

CECC NEWS 2022



A monthly newsletter brought to you by Central Early Childhood Center

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Thank you for sharing your child with us!
We're so happy you are here!!

This is a great way to keep informed! Please read through these monthly newsletters to stay current on program events, classroom happenings, ways to get involved, birthdays and any calendar updates. We also send communication via email, so please be sure to check yours regularly.

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**CECC will be closed on
Monday, September 5th
in observance of
Labor Day.**

The Family Handbook can be found on our website (paper copies available upon request). Parents agree to abide by all *policies and procedures at enrollment. Please read and understand! Pay special attention to: Highlighted information. Procedures for sick children. Drop off and pick up times. lunch and snack guidelines.

**Any COVID-19 health and safety protocols supersede all other policies and procedures.*

Will your child be absent from school?

Please be sure to always let your child's teacher or a director know!

**You can call, leave a voicemail message,
or email us 24/7!**

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A few reminders

Label, label, label

everything that comes in with your child with his/her first and last name. (We recommend using namebubbles.com for labels, see handout for order information.) Please remove any toxic materials (ie. Medication, hand sanitizer) or choking hazards from bags or other items that remain at school. No personal items or toys from home are allowed at this time (except for sleeping items.)

Tuition is due on the 1st of the month but is not late until after the 10th.

UPDATE

Update us in writing (email is ok) with any changes to your contact information, absences, illnesses, requests to change schedule/enrollment status, immunization updates.



Do we have all required forms turned in for your child?

Health Form (signed by a physician)*

Updated Immunizations

Individual Experience Form

Family Heritage and Preference Form*

Signed Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR)

Infant Feeding and Care Form (for children less than 12 months)

Missing a form? Please contact a Director.

*For newly enrolled children only.



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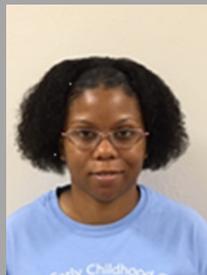
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Michelle Garcia (Room 104) was born and raised in Kansas City, MO where she attended KCMO schools. She



has worked in the childcare field since 2000 and came to CECC in the summer of 2013. Michelle enjoys working with infants best and has become one of Central's specialists when it comes to our youngest students. Michelle is looking into getting her CDA in the future. She has 3 children; Makayla (24), Reggie (18) and Jai'Chelle (12) who is a CECC alum! Michelle confesses that her children are "her world". She is looking forward to another great year at CECC.

Kerra Wilborn (101) joined the CECC staff in September of 2019 and has over 16 years experience working with



young children. Kerra enjoys working with infants and toddlers, and is looking forward to another year at CECC. She has also put in over 60 hours working to complete her CDA (child development associate). Kerra is the mother of 4 wonderful kids, Alanah (15), Samiah (16), Dominique (13) and Kameron (10). And in addition, she has a new puppy Apollo. In what little spare time she has, she loves to go to movies with her kids.

Erica Hazelton (101) is new to the CECC staff this year! She holds a bachelors degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and



taught Kindergarten for 11 years in a couple of districts before becoming a stay at home parent. She is passionate about education and is excited about working with children again! She enjoys taking walks with her family, listening to live music - especially when her husband is playing - playing with her kids, random dance parties, and pursuing her other passions of photography and singing. If you're ever downtown you could catch her singing with the KC Symphony Chorus!

Monica Barajas (101) is from Omaha, NE. She graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and minors



in psychology and non-profit management. Monica comes with three years of experience working in child care and three years working in pediatric therapy, for a combined experience of six years working with diverse populations of children of all ages. She is Bilingual and enjoys outdoor activities and practicing kickboxing in her spare time. Monica is excited for her second year at Central, as well as her first year in the graduate Communication Sciences and Disorders Program at Rockhurst University. She plans to become a licensed Speech Language Pathologist to continue working with children and adults to help them find a voice and thrive!



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Sara Norena (107) was born and raised in Kansas City, but her parents were originally from Mexico City, Mexico (Mom) and Columbia, South



America (Dad). Sara was encouraged by her mom and teachers to do well in school and to never give up. This motivation led Sara to attend college to earn her first Associates degree. She has completed her second degree in Early Childhood Education at Penn Valley Community College and graduated in December 2020 with an Associates in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education and Development. Sara has worked with children since 2013 in many different capacities, including MOPS, and other church related and EC programs. Sara is fluent in Spanish. Outside work, she enjoys reading books, Knitting, volunteering at church and most of all spending time with her family.

MJ Hurt (107) was born and raised in KC and currently lives with her boyfriend, Brandon. She has experience babysitting and nannying young children. October will be her one-year



work anniversary at Central. MJ grew up around educators - her mom is an English professor at KU and her dad is a counselor for children, adults, and people with special needs. She also has a little brother who is 21 years old. MJ previously attended the UMKC Bloch School of Business for 2 years and started her own small handmade makeup business, but soon came to realize going into business wasn't fulfilling for her. She wanted a career where her natural character traits like empathy, creativity, and the desire to help people could be realized. MJ's dream one day is to open her own night-time childcare and be a resource for parents that work long hours or night shifts. She believes every child is beautiful and unique in their own way. In addition to her love of playing the flute, dancing, sewing, and knitting, MJ's is writing a short story for children called "The Enchanted Garden".

Katie Lane (105) is starting her 16th year at CECC. She is a mother of two former CECC students; Tommy is 24 and just bought his first



house. Nick is 20 and has flown the coop and moved in with his brother. Katie is a second-generation teacher here at Central as well as former student herself. This place is like a second home for her as well as a second family. Katie has spent lots of time as of lately, helping her boys settle into the new house. Lots of shopping and organizing! Katie is excited to start a new school year, welcoming new and old friends.

Carla Warriner (105) is teaching at CECC for her 14th year. She was in 107 this summer with Ms. Katie & Ms. M.J. Carla has been married to her high school sweetheart, Matt,



for 26 years. They have 1 cat, Rockie; 2 corgis, Missy & Duke; and 2 children, Mason & Alta. Mason recently graduated from high school and is out in the work force "learning to do stuff." Alta is a sophomore in high school. They both attended CECC when they were younger. In her time outside of work Carla enjoys corgi snuggles, reading/listening to audio books, walking, & easy hikes. Occasionally she even goes to see her husband's band perform. She loves beaches & waterfalls. She recently traveled to Oregon and visited her mom. Carla also works in the church nursery and helps with children's ministries at Central Church.



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Angela Bowers (203) is starting her 10th year at CECC as a teacher! Angela also



completed her student teaching experience at Central as part of her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Ed at UMKC. Angela was married earlier this year and gained not just a husband (Sam), but also two stepdaughters, Maliah 11, and Aniah 14. While not at CECC, Angela spends a lot of time walking her dog Bella.

Jerri Taylor (101 & 203) is 41 years old and she will have been at Central for 5



years this November. She and her lifelong partner, Calvin have 3 beautiful children, and a male pitbull named Blue. Jerri has worked in the childcare care field for 14 years and has worked with all ages. When she is not at CECC, she enjoys crafting and movies in her down time but most of her extra time goes to her plants (her real babies).

Pam Cutelli (Support) is looking forward to getting to know your child and their interest to extend their learning through class activities. As a classroom "team", we will assist



friends to get up from rest time, setting the table for snacks and getting ready to move outdoors or to the Treehouse safely. Play with purpose is what we'll be into in Room 105. At home, Pam enjoys puzzles on the tablet, reading, and gardening while the fountain bubbles in the background. Pam' has 3 adult sons: Paul works as IT project manager at a KS firm, and coaches his daughter Aria in chess; Greg is a Marine staff sergeant currently in Darwin, Australia but soon to be stationed again at Camp Pendleton, CA anxious to be home to his new son; and Adam is at home, working locally and still learning blade smithing and forging different metals he has recycled from metal detecting.

Kay Verts (Support) is beginning her fourth year at CECC. During this year she will be giving breaks to



teachers and providing afternoon care in 101 & 105. She has her degree in Special Education and has previous experience in the classroom as well as case management experience for the State of Missouri. Kay enjoys reading, watching movies, gardening and cooking when she is not working with children.

Meet the CECC Staff & August Birthdays!



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Sally Dux (Support)



has been a staff member of CECC since 1989. She is originally from Wisconsin, holding a B.S. degree from UW Madison. She moved to Kansas

City because of her interest in the Kansas tallgrass prairie. Her first job in the KC area was working for in prairie research and preservation. Sally's focus turned to early childhood when her own children, Sam and Megan, were enrolled in CECC. Sam now lives in Miami and Megan works in Kansas City. Sally and her husband, Tom, will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary in September. They both enjoy the Kansas City Symphony and visiting the Nelson Art Gallery. The recent summer break provided the opportunity for Sally to pursue her life long interest in art history. Since high school, Sally has studied Post Impressionists and the fin de siecle period in Paris, specifically the Montmartre artist Toulouse Lautrec. Sally's other interests include children's literature, music, and the love of family pets.

Donna Brown (Director)



In July of 2008 Central hired Donna as its first full-time early childhood director. Donna has 25+ years of experience in the early education field

including years as a classroom teacher, an early childhood specialist, and a program director in a large school district. Donna has a BA in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education along with graduate credit in Early Childhood Education and administration. She is very proud of the family atmosphere that Central offers and is looking forward to the coming school year. Donna loves spending time with her teen-age granddaughter, Jadyn, who will be a high school Sophomore this fall. She has two adult children; Anthony (father to Jadyn) who works in management in the automotive field; and AmyLee (mom to fur babies Biggie and Tutu) who works in education at the university level. She also loves her kitty, Chewy, and frequent visits from the grand doggies. Donna and her husband, David, live in the Northland where they enjoy being close to family and several lifelong friends.

Trina Taft (Assistant Director)



has been at CECC since the fall of 2001. She has a B.A. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and

enjoys her role as Assistant Director. She has over 30 years of Early Childhood experience, both in the classroom and administration. Trina and her husband, Larry are Central church members and have two grown daughters, Emily who lives in Chicago with her husband and daughter, and Hannah who is currently living and working in KC. Trina enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family, but mostly has enjoyed her new role as "Nana" to Vivien.

August Birthdays

Jerri Taylor (203)* 8/7

Wren Raine (105) 8/9

Jaxon Hazelton (203) 8/16

Donna Brown (Director)*
8/20

Aden Arndt (105) 8/30

*CECC Staff

