

DHCNE Parent Meeting
Thursday, 04/29/2015
6pm

Welcome & Introductions

Presentation by Imagine School

- Imagine School is a Leon County Charter School open to children who live in Leon and Wakulla Counties.
- Focus on Character Education – Student Ambassador Program, Student Government and more.
- Limited transportation to about 10 bus stops throughout Leon County
- Serves kindergarten – 6th grade.
- Kindergarteners have only one teacher, however 1st – 6th grades have multiple teachers who focus on a subject area.
- No Tuition Fees, however, students do wear uniforms.

How to Enroll for Fall VPK – Amber

- Go to www.elcbigbend.org and click on links to registering your child for VPK.
- VPK is for all children turning 4 years old by September 1st of this year.
- Not income based
- Must upload proof of child's age (birth certificate and proof of Florida residence. If you have difficulty with scanning these documents, Amber can assist you and send the digital copies to you via email.
- Once everything has been completed, the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend (ELC) will send you a link by email with your certificate. Print this certificate, sign it and turn it in by May 30th.
- All children currently enrolled and eligible for Fall VPK 2015 have been saved a spot. However, we will be opening up enrollment to the community June 1st. Please submit your child's VPK certificate by May 30th in order to keep a spot for your child in the Fall.

Preschool Update – Ms. Kim

Enrollment & Summer VPK

There are approximately 3 open spots for enrollment in the infant (6 wks – 18 months) and wobbler (1s and young 2s) rooms. If you refer someone, who registers their child, after their 1st full month, you get a \$40 credit!

Summer VPK is for children who will be attending kindergarten in August, but haven't participated in a VPK program. Summer VPK runs from 06/01/2015 – 08/10/2015 from 9am – 4pm with a lunch and afternoon snack. There is no extra

tuition for Summer VPK unless they need “wrap around” services (7am – 6pm is \$200/month).

If you know of a child who could benefit from Summer VPK, refer them. If they register, you get a \$40 credit.

Facility Updates

Infant/Toddler Building

DHC will break ground on the new infant/toddler building very soon. The property is going through the final stages of permitting with the City of Tallahassee. The new infant/toddler building will be on the property adjacent to our current building.

Upcoming Transitions and ELC Mentor Program – Ms. Kathryn

Transitions – Our next major transition of children to new teachers/classrooms will take place in August (probably August 17th). Below is a breakdown as to where your child will be transitioning.

Infants – all infants who have turned 1 year old by June 1 will transition to the Wobblers Room (Environment #3-A).

Wobblers (1s and young 2s) – All children in the Wobblers Room who turn 2 by June 31st will transition to the Toddler Room (2s and young 3s). Children who will turn 2 in August/September will remain in the Wobbler room, but using the 2 year old lesson plans.

Toddlers (2s and Young 3s) – All children in the Toddler Room who turn 3 by August 31st, will transition to the Preschool Room (3s and Young 4s). This is mainly Ms. Jessica’s current group.

Preschoolers (3s and young 4s) – Children in Ms. Michelle’s group will be transitioning into VPK.

On Site Field Trips

June – Tallahassee/Leon County recycling (June 18th)

Teacher Training – Ms. Kathryn

Curriculum Training

April Training (April 25, 2015): Interest Areas - Applying Theories and Research in a “Real-World” Classroom. Our focus will be creating inviting and educational interest areas.

May Training (June 6th): Will focus solely on implementation and use of Creative Curriculum.

Important Dates:

Teacher Appreciation Week ~ Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8, 2015

This is the week recognized nationally as Teacher Appreciation Week. Show your child's teacher how much you appreciate their hard work, dedication and love they give your child every day.

Monday – Say “Thank You” with a card, a child-made card is the most direct way to a teacher's heart.

Tuesday–Say “I Love You” ~ Bring a flower for your teacher – cut one from your personal garden, buy one, make one or draw a picture of a flower.

Wednesday–“Sweets for Your Sweet Teacher” ~ give a few chocolates, bake some cookies or a muffin, or maybe a healthy alternative – fruit!

Thursday–Pamper Your Teacher – great smelling soaps and lotions are much appreciated.

Friday – Give “A Token of Your Appreciation” with a Gift Card - \$5 gift cards to Target, Walmart, Subway, Publix, Newberry, Movie Theater, etc.

Muffins for Moms ~ Friday, May 8, 2015

Be sure to stop in and have a muffin and some coffee as we celebrate all that moms do! If you'd like, stay and eat breakfast (8:30 – 8:50am) with your child.

VPK Graduation ~ Friday, May 15, 2015 ~ 7pm at Imagine School Cafeteria

We can't believe that it's already graduation time! Our VPK students have learned so much. Everyone is invited to this event! Look for more information as the date approaches.

Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 25, 2015 – PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Last day for VPK ~ Friday, May 30, 2015 ~ PJ Day for the entire preschool

Wear your favorite pajamas for the last day of VPK.

Monthly Parent Meeting ~ Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 6 – 7pm