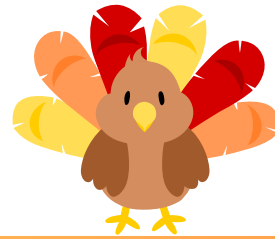


Carriage House News



Fall 2025



Welcome Fall!

We are very excited to welcome Fall. The children will be enjoying lots of activities, fingerplays, books, and songs with apples, pumpkins, and leaves as we make our way through the season.

We are also looking forward to the return of our Fall Family Event! Many thanks to those parents who expressed interest in bring it back! The event information is below. Please note that we will be closing early on October 29th for the event.

We are also looking forward to sharing our Halloween Costume Parade with the our friends at The Bradley Home. Look for more information on page 2.

May this season be filled with memory making moments for you and your family.



Upcoming Holiday Closings

Carriage House will be closed on the following days.

Monday, October 13

Thursday & Friday,
November 27 & 28

Wednesday, December 24th -
closing at 12:00pm

Thursday & Friday,
December 25 & 26

Wednesday, December 31st -
closing at 12:00pm

Thursday & Friday,
January 1 & 2





Friday,
October 31st

Each classroom will share
some special Halloween
festivities on this day.

Check your child's classroom
for a goodie sign up sheet.



INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUIREMENT

The CT Immunization requirements for
children enrolled in day care includes an
annual Influenza vaccine for any child
over 6 months.

This vaccine must be given between
August 31st and December 31st. If your
child has not received this vaccine by
January 1, 2026, he/she will be unable to
attend the Center until the vaccine has
been given and documentation has been
handed into the office.



HOLIDAY FAMILY NIGHT

TUESDAY, DEC 2ND

Our annual Holiday Family Night
will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd
beginning at 5:30pm.

The evening will include dinner and
a family craft project.

Registration will be available in
November.

Mark your calendar....we hope see you there.

Meriden Public Schools Closed

Meriden Public Schools will be closed on
Monday, October 13th
Tuesday, November 4th
Tuesday, November 11th
November 28th & 29th
December 24th - January 2nd

Those School Age children needing full day care these days can utilize the posted sign up forms on the School Age classroom door.



Water Bottles Needed Daily

All children (with the exception of Infants) are asked to bring in a labeled, reusable water bottle every day.

Water bottles can be refilled and reused to reduce our impact on the environment.

Bottles should be taken home each evening for cleaning.



Cubby Check

With the season changing again, please be sure your child has a minimum of two (2) appropriate changes of clothing in his/her cubby, each day.

Suggestions for items include:
long pants, shirts, underpants, socks,
and sweatshirt

It is also important to note that all classrooms spend time outdoors on a basis.

Please help your child be prepared for these opportunities.



Labeling Is Important



Please be sure all items entering the Center are labeled with your child's name. This includes ALL lunch items, water bottles, extra clothing, bathing suits, towels, diapers, etc..

This assists the teachers and children in keeping their classrooms organized and helps ensure that all items go home with the child they belong to.

You can use permanent marker, masking tape, or any number of labeling sources such as NameBubble, Etsy, or Amazon.

Finally, if you or your child would be sad about losing something, please refrain from bringing it into the Center.

Healthy Snacks

Snack times will continue to be offered at approximately 9:00am and 3:00pm daily.

Children will have the ability to choose a nutritious snack from their lunch box to eat during this time. If you have specific items that you would like your child to eat for snack, please be sure to label them accordingly.

Please be sure to pack nutritious options. Candy, gum, soda, and other foods and beverages containing large amounts of processed sugars are not served at the Center.



Ice Pack Required for Lunch Boxes

Each lunch box must have an ice pack in order to maintain the proper storage of any perishable foods of no more than 45 degrees.



Other Lunch Reminders

- Only those items requiring warming should be placed in your child's classroom bin on the kitchen counter.
- All heatable items should be in microwaveable containers.
- **Items must come prepared.** Items such as easy mac & cheese, ramen noodles, etc. must be prepared and ready for warming.



Late Pick Up

As a reminder, the Center closes each day at 6:00pm.

Please be sure you are arriving in time to be *departed* from the Center by 6:00pm.

Late fees are assessed beginning at 6:00pm at a rate of \$30.00 every 15 min. or fraction of, per child.



Carriage House is Peanut-free

Peanuts are among the most common allergy-causing foods, and they often find their way into things you wouldn't imagine.

Please be sure when packing your child's lunch and snack items that you are not sending any items containing peanuts or peanut products.



PORTRAIT DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD



Forms are now available in your youngest child's classroom.
One form per family.

A cell phone number AND email must be included on the form
so you can receive your access code to view and order.

There is NO obligation to order.

National Sock Day Thurs., Dec. 4th



**Wear your
favorite socks
to celebrate!**

Tuition Payment Reminder

As stated in the Parent Handbook, tuition is due
on Friday for the upcoming week.

For example, tuition payment made on Friday,
September 26th
should be for the week of
September 29th - October 3rd

Please be sure you are making your payments on
time to avoid last charges.

REMINDER: Tuition due on Friday, October 10th
should reflect the new rate schedule.



Choking Prevention

When sending food items to the Center, parents must:

- Cook or steam hard food, like carrots, until it is soft enough to pierce with a fork
- Remove seeds, pits, and tough skins/peels from fruits and vegetables
- Finely chop foods into thin slices, strips, or small pieces (no larger than ½ inch), or grate, mash, or puree foods.
- Remove all bones from fish, chicken, and meat.
- Cut tube-shaped foods into smaller strip pieces, not round pieces. These foods include items such as: grapes, berries, tomatoes, carrots, string cheese, hot dogs, etc.

Per recommendation by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, do not send small (marble sized), sticky, or hard foods that are difficult to chew and easy to swallow whole, including:

- Cheese cubes or blocks
- Dried fruit
- Gummy fruit snacks
- Hard pretzels and potato chips
- Marshmallows
- Nuts and seeds, including breads, crackers, and cereals that contain nuts and seeds
- Popcorn
- Whole round or tube-shaped foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes, cherries, raw carrots, sausages, and hot dogs

Food items that are not sent in prepared appropriately or are considered choking hazards, will not be served.