

# September 2024 Newsletter

## Dear Parents:

We would like to welcome all of our new children and families to the Sonshine Center! Our new school year is off to a great start and the children are adjusting to their new classrooms quickly! This time of year is always busy and can be challenging as school starts and we adjust to a new routine. The Bible assures us in Philippians 4:13 that "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!" It is encouraging to know that the Lord is with us in big things and also in the smallest of details. We can trust Him and rely on His strength each day. Please take a few minutes to look through your child's class calendar for information and details on classroom themes, events, and fun activities throughout September. Have a blessed month!

## This Month

- Labor Day Holiday
- Speech screenings
- Security/Safety Drill
- Tippy Toes
- Pictures
- Fall Fest
- Employee Anniversaries



**Labor Day Holiday:** As a reminder, the Sonshine Center will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2024. Have a wonderful three-day weekend with your family!

## Speech Screenings:

We recently sent out information on the upcoming speech screenings through ProCare. In case you missed it, we are excited to announce that The Sonshine Center will have speech therapists from L.E.A.P, or *Language, Expectations, and Play*, providing complementary speech and language screenings at the Sonshine Center on September 9th, 10th, and 11th 2024. This is a great opportunity to see if your child is developing and meeting their milestones. The screener takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, and identifies children who may demonstrate a delay or are at risk for a delay.

We'd like to encourage our **new and/or concerned** families to participate in the screenings. If your child was not screened last year, this would be a great opportunity to assess their speech and language skills. This screening opportunity is available for children 2 years old or older. If you are interested, please fill out the consent form online using this link <https://forms.gle/kydTtgTMjKHg9AmD8>. The therapists will email your child's report within a week and are available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

**Sonshine Center Safety Drills:** Each year the Sonshine Center conducts a variety of safety drills as practice to ensure that all staff and children are familiar with the Center's safety procedures and confident on how to respond to any situation.

**Lock-Out / Lock-Down Drill:** Sonshine Center will be joining FCA in participation of a Lock-Out / Lock-Down Drill on Monday, September 16th at 10:30 am. This drill will last approximately 15 minutes. During this time, all doors will be locked making entrances and exits unavailable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

**Tippy Toes Enrichment Program:** Tippy Toes has brought dance, joy and laughter to children's lives for over 20 years across the country through high energy dance classes. They are hoping to offer Sonshine Center families a weekly, on-site enrichment program opportunity. This is an optional program that will be billed directly from the Tippy Toes organization. Instructors will be visiting each classroom at the Main Campus for a complimentary dance demonstration the morning of Tuesday, September 17th. A representative from Tippy Toes will be in the lobby that afternoon to answer any questions about this enrichment program opportunity. If there is enough interest in participation, weekly classes could begin as early as October! More information will be coming out closer to the demonstration date.

**Fall Pictures!:** We are excited to announce that Sonshine will be working with Codi Terry, a former Sonshine Center parent, to offer pictures throughout the year! Codi specializes in personality portraits that catch each child's individual personality and beauty. Participation is optional but you will need to sign your child up if you would like pictures taken. Pictures are scheduled at the Main/East Center the morning of Tuesday, September 24th and Wednesday, September 25th. If there is enough interest at the Infant Center, pictures will take place the morning of Thursday, September 26th. Sign up forms will be available in the front office of both campuses.



## YOU'RE INVITED!

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 27th to join us for the Faith Fall Festival! Family friendly activities will begin at 3:30 pm on the West Campus. There will be bounce houses, crafts, carnival games and concessions available throughout the evening. You won't want to miss this opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate God's goodness! Invite your friends and come join the fun!

## Employee Anniversaries

We would like to recognize and congratulate the following employees who are celebrating anniversaries this month. They are:

**Arayba Thomas:** Arayba is celebrating her 25 year anniversary this month! She is our fabulous cook at the Main Center and also helps care for our kids in the Afterschool program each day! Arayba enjoys art, music, and is a die-hard Nuggets and Broncos fan as well as the Green Bay Packers! Thank you for your dedication and service Arayba! Congratulations!

**Linda Sarad-Hewes:** Linda is celebrating her 17 year anniversary this month! Linda is one of our wonderful Group Leaders in the Little Blessings classroom at the Infant Center. Linda and her husband, Scott have four children and one granddaughter. Congratulations, Linda!

**Teresa Marks:** Teresa is celebrating her 6 year anniversary this month! Teresa works at the East campus assisting with enrollment, waitlist information, and special events. Teresa and her husband, Tom have three grown children and four grandchildren. Congratulations, Teresa!

**Rachel Rosenow:** Rachel is celebrating her 3 year anniversary at the Sonshine Center this month! Rachel is one of our fun loving teacher assistants in the Shining Lights classroom. Rachel is actively involved in the youth group at her church and tutors kids after school in the Whiz Kids program. Congratulations Rachel!

**Katie Crawford:** Katie is celebrating her 3 year anniversary this month! Katie works in the Little Blessings classroom at the infant center and does an excellent job loving on those babies. Katie and her husband, Luke have two children, Levi and Tina, and a beautiful baby granddaughter. Congratulations, Katie!

**Tonya Johnson:** Tonya is celebrating her 1 year anniversary this month! Tonya is one of our fun-loving teacher aids in the Lions and Lambs classroom at the Infant Center. Tonya and her husband Charles have 3 beautiful children that attend FCA Middle School, Forge Christian High School, and their oldest is starting college this fall. Congratulations, Tonya!

