

Birthdays

Infant 2:

Sam	8/1
Gus	8/4
Alana	8/11
Sadie	8/18
Beckett	8/19
Jackson	8/20
Wyatt	8/20

Toddler A:

Madelyn	8/18
Ava	8/21
Darwin	8/23

Three B:

Zackary	8/2
Bailey	8/12
Norah	8/18
Palge	8/20

Three C:

Shania	8/10
Shafir	8/31

Four A:

Tayla	8/8
Tyson	8/13
Halle	8/18

Four B:

Kensington	8/4
Lauren	8/17

Five A:

Callista	8/8
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Five B:

Brock	8/11
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School-Age (OST):

Aidan (A)	8/1
Rilee (A)	8/1
Rachel (A)	8/23
Ethan (A)	8/30
Abby (B)	8/5
Kaden (B)	8/9
Anna (B)	8/13
Cole (D)	8/4
Nigel (D)	8/15
Benjamin (D)	8/16
David (D)	8/16
Alexis (D)	8/27
Jeremiah (E)	8/4
Preston (E)	8/26
Sophia (E)	8/28

Staff:

Vicki (5B)	8/9
Brooke (OST-C)	8/16
Kaelyn (Trans)	8/22
Kerry (OST Float)	8/22
Amber (Float)	8/23
Ashley (Inf 1)	8/24
Janessa (2C)	8/26
Pat (Inf 2)	8/28



A Note From Your Directors: Amanda Schueler & Allison Sanderson



If the first week of August be warm, the winter will be white and long!

The summer is coming to an end and our school age children will be heading back to school. We hope they enjoyed spending the summer at the YWCA and learned a lot travelling the world in 90 days! We sure enjoyed having them and look forward to seeing them in our before and afterschool program or again next summer!

Reminder: the YWCA provides vacation care when Sioux Falls and Harrisburg schools are out; if you need care for your child during this time please call and let us know!

Fall registration has begun for our Out of School Time (OST) program; if you have not already done so, pick up a packet at the front desk as soon as possible. Spots are filling fast! We are adding three new schools to our program which we will service with drop off and pick up: John Harris, Harvey Dunn and Pettigrew. If you need additional information or have questions please see a Director.

We are excited to be starting our KinderCollege this year at the YWCA South. The start date is August 17th. Vicki Ernster will be our preschool teacher along with her assistant Rita Gingrich. This program is designed for any child entering kindergarten the following school year. Registration packets are at the front desk.

A few fun reminders for the month of August:

- August 17th Sioux Falls schools begin
- August 17th KinderCollege begins
- August 20th Harrisburg schools begin
- August 19th Wacky Wednesday

August 19th is Wacky Wednesday! This month's theme is sunglasses day! Break out your favorite pair of shades and let's enjoy the last of the summer sun!

August Employee of the Month: Alex Houck

Congratulations to Alex Houck who is our Employee of the Month for August!! Alex has been with the YWCA for almost two years as an assistant and recently was promoted to a Program Coordinator in Two A. Alex really shows passion for her job and working with the kids. She comes to work each day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude! We appreciate Alex and all she does for us at the YWCA. Thanks Alex!

Trivia Question:

What is the birthstone for August?

Have your child tell Allison or Amanda the answer and they can get a treat!

News this month



INFANT 1 — Jill

Summer is slowly creeping to an end. A warm welcome to Amanda, Gabriella, June, Dylan, Kate and Aurora who are joining our room this month. Please make sure your child's items are clearly labeled. Suveer, Sophia, Jacob, Taelynn and Mackenzie move up to Infant 2. We will miss all of you and we know you will have a blast in your new room.



INFANT 2 — Shelly

We hope everyone is having a great summer! Thank you to everyone who brought sunscreen and hats so we can take buggy rides and enjoy the weather! We also want to thank Jason and anyone else who has brought soft tissues for our kids' noses! In July we welcomed Momoka, James, Madison, Max and Gus to our room! We also had to say goodbye to Tori, Trevor, Tyler and Saniya as they moved on to the Transition Room. Good luck and learn lots...we'll miss you!



TRANSITION — Alyssa

We can hardly believe summer will be over soon! We have had so much fun playing outside. Last month we said goodbye to Jenae and Hunter as they moved to the Toddlers. We also welcomed Tori, Trevor, Saniya and Tyler from Infants. We are glad to have you with us! Have a great remainder of the summer!



TODDLER A — Ashley

Wow, it's hard to believe summer is almost over. We had such a blast this summer! We will continue swimming on Mondays and Thursdays, weather permitting. We will be finishing our numbers and work on fun projects this month. We are sad to say goodbye to Madelyn, Ava and Darwin as they move to the Two's. Good luck! Please remember to have an extra set of clothes in your child's cubby in case of accidents. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.



TODDLER B — Jessie

Summer is already coming to an end. We will continue swimming as weather permits. Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes, sunscreen and a sippy cup. This month we will continue working on the numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10. We will also have an ocean theme, so we'll be working on fun crafts to decorate our room. We welcome Hunter and Jenae to our room! Enjoy the rest of the summer!



TWO A — Alex

August is going to be awesome in 2A! We are very excited to start new projects and activities! Our themes this month are camping and picnics. We will be learning the song Little Miss Muffet and working on the letters X, Y & Z. We will continue to go swimming on Fridays and keep an eye out for B&G ice cream dates! Please remember to bring blankets and pillows home every Friday so we can get rid of those germs! We are going to have a great month!



TWO B — Jamie

August will be awesome in 2B. Our themes this month are Ocean Week, Picnic, the letters S & T, and Little Miss Muffet. We are excited to welcome Jamie back to our room. She and baby June will be back starting August 3rd. We say goodbye to Makayla and Nathan who will move to the Three's. Good luck, we will miss you! We are excited to get to meet our new friends this month!

**TWO C — Cortnee**

We said a sad goodbye to Milo who moved away...but give a BIG welcome to Madisen, Tanner, Sadie and Jake from the Toddler Room!! This month we will be working on the letters C & D, continue our counting, and do more fun art projects. Our newer children will be working on gluing and color recognition. We will be having a few fun theme weeks such as Carnival and Picnic Weeks, so look for details in the weeks to come.

**THREE A — Elise**

August is Transportation Month. We will be studying cars, trains, boats, airplanes and tractors. We will be reviewing numbers and letters all month and playing games to help us remember sounds and sight identification. We will also be adding a health & fitness component to our daily curriculum. Watch your mailboxes for more info! We will be going to Cici's Pizza on August 3rd to tour the facility and make pizza. Also watch for upcoming B&G trips and a visit from Officer Pottaboum. August is going to be a great month!

**THREE B — Deanna**

In August the Three B class will be busy exploring our "Me" theme, with many crafts using hands, feet, elbows and more! We will also turn our room into a campground with our "Camping" theme that will use all of our senses. We will finish the month with "Going to School" to get us ready for the fall.

**THREE C — Patty**

Hello from 3C! We are looking forward to a fun-filled month in August. We will work on the color black, shape heart, the number 6, and the letters L & M. We will also work on our counting, ABC's, shapes and colors. We will be going to the Sertoma Butterfly House on August 27th, with a picnic at Sertoma Park; Burger King lunch will be delivered. We want to thank all our parents for all you do throughout the year! We especially thank Greg for donating pizza for our 4th of July party. Have a safe end of summer!

**FOUR A — Jane**

Summer is flying by fast. We can't believe school will be starting soon. We will be going to the zoo on August 7th from noon to 3:00. We will be riding the train, feeding the animals in the petting zoo, and seeing all the fun animals and how they live. The cost is \$5.00. We say goodbye to Halle and Doming, who will be going to Kindergarten. We wish you good luck and will miss you.

**FOUR B — Sherrol**

Wow, summer is almost over...and we've had a busy summer. August is going to be busy too. We'll be continuing our work on our numbers and letters, and our colors too. We have field trips planned to the Outdoor Campus and Sertoma Park along with a trip to Sherman Park. Be sure to watch for more information posted in our classroom on these and more special events. Have a great month!



FIVE A — Laurie

Good luck to all the Pre-K students starting kindergarten...we will miss you! Welcome to all our four year-old children moving up to the 5's! We've got some fun outside activities planned for August: we will be headed to B&G on August 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, so please don't forget your \$1.00! We'll be having fun in the sprinklers and plastic pools on the 7th. We're off to Sertoma Park on the 10th and on the 11th we will have a Back Yard Adventure (the cost is \$4.00). Our cooking for the month will include pizza and smores...yum! We'll also to continue to review our letters and numbers daily.



FIVE B — Vicki

August brings many new changes for our room. Older Pre-K children will be beginning kindergarten soon. At the same time Rita and I will be transitioning into a new program called KinderCollege. New teachers will take our place in Five B, and will be announced by August 15th. In the mean time, we will continue our summer schedule of activities and events, and look forward to the beginning of a new school year!



OUT OF SCHOOL TIME (OST) — Nancy

Where did the summer go? Or as some would say, *'Time flies when you're having fun!'* This month we will be checking our own country, the USA! Be sure to check our August calendar for lots of fun activities. Thanks for being a part of our "Y" family. Remember to register for Before and After-school Care. Spots are limited. Have a great school year!!

KINDERCOLLEGE BEGINS AUGUST 17TH

KinderCollege is a full-day every day custom-prepared program for children attending kindergarten next fall. KinderCollege offers parents a different option for developing and advancing their child's learning. Focused on the social, physical, emotional and intellectual development of children, the KinderCollege curriculum closely ties to the standards of the Sioux Falls School District for kindergarten readiness. Also included is curriculum for developing life skills in etiquette, foreign languages, art, music and physical fitness. All of this is offered in a nurturing environment that allows each child the opportunity to grow and excel.

- KinderCollege focuses on comprehensive and hands-on learning; taking a concept or theme and expanding it into a variety of components that include the child's participation; challenging them to expand their individual thinking.
- KinderCollege provides an enriched curriculum to assist children in developing the reading readiness skills needed in kindergarten. This is done through an extended program using alphabetic, phonemic and print awareness.
- KinderCollege curriculum includes various aspects of working with numbers to learn counting, measuring and basic math skills.
- Emergent Reader books, journaling, graphing, building word walls, science projects and cooking are some of the components built into the customized curriculum.
- Swimming, taekwondo, yoga, dance and age-appropriate fitness activities are some of the daily activities included with KinderCollege life skill learning, at no additional cost.
- KinderCollege incorporates various foreign languages, lessons on etiquette and a variety of music into the curriculum throughout the school year. Children will participate in field trips for added learning experiences.
- The teacher to child ratio is 1:10, with most activities further divided into two groups of five children for more individualized attention.
- The KinderCollege day begins at 8AM and ends at 3PM and follows the beginning/ending dates of the Sioux Falls public school year. The holiday schedule coincides with the YWCA Childcare Center. YWCA childcare is provided before and after the KinderCollege schedule, and is included in the program fee of \$175/week. (6AM-8AM and 3PM-6PM daily).

Sign up your child by obtaining a registration packet from the YWCA today! Class size is limited to 30 students.