

# *Mansfield Children's Center ~ News & Notes ~ Spring 2014*

## Center News



### **Arts Festival**

Arts Festival 2014 will be held on Thursday, August 7 with a rain date of Friday, August 8. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day at MCC to see what your child is learning and to meet other families.

We hope you will plan to join us.

### **Sunflower House**

The children in all groups are busy planting their sunflower seeds this week and next. They will be bringing them home with simple instructions for their care. Your child can inform the classroom teacher when they sprout at home. You may return the plants during the week of May 12 and we'll place them in the atrium to harden off and get them ready for planting in the sunflower garden at the end of May. If you have questions about this project, you may ask your child's classroom teacher or Sue Houghton, who is heading up this project.



### **Children's Photographer**

The photographer will be here on Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 15. Information about the photos will be posted the week of May 5. We thank Shirley Hanlon for coordinating this once again.

### **Swim Lessons**

Swim lesson registration forms have been posted and we are registering now for both sessions. We offer two, four-week sessions of swim lessons, with two lessons scheduled each week, for a total of eight lessons in each session. We try to make up lessons that cannot be held because of inclement weather. Free swim times are scheduled for each group from preschool to school age and are part of the program at no extra charge. Our swim instructor, Vanessa Vilandre, will be returning for her third summer. Shirley Hanlon can answer any questions you may have about the swim program.

## Classroom Notes

Every day, in every classroom, we are learning so much that doesn't fit neatly on a take-home worksheet. Check out these bulletin boards that show the variety and depth of the activities that engage our children in art, science, language, and math.



**Color mixing - Let's make green!**



**Family tree.**



**We saw animal tracks in winter snow and learned about animals who made them.**



**We graphed the number of gold medals by country.**



**Who will our Mystery Reader be today?**



**We're identifying birds and letters.**



Where do we live? Learning about the United States.



How do animals survive in winter?



We are learning to identify birds we see every day.



We are taking responsibility for our classroom.



Using the elements of art to draw a picture and write our names.



We're learning about the butterfly cycle.