



Mount Kisco Child Care Center
Making The Difference - When It Counts



July 2020 Connections Newsletter

Celebrating our Pre-K Grads



Congratulations to Mount Kisco Child Care Center's graduating class of 2020! Graduation this year, like everything else, was a challenge. Laura, Kerry, Sloane and all the other Pre-K teachers came up with creative ways to celebrate while maintaining social distancing and making sure our children and families kept safe. We are so proud of our graduates and wish them much success as we send them off to Kindergarten!

The Bubble Bus Visits MKCCC!



Summer fun has begun at Mount Kisco Child Care Center! Our children had such a blast when the Bubble Bus came to town.

Music and Dance



After many months of 'distance learning' and Zoom classes, the time has finally come when our children can have their music and dance lessons 'live and in-person' with Mr. Graham and Ms. Gina.

Bounce House Obstacle Fun



Our kids are bouncing off the walls after months of COVID-19 restrictions. Field trips this summer have been canceled, so we brought the fun to MKCCC!

Joan Corwin Summer Scholarship Program

Thank you to all who donated to our Spring Challenge. The **Joan Corwin Summer Scholarship Fund** helps supplement the cost of MKCCC's summer program to support children of our most vulnerable families. Your generosity gave the valuable gift of a fun and memorable summer to many of our children!

Giving Back to the Community



Hana Lueckerath, MKCCC alumna and volunteer, recently began making masks with her grandmother, a quilting teacher. Hana and her grandma have donated these masks to frontline healthcare workers and the elderly within the community. They reached out to MKCCC and donated masks to our teachers and staff. Each mask is 100 percent cotton, handmade, and packaged separately. “It has been a very fun project to try and help the community during these very challenging times,” says Hana. Thank you, Hana and Grandma, for your generosity!



Pam Moskowitz, owner and designer of **100PercentBeads**, is making sure all our teachers and staff are dressed to the nines as we work through the COVID-19 pandemic. Pam has designed beautiful and colorful beaded mask chains that are functional and help keep our masks around our neck. Pam, a former MKCCC social worker, donated beaded mask chains to all our teachers and staff.

[Click here](#) to see her colorful collection of chains!

And thank you to Legislator Kitley Covill’s office for donating 200 reusable masks for the staff, children and any adult who enters the Center and needs one!

COVID-19 Update

Mount Kisco Child Care Center has been open throughout the pandemic, supporting the families of essential workers and first responders. While our attendance at the Center was low, our amazing teaching staff rose to the challenge and created distance learning programs for all our stay-at-home kids. Lessons and activities were sent home through Google classroom, and exciting Zoom classes were created for all our children - show and tell, music, dance, circle time, story hour - you name it, we did it! Our teachers made sure all our students felt connected, and I couldn’t be prouder of their hard work and dedication.

This summer, more and more parents have returned to work. We have about 80% capacity for July and August, and this is great news for us. We have reconfigured our classrooms to accommodate a smaller class size, our drop-off and pick-up procedures adhere to the NYS COVID-19 guidelines, parents need to fill out questionnaires and have temperatures taken every morning at drop-off. Field trips are canceled for the summer, but we’re bringing exciting programs to the Center so our children have a variety of fun activities to fill their days. And this week our school-age children are swimming at Leonard Park pool! Now that’s exciting!

We are so grateful to have friends in our community who support the important work we are doing here at MKCCC. We’ve received very generous donations from **Michael Goodwin, Jr.**, an **Anonymous Foundation**, **Kohlberg & Co.**, the **MKCCC Board of Directors**, as well as support from many more donors who recognize our needs and believe in the important work we do. We continue to apply for non-competitive government grants and have received COVID-19 relief grants from **United Way of Westchester and Putnam**, the **Westchester Community Foundation**, and the **NY Community Trust**.

Without you, none of this would be possible. You are making the difference in the lives of so many at Mount Kisco Child Care Center!

With warmest regards,

Dawn Meyerski, Executive Director

In Memorium



Martha Nierenberg



Ferd Vetare



Cobb Stewart

The teachers and staff of Mount Kisco Child Care Center are sad to say goodbye to three dear friends, Martha Nierenberg, Ferd Vetare, and Cobb Stewart. All three were former MKCCC board members and spent many hours after leaving the board to volunteer with the children and bring smiles to so many faces. We have very fond memories of all of them. Thank you for all you've done to care for our MKCCC children - we will miss you so much.

[Martha Nierenberg](#), founding member of Mount Kisco Child Care Center. We fondly remember Martha helping our After-Schoolers with their homework and reading stories to our Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers.

[Ferd Vetare](#), former Mount Kisco Mayor and MKCCC Board Member. Ferd supported his community in many ways, most recently as a member of the Mount Kisco Lions Club.

[Cobb Stewart](#) former MKCCC Board Member and volunteer. Cobb and good friend, Maggie Kolvenbach, created and maintained the MKCCC Children's Library.

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