

APRIL AND MAY 2019

DISCOVER & LEARN

Official Newsletter of DLC Nurse & Learn



A Note from the CEO

From a dream to reality, DLC Nurse & Learn is turning 30! I can't believe so much time has passed. DLC has gone from one employee, yours truly, to nearly 30 staff and from one classroom to 10 classrooms in two facilities. Over the years, nursing care, therapies, early intervention and summer camp have been added. Because of the help of donors and support from the community, almost 4,000 children and their families have been served and provided well over \$3.5 million dollars in free services. THANK YOU! DLC has seen many children start as infants, graduate to kindergarten and continue in our after school program until they graduated high school. Many incredible success stories have emerged that we will be sharing on social media over the next year as we celebrate 30 Years of Miracles and Hope. We hope to share this celebration with you at our 30th Anniversary Gala to be held on September 12, 2019. Once again we are reminded that Anything is Possible at DLC!!

*Sincerely,
Amy Buggle*

Valentine's Day with Friends

On Wednesday, February 13th we had friends from JEA, the Rebecca Chapter, Mandarin United Methodist Church, Share Circle, Wesley Fellowship and Susan Masucci join us for a love celebration for Valentine's Day. The children, staff and volunteers enjoyed lots of food, fun and fellowship!



News You Can Use:

SPECIAL EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 17th

VPK Graduation
Thursday, May 30th

Summer Camp Starts
Wednesday, June 5th

30th Anniversary Gala
Thursday, September 12th

Passport 2019
Saturday, November 16th

HOLIDAYS

April 19th - Good Friday
CLOSED

April 21st - Easter Sunday

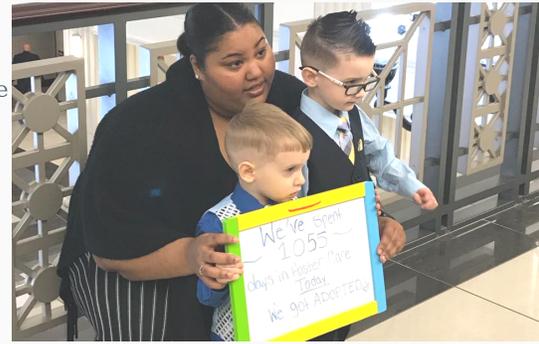
May 27th - Memorial Day
CLOSED

June 3rd and 4th -
Teacher Summer Planning
CLOSED

July 4th - Independence Day
CLOSED

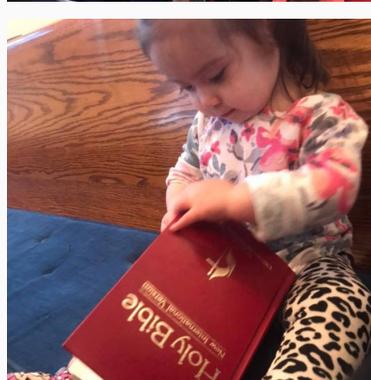
DLC Adoption Love Story

Our teacher assistant, Miss Aaliyah, who herself was an adopted child, knew she would adopt one day. When she took a job at DLC she didn't know her children were waiting for her. She fell in love with one of our students that was in foster care and found out he had a baby brother. She has helped them meet milestones in development and given them a permanent home. On February 8th it became official! The boys were adopted by Miss. Aaliyah and Judge Gooden fell in love with them too. As many as we could spare, our staff came out to show their support. Congratulations to this amazing new family. May God bless you as you start your new life together!



Ash Wednesday with Rev. Haley

On Wednesday, March 6th, we had so much fun with Rev. Haley and our friends for Chapel as we learned about Ash Wednesday and sang worship songs.



DLC now accepting the Gardiner Fund Scholarship!

DLC Nurse & Learn has now been approved as a private school through the State of Florida and are currently accepting students that are approved for the Gardiner Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any child 3 and up with a disability. For more information contact info@dlcnl.org.

DLC WISH LIST

- New Crib Sheets
- Lysol Wipes
- New Storage Cabinets
- Healthy Snacks (food & juice)
- New Bibs
- New Blankets
- New Summer Sports Equipment
- New Extra Clothes for Emergencies for Little Ones (2 T to 5 T)



Notes from Nurse Janice Kelley

May is National Bike Month! During National Bike Month, cycling enthusiasts across the country celebrate the many benefits of cycling. Cyclists who wear a helmet reduce their risk of head injury by about 60% and brain injury by 58%. That statistic makes sense when you consider the first body part to fly forward in a collision is usually the head, and with nothing but skin and bone to protect the brain, the results can be fatal. Helmets must meet federal safety standards and should fit securely.

Source: (<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/bicycles>)

Bike Safety - Follow These Rules to Keep Safe

- Get acquainted with traffic laws; cyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- Know your bike's capabilities
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic, and watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections
- Never hitch onto cars
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder
- Wear bright clothing and ride during the day
- If night riding can't be avoided, wear reflective clothing
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes
- A horn or bell and a rear-view mirror, as well as a bright headlight, also is recommended



Water Safety Tips courtesy of the "Simple Steps Save Lives" Program ([PoolSafely.gov](https://www.PoolSafely.gov)).

- Staying close, being alert and watching children in and around the pool
- Never leave a child unattended in a pool or spa and always watch your child when he or she is in or near water
- Teach children basic water safety tips
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments
- Have a telephone close by when you or your family is using a pool or spa
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors

=> According to the National Autism Association, drowning is among the leading causes of death for children with autism. This is because of three common autistic characteristics: wandering, fascination with the water, and a lack of understanding of danger. Across the board, children with special needs have a higher risk of drowning. Teaching children to swim can mean the difference between life and death if they find themselves accidentally in the water. It is the best way to protect your child.

Additionally, while learning to swim, children also develop better spatial awareness as they use reference points and explore water depth. Increased spatial awareness, along with the physical balance that naturally develops, can help keep a special needs child from falling into the water in the first place.

<https://swimoc.com/the-benefits-of-swimming-for-special-needs-children/>

Shamrock Scavenger Hunt

On Monday, March 18th classes celebrated St. Patrick's day with a shamrock scavenger hunt, munched on popcorn and had lots of fun with friends!



Reading Contest & Literacy Week

Well we have a winner or should we say two? Brother and sister duo Ezekiel and Azariah read 42 books each at home with their parents. The Lamb Room won the pizza party for working so hard. In total, our children read over 400 books at home and countless books here at school for literacy week. Way to go families!



Shopping on Amazon

Do you shop on Amazon? If yes, when you use Amazon Smile to make purchases, a percentage can be designated back to DLC! Simply go to Amazon.com, click Amazon Smile, type in "DLC Nurse & Learn", select DLC, and start shopping!



Special Thank Yous



Big shout out to the Lakeshore Women's Club for donating several bags of children's books to DLC.



A special thank you to the Rebecca Chapter for the goodies for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Thank you to Kids Hope Alliance CEO, Joe Peppers and City Council Member John Crescimbeni for joining us for the January Breakfast with the Bears. If you would like to learn more about DLC, we hope you will join us for our next Breakfast with the Bears.



April is Autism Awareness Month



Autism Awareness Day is marked on April 2, and on this day thousands of iconic landmarks and buildings from around the world will be lit up in blue. DLC serves children with autism every day and is proud to support Autism Awareness!

Welcome to DLC New Education Specialist



Join us in welcoming Mary Trotter, DLC's new Education Specialist. Mary has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, specializing in ages birth to eight. She is passionate about early childhood education and child development, and loves helping children reach new milestones. Mary previously taught special education Pre-K in St. Lucie County. As a Jacksonville native, she is thrilled to be back in her hometown with her husband Boyd and their children William and Philip. Part of her inspiration for pursuing a degree in special education was her volunteer work here at DLC during high school! Mary says, "Working with this group of children is a gift and constantly reconciles me back to the gospel, I'm so excited to be a part of the DLC family!"

Welcome to New DLC Chief Operating Officer

DLC Nurse & Learn (DLC) Board of Directors and Staff are proud to announce and welcome Heather Corey as the Agency's first ever Chief Operating Officer. Corey will be assisting with leadership, management and vision for DLC Nurse & Learn to effectively grow and ensure financial strength. Heather Corey, CFRE is a nonprofit professional with over 20 years of fundraising experience and over 15 years in senior nonprofit management service. She has served with an array of nonprofit agencies such as The Salvation Army, Jewish Family & Community Services, Learn to Read, the American Cancer Society and ElderSource. She achieved the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credentials in 2012 and holds a BA in Business Administration. Heather is active with the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), is a former Delores Barr-Weaver Fellow and is a member of the Women's Giving Alliance with The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida. Heather is married to David, has 3 beautiful daughters, loves the Florida Gators, taking pictures, playing on social media, bacon, and coffee.



Corey Family 2018 Christmas photo

How to Help at DLC

Without so many of YOU, DLC could not carry on the important role of helping families with year-round education, nursing care and therapy for children of ALL abilities so they can reach their maximum potential. Here are just a few ways YOU can help:

- MONTHLY NEEDS include - Therapy \$25, Art Supplies \$15, Snacks \$10 and Tuition \$100.
- ADOPT A CHILD- Your church, business and civic group can support a specific child's monthly needs each month. In return you will receive a personalized update on your student's progress throughout the school year.
- CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS - Many companies sponsor employee-giving programs that match personal contributions to DLC by individuals. Please check with your employer to see if such a program is available, as you could potentially double the impact of your gift! Most employers require you to send a Matching Gift form with your donation and for us to complete this form. Contact Heather Corey at Heather.Corey@dlcnl.org for any questions.
- MEMORIALS & GIFTS IN HONOR - Gifts can be made in memory and/or in honor of individuals at special times throughout the year, such as a birthday, anniversary or the loss of a loved one. DLC will then mail a card to the person you've designated, stating that a donation to DLC was made on his or her behalf, call Heather Corey at (904) 387-0370 to discuss your Memorial or Honorary Gift.
- DID YOU KNOW your donation of \$1 to DLC is a \$14 return on investment?



The future is now at DLC. Consider leaving DLC in your will and estate to continue your family's blessings for the next generation.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Community leaders to serve on the DLC Board of Directors.
 - Event volunteers to help plan and organize the 30th Anniversary Celebration and Passport 2019.
 - Music Teacher for children activities during the school week.
 - An organized volunteer with great customer service to help as a Receptionist during the day time.
- For more information or to sign up, email info@dlcnl.org



DLC 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, September 12, 2019



Save the date for DLC's Passport to Riverside & Avondale: Shop, Sip & Stroll on Saturday, November 16, 2019. More details to come!

Spring Festival

When

APRIL 20, 2019

11 am—2 pm

Egg Hunt @ NOON

Where

Murray Hill UMC

4101 College St.

Jacksonville, FL 32205

904-387-4406

Murrayhillumc.org

Facebook.com/murrayhillumc



**FREE FUN
FOR ALL AGES**

Activities

BOUNCE HOUSE

GAMES & PRIZES

FACE PAINTING

EGG HUNT—ALL AGES

FOOD

HOT DOGS

CHIPS

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BAKE SALE

PARTNERS

HOT DOGS FOR HOPE

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Mission Statement

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