

Premier Child Care Newsletter

Preparing

College-
Bound

Cherubs

Moments

Pill Hill - Is beginning their summer camp. We will visit many different fun places, as skating on Monday, bowling on Tuesday, and swimming on Friday. Wednesdays and Thursdays are our theme days and arts and crafts respectively. We look forward to an Exciting Summer!!!

Near the Pier -

Give me a S
Give me an U
Give me a MMER!

What does that spell SUMMER!

We are so excited that summer has finally arrived and camp is in full swing. The children are enjoying private theaters, unlimited arcade cards, pizza buffets and so much more. So, hang on to your socks! This summer will be a "blast!" Stay tuned because our Junior Entrepreneurs have a treat for you.

West Austin - In addition to receiving the \$12,000 grant from Northside Community Church to fund field trips for our students, we also received a grant from the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund for \$100,000 plus to erect a theater space to allow performances and training.

East Side - Summer is underway and we are excited! In July we will focus on the 4th of July. We will help our children understand the importance and traditions of Independence Day! Also, We are considering the idea of starting a garden!



Symbols of July

- Birthstone: Ruby
- Flower: Rose; Water Lily
- Zodiac signs: Cancer and Leo
- National Blueberry Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Hot Dog Month

Song of the Month

"The House I Live In," song by Paul Robeson
(A patriotic anthem during World War II with its populist evocation of everyday American life.)



Highlights

Graduation at all Premier Childcare Centers was a total success. Parents and students may now turn their attention to having a safe a joyous summer, while also preparing for a new beginning at their designated schools. Premier will miss them and look forward to a day when they will return to visit us. In the meantime, the Premier Child Care Centers will continue to nurture and educate the class of 2018 graduates and all of our other preschoolers.

As we move to the month of July, our schools are preparing for summer camp and summer activities. Perhaps the most important day we celebrate this month is Independence Day or July the Fourth. Other interesting facts about the month of July are as follow:

- July 3, 1688 - The Quakers in Germantown, Pa., make the first formal protest against slavery.
- July 1, 1889 - Frederick Douglass named U.S. Minister to Haiti.
- July 9, 1893 - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs first successful open-heart operation.
- July 4, 1900 - Trumpeter Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, jazz pioneer, born.
- July 25, 1916 - Garrett Morgan, inventor of the gas mask, rescues six people from gas-filled tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio.
- July 26, 1948 - President Harry S. Truman issues Executive Order, ending segregation in the U.S. armed forces

Front and Center

This month's Front and Center section is devoted entirely to a specific staff member, Ms. Michelle Brown-Shumate from East Side Center:

My Name is Michelle Brown-Shumate and I am a single mother of five wonderful children, ranging in ages from nine through twenty. It is a daunting task to balance work and home as a single parent, but the rewards of motherhood and the satisfaction of helping families are my motivators. I have always had a special connection with children from childhood, as my mother was a director of a child-care center. I always admired how the parents and the children loved my mother and I said to myself, "I want to do that too." Fast forward some years later, and I now find myself a director of a child-care center as well.

I started with Premier Child Care Centers nine years ago at Pill Hill as an Assistant Teacher, then I was promoted to the four year old Lead Teacher. I am now Director of East Side Development Center and enjoying the journey. I am having some memorable experiences with Premier Child Care as a result of the life-long friendships that I have developed. In addition, I have had the privilege to serve many wonderful families and become part of their childrens' lives. Finally three of my own children have graduated from Premier Child Care.

Premier Child Care has been instrumental in my growth as a professional and as a person. I have developed professionally through coaching, training and schooling. I have developed personally by continually being encouraged and celebrated by my peers and supervisors.

It has been my great pleasure to be employed with Premier and I look forward to continued success and growth in the many years to come!