upon the situation.

Parents also are **REQUIRED to notify the Child Care site in the event their child contracts a communicable disease; **notification should occur within 24 hours or the next business day** as appropriate. Please notify your Site Director/Manager if your child is sick and will not be attending for the day or if the illness is communicable so that other parents can be notified.”*

Discount Movie Tickets Still Available - \$9.50 Each

Orange County Parks & Recreation is still offering discounted Regal Cinemas movie tickets. In fact, they have them year-round. Stop by to pick some up. Cash, check, VISA & MasterCard accepted. Tickets never expire and you don't have to pick a specific film or time.



Orange County Disc Golf Course NOW OPEN!



The new Orange County Disc Golf Course opened in June of 2019! This family-friendly recreational opportunity is free and open to the public from dawn until dusk every day. The course is located in the Thomas E. Lee Industrial Park, at 14111 Litchfield Drive, Orange, VA 22960. It is an 18-hole entry-level recreational course, with predominantly open terrain and mostly par 3 holes. The course has been made possible through the support of many groups, families, and individuals.

Commemorative grand opening discs (pictured) are available for sale at the OCPD office for \$20 each (cash or check only). They are Innova Wraith distance driver discs in champion color glow plastic. Only 100 of these were made, and once they're gone, they're gone.



16TH ANNUAL *Father-Daughter Dance*

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Prospect Heights Middle School

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Gordon Barbour Child Care

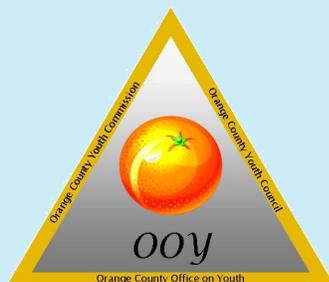
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OFFICE ON YOUTH EVENTS

- January 17th:** Lee-Jackson Day; Orange County Government Offices are CLOSED; Child Care will be OPEN as normal
- January 20th:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Government Offices are CLOSED; CHILD CARE CLOSED
- February 4th:** Opening Session of the Strengthening Families Program at the Lake of the Woods Church (*see more details on pg. 2*)
- February 14th:** Valentine's Day; OCSACC & PTA/PTO Valentine's Day Fundraiser gifts delivered
- February 17th:** President's Day; Government Offices are CLOSED; CHILD CARE CLOSED
- February 22nd:** Father-Daughter Dance at Prospect Heights Middle School

WINTER TIPS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents, please:

- send your child(ren) to school with a coat/hat/gloves (*if you need help purchasing hats/gloves, let your site director/manager know*).
- call your child care site to inform them if your child is sick or has been picked up early from school.
- call your child care site phone number, and check your email, if school has been cancelled to see if the child care sites will also be closed.



Find us on
facebook

*“Alisha Vines”
(Orange Office on Youth)*

Once a child care parent friends us, we add them to a Private Group for parents only. We use this to provide updates on inclement weather closings, emergencies, and other information!