

Scribes & Scribblers Anniversary Edition

Scribes Celebrates 39 Years of Service to Our Children & Families

For those of you who are new to our center, March is a huge month at Scribes. Our Anniversary is on St. Patrick's Day and we LOVE to spoil our families & Teachers with all of the events. This year we also take the time to reflect on the great things the founders of Scribes & Scribblers created and have allowed us to build upon as we move toward a new millennium.

Scribes & Scribblers was created from an ideal Carole & Dennis Cox could not find when searching out centers for their own children. Throwing caution to the wind they decided to open Scribes & Scribblers, a center with a home-like environment filled with magical events and a fun with learning approach. Everything they did was based off very basic principles, the same principals we follow still today.

First, the care of your child is our #1 priority. This alone was always Carole's mantra and the center of the training she drove into us as caregivers. It's no surprise years later it's still our foundation. How do we do this? Our staff is trained on caring and compassion with Conscious Discipline and other educational trainings. The curriculum covers both educational and social emotional curriculum that changes to keep up with the ever changing needs of the children in our care. We offer parents a specialist for our classrooms when children need a different approach. We pride ourselves on providing a cozy environment for the children in our care with safe spaces, reading nooks and centers that are full of fun learning toys.

The second principal is to always support our staff. We do this by helping out in the classrooms when needed, listening to Teachers input & feedback then working together on solutions, empowering them to take on leadership roles and rewarding those who do, giving personal incentives along with care & guidance.

The third & final principal that we live by is to BRING THE FUN! We are always looking for ways to involve the kids, teachers and families in fun events. Scribes hosts several annual events that are unique. St. Patrick's Day is no exception. We love letting kids be kids and giving Teachers an opportunity to "let their hair down!" We encourage staff to create curriculum with a fun through learning approach and hands on or open-ended projects that encourage all levels of learning.

Though we are always looking for new ideas and approaches, these 3 principles will ALWAYS come first. In an industry where centers come & go quickly and staff changes rapidly, Scribes is proud to carry on the traditions and principles taught to us by Carole & Dennis Cox. Their voices are forever in our ears as we continue to raise the bar and set higher standards for our 39th year. The best testimony is hiring staff that attended when they were kids or when a parent went here as a child and then starts a little one. Nothing makes us happier than to see generations of the same families grace our halls.

As we head into this new year, there are a lot of great moments to reflect on. In a society that relies on nameless people posting hastily about things they may or may not have experienced, we have countless actual people whose children or families grew up here and can speak directly to the care received and the wonderful founders of this community icon. A childcare center's reputation should be built on years of service, consistency of care along with what a center brings to the kids, families and community as a whole. We look forward to 39 more years of leading the industry and giving our all to everyone we serve. Thank you for the continued support through word of mouth and positive praise. Thank you also for trusting your most precious gifts, your babies, to us. We will continue to honor your family with the care and compassion we have always been known for.

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Scribes & Scribblers March Birthdays

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Barrett H.

Room 7

Teagan M.

Room 3

Paige H.

School Age

Theo G.

Austin H.

School Age Shenanigans

Our School Age kids are forever busy! The Dodge Ball Tournaments are still underway and will pick back up soon. All of the kids are excited to return to their teams and narrow down to the final two. At the end of the Tournament, there will be a final ceremony and the winning team will receive a trophy!

Now that the weather is nice, we will be getting the kids outside after school. This is when we will start basketball games, kickball games and coning off the blacktop area so that the children can jump rope, play four corners or just create some cool chalk art.

Parents, please check with the staff to see what fun extracurricular activities your children can get involved in. Each counselor has taken on a different area of fun so don't hesitate to ask and let the kids know to get involved!

From the "A" Club to the Art Club, to Jr. J.C's and Ready Readers, to Dodgeball Tournaments and warm weather activities, we are all happy to keep the kids having fun and enjoying their time as "Big Kids"!

School Age Summer Camp Registration

For all families with children who are Kindergarten graduates through age 14yrs., Summer Camp pre-registration ended on March 2nd. Open registration begins on March 3rd. The spots are on a first come first serve basis. Apply now because we only have a few select spots left and we will be sold out.

Also, if your child is just graduating Kindergarten and this is their first year in our "Big Kid" Camp, they must have a medical turned in. Once you turn in your medical form, you will not need it again for subsequent years.

If you are not aware of our "Big Kid" Camp, please stop in and schedule a tour to see the school age side and learn about all we do! If you did register but have not been in camp before, let me know and we will schedule time to show you around also.

***THIS ONLY APPLIES TO CHILDREN WHO ARE KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES OR ABOVE. IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN OUR INFANT THRU PRE-K PROGRAM, THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER.**

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Scribes & Scribblers St. Patrick's Day Party

On Tuesday March 17th we celebrate our 39-Year Anniversary!! To honor this day we have a huge celebration every year. Throughout the day we celebrate for our families and staff. Here is what to expect for your family. First thing in the morning, beginning at 6:30am, we will have a celebratory breakfast full of surprises. Set aside the time to stay a bit longer in the morning and sit with your child.

Also, Irish music will grace our hallways all day long. Families can eat their breakfast in the gym while enjoying The Celtic Women on the big screen. School Age families please make your way down the hallway to our main entrance so you can partake in the fun breakfast buffet also. Bring your appetite and give yourself time to take it all in because the food is plentiful and the entertainment is great.

After such a festive breakfast all of our Teacher's and kids will need to be on the lookout for our very spirited Leprechaun that turns our classrooms upside down every year. No one has been able to catch him or her, but the chaos this little one creates gets bigger and bigger each year. The pranks throughout the day are hilarious and everyone gets a kick out of the green shenanigans that go on all day. Maybe this will be the year we finally catch the stealthy mischief maker. I'm sure the traps will be set so I can't wait to see if we are going to get a piece of that gold or just another mess to clean up!

Finally, we will have a Leprechaun Look-A-Like Contest throughout the day. Dress your kids in green or go all out and give them the full on Leprechaun makeover. All Teachers, staff and kids will be able to participate and may win a cool GREEN REWARD!

We love this day and hope that all of you will enjoy our special day with us. Happy St. Patrick's Day from our family to yours☺

Kids Say The Funniest Things

This month our Kids Say...comes to us from some very funny Scribes children. We love hearing all the funny phrases and so jot down what you hear and drop them off in the office so we can impart a wee bit o' funny into your day.

First, a funny bit of information I bet none of us were aware of from a Pre-K kiddo. During President's Day, a Teacher asked her students, "Does anyone know who the 1st President of the United States of America was?"

One child responded, "GEORGE!"

Impressed by this knowledge, the Teacher then asked, "George who?"

To which the child responded, "Curious George of course."

Another Pre-K kiddo was counting in Spanish during class and the Teacher asked, "Do your parents speak Spanish at home?"

The child then says, "Yeah, but not my dog though, he just barks."

Way to go everyone bringing in the funny quotes! We love to hear all of the hilarious things the kids say to you so don't forget to write them down so we can share them.

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What Does 39 Years at Scribes & Scribblers Mean to our Teachers with Tenure?

In thinking about this Anniversary Edition, I sought to hear from some of our most tenured teachers to gain some insight into what they love about Scribes. I feature this section every year because not only is it great to highlight staff that has been loyal to our Scribes family, but it serves as a way for our families to understand why we have such a great reputation and it begins with our amazing staff.

We begin this year with Mrs. Rachel Bakata as she reflects on her time working here. Mrs. Rachel has also been on both sides of the fence being not only a classroom Teacher, but also a Mommy who has seen her now 2 children grow and thrive in our classrooms. So what does all this mean as she looks at her Legacy? “Scribes is such a huge part of me, it’s my family. I feel like this has been such a big part of my life and always will be! I had my oldest child start here with me as a young school age child and now I am looking at her being one of the oldest children here and now going into the Summer J.C. Program. She loves her time here and there is nothing that can take the place of that. Now, I had my second child and have had the pleasure of her starting in the infant room and being so thankful to watch her grow and move through the younger classrooms. Scribes is like my home away from home. From the staff, to the children and all of their families, everyone is just amazing. This is where me and my children feel safe and secure and all of the staff here ARE my extended family. Nothing can replace that feeling for me.

Finally, we spoke to Ms. Ashley Hajduk who grew up a “Scribes Kid” and now teaches in our School Age wing, subs in our Preschool wing and has been a Counselor in our Summer Camp. Ms. Ashley started here when she was 1yr old and has worked here all her adult life including in High School when she wrote and taught a music lesson for our Preschool and Pre-K children for her Girl Scout Gold Award. When I asked her why she keeps coming back she answered, “It’s a sense of family and community. No matter what’s going on with me, I know there’s always a second family supporting me. My biggest influences are Mrs. Erin and Ms. Melissa. As Teachers, they were both so kind, caring and no matter what was going on, always took the extra time to help me. They influenced me to get my Teaching degree which I receive in December 2020!

We were happy to help and proud to be a part of such an amazing place! Till next year...

Yummy in my Tummy:

Another Scribes tradition is our Staff St. Patrick’s Day Lunch cooked by Mr. Steve, our Maintenance Manager. He has been a part of our Scribes family since 2008. You may not know him, but you see his touch everywhere. He decorated everything, is a daily presence in our halls and around our grounds. From decorating to shoveling snow, doing van runs, fixing our broken things, DJing at our dance party and so much more. He is also an excellent cook so we all look forward to this recipe. Yummy doesn’t describe how good this is!

Mr. Steve’s St. Patrick’s Day Corn Beef Brisket

Ingredients

1 Corned Beef Brisket (3-5lbs)
½ cup pickling spice
4 garlic cloves, peeled
1 large onion
24 Baby Carrots
1lb Red Potatoes
3 stalks celery (rough chopped)
1 bottle Conways Irish Ale
6 cups chicken broth
1 whole cabbage (rough chop)
¼ cup brown sugar

Directions

1. Cover Brisket in sugar & place fat side up in slow cooker
2. Add Conways Irish Ale & Chicken Broth to cover Brisket
3. Add garlic, pickling spice, onion, celery, salt & pepper
4. Cook on low heat for 6 – 8 hours
5. Boil cabbage, carrots separate in 2 cups broth, 2 cups water
6. Boil potatoes separate till done. Drain & add butter and salt
7. Slice Brisket against the grain. Serve with veggies & potatoes