

CLIFF DRIVE CARE CENTER

September NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

September 5th: CDCC Closed for Labor Day

Save the Dates

October 5th: Back to School Night

October 7th: Home and Garden Fundraiser

October 11th: Grandparents/Special Friends Day

October 17th: Picture Day

October 28th: Fall Family Festival



MEET OUR STAFF

Miss Alyssa

Miss Alyssa has been teaching at CDCC for 9 years! She is one of our 3-4 year old teachers and, more recently, our new Assistant Director! She is incredibly patient, caring, and fun! We welcome her to this new role.



Miss Maddy

Miss Maddy has worked in many different capacities since 2019. She is now our communications coordinator and will be working in the office with Miss Delanie. She will manage the calendar, brightwheel messages, our newsletter, social media and more!



UPCOMING

Back to School Night | October 5th | 6-7pm

As we begin the new school year, please join us to meet with your child's teacher and learn about classroom routines and activities. Childcare will be provided, but is first come, first served. Email Maddy (maddy@fmcsb.org) to RSVP for childcare.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day | October 11th

Grandparents and special friends are invited to come for a fun day on October 11th. They will get to see your child's classroom, participate in activities, attend chapel, and have lunch together.

Picture Day | October 17th

Picture day will be on October 17th. We will start with the infant center and will work our way through the school. You are welcome to send your child in clothes for picture day and an extra set to change into after. If Tuesday is not your child's typical day, you can still come and stay with them for photos. We will send out a link to purchase photos through Brightwheel.



FALL FESTIVAL

FAMILY

October 28th
11:30am-2:30pm

Signing Your Child In and Out

State law requires that you sign your child in and out everyday with the Brightwheel app. This is a legal requirement and there is a \$5.00 fee for failing to do this. If you forget your phone, are having any problems with the app, or need assistance, our teachers may be able to help you, or you can contact Delanie (805) 453-3403.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please let us know through [Brightwheel](#). Send a message to Admin & Staff so that we know why your child is gone and can make a note of it. Thank you!

September School Themes:

"All About Me"
Routines/Expectations
Bucket Filling

Chapel at CDCC

Cliff Drive children gather every Wednesday to sing songs and hear a story from the Bible.

The September theme is **LOVE**

September 6th: 1 John 4:16; Who is Jesus?

September 13th: John 3:16, Luke 15:3-7; The Sheep that Was Lost

September 20th: Matt 22:37-39; The Greatest Commandment

September 27th: Luke 10:33; Jesus tells about the Good Samaritan

Do you have any books that you go back to over and over again? Books that have encouraged you? Or shaped you profoundly? Or remind you of life's simple lessons that you seem to forget all too easily? I am fairly predictable in that when I am feeling distant from God or my faith I go back to reading the Gospels. Do you have any books that you return to again and again? Or any stories in Scripture that are your anchors?

I was grieving a lot of things last week, when I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to return to the Gospel of Mark and hear about the beginning of Jesus's ministry. As I sunk into the familiar beginning of Mark's gospel I was reminded of Jesus' remarkable baptism at the hands of John the Baptist: "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove." And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:9-11). And then I read how even after Jesus was tempted by the devil he started to boldly declare the Good News: "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15) After this I read about the calling of the first disciples and how with no questioning or hesitation they started to follow Jesus.

By returning to the familiar words of Mark's gospel, in quick succession, I was reminded that Jesus' whole ministry is radically different from anything else that this world offers. Christianity is about the Heavenly Father who loves His son Jesus. Christianity is about Good News of life and salvation finally coming to earth and that Good News being announced through God's beloved son. And Christianity is about people in the ancient world and people today who follow Jesus immediately and without question because they know in the depth of their being that He holds the words of life. Even if there is so much to grieve in life, it doesn't change the radical good news that the Gospel offers the whole world, and that all of us young or old can find salvation in; we find salvation in the beloved son Jesus that the Father has sent to save us. Glory be to God.

- Pastor Nikki

With Love,

Miss Delanie

Director

