

**FCCC**

# Newsletter

**December**

## Winter Break

We have a NEW SIGN-UP PROCEDURE for Holiday and Full Day Teacher Work Day Cares. Starting with Winter Break, all sign-ups moving forward for these days will be required to be made through your account online at [www.myprocare.com](http://www.myprocare.com). Please remember, we are not using the Procure App. Once you login to your account online you will see that, under Alerts, it will state that Registrations are available. Click VIEW to proceed to begin re-registration for your child for Winter Break 2023-2024. Once submitted you will receive an automatic email confirmation that your registration has been submitted. This confirmation serves as a record of your Winter Break site and dates signed up to attend. Payment then can be made online or at any FCCC location, due by the sign-up deadline (12/14/2023).

## Illness Policy

It's cold and flu season! Please help us make sure everyone stays healthy by adhering to our Illness Policies.

- To remain in compliance with health and safety regulations, children must be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to FCCC.
- If a child becomes ill while at FCCC they will remain in a designated quiet area and their parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up as soon as possible.
- Please remember to notify us within 24 hours if a child or member of your immediate household contracts a contagious illness. FCCC is required to post a written notice of the presence of the illness in the program. All identities will be kept confidential.

## DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Dec 1 - Eat a red apple day
- Dec 7 - Hanukkah begins
- Dec 13 - Ice Cream Day
- Dec 14 - sign-up ends for Winter Break Care
- Dec 21 - 1/2 Day of School; Winter Solstice
- Dec 22-Jan 3 - Schools are closed- Winter Break
- Dec 25-26 - FCCC closed; Christmas
- Dec 22, 27, 28, 29 - FCCC offers Winter Break Care
- Dec 26 - Kwanzaa
- Dec 30 - Bacon Day
- Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

## **Bradley**

It feels like November just flew by! We will continue to work on our character counts, November and December are all about CARING. We are learning and understanding what it means to genuinely care about and for something and someone.

Last month we celebrated Thanksgiving the Charlie Brown way, with popcorn, toast and pretzels. We also made our own butter. The kids absolutely enjoyed all of it and I was so surprised how many really liked the butter.

In addition to the character counts, we will also talk about the holidays in DECEMBER. It's going to be a fun month, and we all are hoping for SNOW!!!!!!

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## **Brumfield**

FCCC Brumfield is very thankful for all the time we get to spend with your children. Please remember to call or email us if your child has any changes to their schedule (especially in the afternoons), and if they are not attending due to illness. Even with this colder weather we go outside to play, please remember to send your child dressed for the weather. Thank you, and we hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

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## **C. Hunter Ritchie**

Hello December and good-bye November! This month we'll be discussing the changes in the season, and working on holiday crafts and STEM projects. We will be working on a special holiday craft on December 8 2023, and we will need a picture of your child/children. If you don't have a special picture you'd like to use, we can take a one for you.

Parents, as a reminder, we still go outside when it is cold, so, please dress your child appropriately.

On Friday, December 15, 2023, C. Hunter Ritchie school will be holding a "SNOW BALL", evening dance from 6:30-8:00 pm. There is a half day of school on the December 21, 2023; FCCC will open early for after school care. Please keep us in mind over the holiday season, FCCC accepts donations of gently used, clean, toys and games, and we can give you a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you all, WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

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## **Coleman**

We made it to December! We have spent the last few weeks talking about kindness and this month we are taking what we have learned and are having a Kindness Challenge! Our bulletin board is looking beautiful with trees, but they could use a little dazzle. So, the kids have been challenged to be kind and they will earn a lightbulb to add to the trees for each act of kindness. At the end of the month we will see who our winner is and they will win a trip to the prize box. We can't wait to see how awesome our trees will look by the end of the month.

A few reminders for this month:

- Half day Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Winter Break is Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Please remember our illness policy, let's keep everyone healthy!

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## **Grace Miller**

DECEMBER! Time for snow and hot cocoa! We are so excited!! We're also excited for our FAMILY FUN NIGHT on December 21st! With the theme of THE POLAR EXPRESS, parents are invited to come be a part and enjoy the festivities we have planned, and stay for our special treat.

December is also our month of caring! The children have expressed what caring means to them and have demonstrated by helping their friends when they feel

sad, or helping each other clean up toys. They will also be making homemade cards that will be passed out to those that could use a little extra holiday cheer! Happy Holidays!

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### Greenville

Happy December from Greenville FCCC! We hope you enjoyed your Fall Break. We had a great month making paper plate turkeys, playing football with Mr. Steven, and playing mini pool in the morning! In December we are looking forward to decorating our site for the holidays and making fun crafts!

With the weather getting colder please remember to send your child to school with a jacket and other winter gear so we can play outside!

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### H.M. Pearson

December is a very fun month for many reasons. Did you know that December 4<sup>th</sup> is National Dice Day, the 12<sup>th</sup> is Gingerbread House Day, the 17<sup>th</sup> is UGLY sweater Day, and the 28<sup>th</sup> is National Card Playing Day? With this in mind we are going to introduce dice and card games, and art activities to cover these events.

Here are the instructions for one of the Dice games, enjoy!

#### Pig (dice game)

The game of Pig is played with a single six-sided die  
**Gameplay**

Each turn, a player repeatedly rolls a die until either a 1 is rolled or the player decides to "hold":

- If the player rolls a 1, they score nothing and it becomes the next player's turn.
- If the player rolls any other number, it is added to their turn total and the player's turn continues.
- If a player chooses to "hold", their turn total is added to their score, and it becomes the next

player's turn.

- The first player to score 100 or more points wins.

For example, the first player, Donald, begins a turn with a roll of 5. Donald could hold and score 5 points, but chooses to roll again. Donald rolls a 2, and could hold with a turn total of 7 points, but chooses to roll again. Donald rolls a 1, and must end his turn without scoring. Donald has a total of 7 points. The next player, Alexis, rolls the sequence 4-5-3-5-6, after which she chooses to hold, and adds her turn total of 23 points to her score. Each will continue until one reaches 100 points. Happy Holidays!

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### MM. Pierce

A warm, wintery welcome from MMP! It's getting colder and colder outside, but still nice and toasty inside, which is the perfect storm for a full lost and found. If your child may be prone to forgetting winter clothing at school, writing their names on the tags helps ensure the coats/gloves/scarves/etc. find their way home. Please feel welcome to peruse the lost and found when you come to pick up your child, in case you are missing anything.

*Help prevent lost and found items by labelling your children's hats, gloves, scarves, and coats so they can be found and returned items!*



With the cold, crisp air making our eyes water and noses run, it also blows in blustery fun activities. This month is all about 'Caring'. By exploring the ways we can give back to our community, we hope to spread a little season's warmth to others, while also learning how selfless acts boost our own self-esteem. It's a win-win! Many children are eager to make and share



beautiful thoughts/actions/crafts for others, so we will make cards for elder homes, 'blankets' for animal shelters, suet cakes for wildlife, and more! As cliché as it sounds, sharing truly is caring.

Please stay safe, stay warm, and stay tuned! As always, if you have any questions or comments, please reach out to us at any point. Please direct concerns to the site director, Ms. Darby Johnson.

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### **Mary Walter**

Happy December Mary Walter Families!! December will be a busy month. We will continue talking about "caring" and doing a lot more crafts. We will also be working on a snow prediction chart; parents are invited to join in. Speaking of snow, a bunch of the children and staff want a load of snow this winter; with snow comes cold, please dress your children accordingly, we would still like to get fresh air.

We plan to do many different crafts in December from snowmen to snowflakes, and incorporate Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas crafts as well. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, it's a half day scheduled for schools, FCCC is still open until 6:30 p.m. We plan to have a Grinch Day; all of our activities will be based around the Grinch. Parents will also be invited to join us that afternoon to play games and make crafts.

FCCC at Mary Walter would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season, and hope you all spend lots of time with family and friends.

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### **P.B. Smith**

Welcome to December! Please make sure to bundle up and hope for a white wonderland outside! Since the temperature is rapidly dropping, please make sure to have your children wear coats and appropriate footwear.

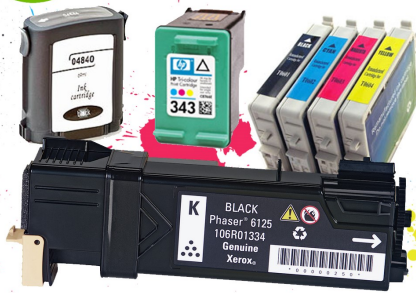
This month we hope to incorporate winter themed crafts such as making snowflakes, Christmas trees, angels, elves, and snowmen. This month's theme is caring, so, we will teach the kids what it means to be

caring, and how to show it. Happy Holidays!

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Please remember us the next time you change the toner or ink in your printer or copier, we collect and recycle toner and ink cartridges which helps offset the cost of paper we purchase each month. Items can be turned in to your Site Staff or at our Main Office. We are grateful for your donations!

## FCCC Recycles!



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# FAQ ?

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make an online payment?

Login to your account online at [www.myprocare.com](http://www.myprocare.com). You can make a payment by clicking on the green pay button.

I am trying to make a payment through the App but it says that FCCC does not accept online payments.

We are currently not using the Procare App. Please make sure you are logging in to your account online. If you are on your phone please make sure the link does not automatically direct you to the App.

# FAQ ?

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I owe money? My account shows a negative amount.

A negative amount, -\$25.00, for example, is a credit on your account.

When is tuition charged to my account?

Monthly tuition is usually posted by Noon on the first day of the month. Extra cares (holiday care, teacher work days, half days, etc.) are charged after the date of service.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I set up auto pay?

Procare does not offer an auto pay service, however, it does allow you to save your credit card information for future use.

Will you send me a statement of what I paid this year for my taxes?

No. In Procare you always have automatic access to your account ledger; you can view and print statements by clicking on Reports.

# Are you interested in joining FCCC's Board of Directors?

FCCC is currently recruiting for the **Board of Directors** and/or **Skilled Volunteers** for one-time, or time-limited projects and work groups. The primary requirement for FCCC volunteers is a desire to support the Mission of FCCC and a dedication to developing and executing on strategic growth and development goals. We are seeking a range of talents and perspectives, from a variety of our stakeholder groups, including parents, community partners and professionals.

In particular, FCCC is seeking Board Members and Volunteers who can leverage their skills in the following areas:

- Finance and Accounting
- Ethics/Legal/Advisory
- Human Resources and Talent Development
- Marketing and Communications
- Fundraising and Grant Development
- Program Development
- Quality Assurance and Evaluation

If you are interested in joining FCCC's Board of Directors, please complete the FCCC Board of Director's Application from the link below or our website ([www.fcccva.org](http://www.fcccva.org) > About Us > Our Board) then submit it to our main office or to one of our FCCC sites:

<https://fcccva.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/fccc-bod-application-fall-2023.pdf>



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Employment opportunities are available for full-time and part-time positions. FCCC offers a generous benefits package for full-time employees that includes free healthcare, a 403B retirement package, free life insurance, accrued annual and sick leave, free school-aged childcare, competitive wages, and more. Many of the same benefits are offered for part-time employees. The company also provides coverage for all background and state-licensing required trainings.

Interested individuals, please email [kylebeck@fcccva.org](mailto:kylebeck@fcccva.org), or call 540-347-6970 for more information, or to set up an interview.