

Creative Children's Center

# The Turtle Times

Summer 2019

## Ready, Set, School is Back... Go!

Getting Ready and Welcoming the New School Year!



**Summer camps** have been in full swing with loads of messy, scientific and creative fun!

Together, the teachers and students inquired into a wide range of topics, collaborating, investigating, theory building about a wide range of topics from dinosaurs to gardening to sculpture building! To stay up to date on what is happening around the school, follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)!

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 29 - Wed.	All School Orientation, Griffith Building - 6:00 to 8:00 <i>See the Orientation article on page 5 for details.</i>
Sept. 2 - Mon.	Holiday - Labor Day
Sept. 3 - Tues.	Teacher Inservice Day - No School <i>Need to meet with your teacher regarding a special need or concern? Please email the office to set up a time to meet on this day.</i>
Sept. 4, 5, 6th	First Days of School (See following schedule)
Sept. 7th - Sat.	Parent and Staff Work Party 9-12 <i>No children please.</i>
Sept. 19th -Thurs.	Parents as Partners in Learning, 6:30pm at CCC
Oct. 9th - Wed.	K-3 Class Gathering: Curriculum Night
Oct. 10th - Thurs.	SK, RR, & PP: Class Gathering & Curriculum Night
Oct. 11th - Fri. AM	Teacher Inservice--No Class (Creativity Club Open)
Oct. 11th - Fri. PM	CCC Family Event: Harvest Moon Lantern Walk at 6:00pm
Oct. 23rd-25th	Parent/Teacher Conferences--No Class (Creativity Club Open)

## Parent Participation

Welcome to the new school year! CCC's community is made up of an amazing group of educators and parents. Together we work to create an engaging and creative program for our students and families.

Our roots began in 1990 when our founder Lucy Chaillé teamed up with a group of passionate parents to form a school where children's voices are heard. A school where ideas and theory building are given support and a place where knowledge is grown in meaningful ways. As a constructivist school inspired by the schools of Reggio Emilia Italy, CCC welcomes parent involvement and participation. Our Master Level teachers invite



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you to help out in the classroom, attend fieldtrips, and share your interests with the students. Children thrive when they are surrounded by the love and care of adults, learning from each other, and rich environments full of things to investigate and explore!

Our program is operated by the teachers, the class representatives, and our CCC Advisory Board. We hold monthly meetings and encourage new parents to become involved. We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months and school year.

Parent engagement has always been the key to our philosophy and roots. We learn from each other's strengths and perspectives, always supporting the children while learning and growing together. CCC is not a school just for kids; it is for all of us, and our extended community. Parenting, teaching, and student learning can all go hand in hand!

Art and creative thinking are incorporated into our work as a way of looking deeper at the world, while music and dance help us to express our unique spirit and character. Parents often bring skills into the classroom and share their jobs, crafts, hobbies, stories and culture with us all. We encourage you to join in whether it's helping in the classrooms, sharing a special activity or skill, coordinating a field trip, hosting an event, or serving on the advisory board or a committee.

We encourage you to be a part of our community by giving what you can, when you can, with a full heart, knowing that so very many children will truly benefit from the future we provide and the legacy we leave behind. Over the next couple weeks your class representative, teachers, and director Lucy Chaille, will contact you to welcome you to the program. At Orientation we will share more about our program, give you time to sign up for community jobs, and let you meet our Parent Advisory Board Members. It's time to connect and get the wheels turning on another year of adventure, and growth!

We look forward to working with you and learning together throughout the year!

## Paperwork, CBR Application & Food Handler Card

Summer is almost over and all necessary forms and paperwork need to be completed prior to school starting. To help us be ready, please return your completed forms via mail or drop them off at school by August 23rd. Most information must be complete before your child attends class—specifically the Information and Authorization Form and Immunization record.





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You'll want to take your time filling out the paperwork to make sure all of the information is correct. Some forms are double sided, so don't miss the back! If you are a returning student, you need to complete new forms and update any changes. Immunizations may be filled out by a parent. See link for the state certificate. [Immunization Form](#).

Mail or drop off completed forms at: 2515 SW 185th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97003

## IMPORTANT - GET YOUR CBR Number

If you have selected to parent help in the classroom on a monthly basis and receive a reduction in tuition, you must be on the Central Background Registry and get a CBR #. We recommend both parents choose to do so. You can apply online, or print out the form and mail it in. It costs \$35.00 and is good for five years. You will be asked to have your fingerprints taken. After your application is submitted they will send you the location to get your fingerprints done. It is typically a little "mail center" just around the corner, and is done very quickly with a little machine.

The application can be found [online](#).

Our info is - Creative Children's Center, 2515 SW 18th, Beaverton, Oregon, 97201. Our school number is - CC0021111 When asked what category you are in, mark the one listed below.

**I am applying for work, plan to volunteer or be associated with a licensed child care facility or requesting agency.**

Questions? If you follow the link, the Oregon state website will share all the info with you. One benefit to getting your CBR number is it can be used when you volunteer in Public School, sports teams, and many other activities that you may end up doing with your child!

## Food Handler Card

Everyone who plans to parent help with the children at CCC is required to have a food handlers card. You can get yours by watching a quick video [here](#) from the State. It costs \$10.00 and is good for three years. If you already hold valid a food handlers card, please bring a copy of your certificate to the office or scan and email it to [info@creativechildrenscenter.com](mailto:info@creativechildrenscenter.com).



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# Orientation Information

Orientation will be held on **Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 pm** at **Griffith Park Building**. **All families are asked to attend.** One parent from each family is required to come. Welcomes and sign ups will begin at 6:00 with orientation at 6:20.

This is a special event for the adults, **so we ask that children be kept at home**. Orientation is a time when new and returning families come together to share our value as a community of learners, big and small! We will introduce ourselves and go over the key elements of our program, including CCC's history, educational philosophy, our image of a child, and our view of cooperative education. We will learn about the school day and what it means to be assist in the classroom. With images and stories, these and other big ideas will be addressed at Orientation. Orientation will be from 6:00-8:00pm at the [Griffith Park Building](#) : 4755 SW Griffith Dr.

## Questions or Ideas

We love hearing from parents! Please don't hesitate to send us an email or set up a time to chat. Research shows the face to face is the best way to communicate, followed by phone, then by email or text. Keep in mind that pick up and drop off times are very busy, and teachers have their eyes and ears on the whole group. This is a good time to ask them if you can check in with them in 15 minutes after class, or to give you a call when their day is done. We appreciate communication and welcome direct and open dialogues. Together we create a school with lots of love and care for the all of the students, parents, and teachers! See you soon!



# First Week of School

## September 5-14th - Students Begin

September 5th through the 7th will be the first days of school for the children. In an effort to get to know the children and to assist with potential separation issues, parents are encouraged to spend the first day with us. We will introduce the school routine and move through the daily schedule encouraging children to engage and connect.

Date	Class Name and Student Group Primary Teachers	Class Time
Wed, Sept. 5th	<p><b>K-3 - Teacher Lucy</b> <i>We will be cooking lunch on our first day!</i></p> <p><b>*Sunshine Kids - Teacher Rita</b> Four day and five day students.</p> <p><b>Rainbow Rascals -Teacher Niki &amp; Vivian</b> Three day students. For the first day (only), the class is divided into two groups with different start times. This allows the children to acclimate and meet their teachers in a smaller group.</p> <p>*Please note later start time to assist with parking. (Just the first day) Full day students please pack a healthy lunch.</p>	<p>9:00-12:30 or 9-3:00</p> <p>SK- 9:15 - 12:15 or 9:15 to 3:00</p> <p>RR- 9:00-10:30 Last Names- A to K</p> <p>RR- 10:45- 12:15 or 10:15 to 3:00 Last Names- L to Z</p> <p>RR Full Day students attend the second group of the day.</p>
Thur. Sept. 6th	<p><b><u>Play Pals</u> -Teacher Charli</b> Tuesday/Thursday students. For the first day (only), the class is divided into two groups with different start times. A parent is asked to stay for the first day. This allows the children to acclimate and meet their teacher. (If the time you are assigned does not work, please email the school and we will adjust it)</p>	<p>9:00 - 10:30 Last name - A to J</p> <p>10:30 - 12:00 Last name - K to Z</p>
Fri. Sept. 7th	<p><b>Sunshine Kids, Rainbow Rascals, and Elementary</b> <i>All full day students, please bring a healthy lunch. Please no commercial packages and no sugary treats.</i></p>	<p>9:00 (All classes attend regular schedule).</p>
<p><b>If anyone needs to make adjustments for their first day of school, please contact the office. We are happy to help.</b></p>		

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# Parking Information

CCC has a front and back lot, as well as street parking behind the school off Bryant Street. The first week we will stagger arrival times to smooth the transition. Be aware that parking spots are at a premium so be timely with your “goodbyes.” If you plan on staying for the day, consider parking on Bryant Street and entering through the back neighborhood. When driving to the backlot, take it slow, and wait for others to pull out before pulling all the way in. Be sure to be on time for pickup so teachers and parent helpers can clean up timely. Want to chat with the teacher about the day or check in with the office? It is best to email first and we can plan on setting aside some time before or after class.

## Sept 8th - Saturday Work Party - 9 to 12

We invite you to join the staff in caring for our grounds and classrooms. This is a great way to get to know your teacher and other parents. Our first work party of the year is set for Saturday, Sept. 7th from 9:00 am to noon. It is a wonderful gift to give our teachers as we embark on a new year! Classrooms will be cleaned from top to bottom, furniture will be polished, and everything will sparkle before the morning is over.

Families are asked to participate in two of the five work parties scheduled throughout the year or opt out for a fee. If you would prefer to opt out, you can contact the office. Additional work party dates can be found on the academic calendar. In order for us to complete the work in a timely manner and for safety reasons, we ask that no children attend. ✨



## Early Birds & Creativity Club

If you need Early Bird care, we will have a teacher at CCC starting at 7:30. The teacher will welcome your child to school and assist them in transitioning to their classroom at the beginning of the day. CCC also offers Creativity Classes for those interested in afternoon enrichment or extended day care. Theater, science and studio arts are just a few of the fun experiences kids have! Interested in reserving a spot? Please contact the office by email at [info@creativechildrenscenter.com](mailto:info@creativechildrenscenter.com).