



Executive Director's Corner by
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COMMUNITY DAY CARE
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Recap of Governor Evers' Visit to Our Center

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to share some highlights from our recent visit from Governor Tony Evers on August 21, 2025! It was an inspiring and memorable day for our children and staff alike.

During his visit, Governor Evers engaged with the children through conversations and activities. His presence brought a sense of pride and excitement to our center, and the children enjoyed the opportunity to meet and interact with him.

The visit also provided valuable opportunities for discussion, feedback, and interaction with our staff. Governor Evers expressed great admiration for the longevity and dedication of our team.

As the Executive Director, I had the opportunity to share the positive impact of the Child Care Counts funding, which was supported by federal dollars. Thanks to this funding, we were able to increase staff wages while keeping tuition costs affordable for families.

Starting in August, the Child Care Counts program ended, and Bridge Payments began. Governor Evers remains committed to quality child care — he included child care funding in his 2025-2026 budget, which is vital for maintaining affordable and high-quality services. Without this support, tuition costs most likely would have increased to help balance our 2025 budget.

As always, our center remains dedicated to providing high-quality child care to the families we serve, and this funding plays a crucial role in that effort!

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Warmest regards, Theresa Marshall

Welcome back to school!

This is such an exciting time of year for children. This is also a time of year where drivers need to be extra cautious for children. Many children are just entering school and are in the first stages of learning safety rules, like looking both ways before crossing the road. As a driver, when entering a school zone or the center parking lot, please follow the speed limit and **WATCH FOR CHILDREN!**

Let's have a safe and fun school year!

Director
Julie Hertel

It's the beginning of a new school year!!! Welcome to all of our new families. I hope your time here is very memorable ©
It's BOOK ORDER time again!! Every other month, a book order will be sent out via email, giving you the option to

order books for your family. You can go to www.scholastic.com and use our code HP9TM to order books online. You may choose to have them shipped to your house for a fee or have them shipped here for free. Book orders will be due by a certain date. Each time you order, your child's classroom will have the opportunity to purchase books, games, puzzles, and more with bonus points that they earn from your orders.

Varied schedule contracts will be going out in September. Please sign, date, and return the contract if you have chosen to have your child on a varied schedule. The contract states that if your child is on a varied schedule, then each week a schedule MUST be turned in to me by 12:00 pm on Wednesday for the following week. If I do not receive a schedule on time, your child may not receive care for the following week, and the minimum weekly fee of \$42.00 will be charged to your account. Due to staffing and licensing regulations, this policy will be strictly enforced. Also, if you need to make any scheduling changes, they must be approved by me or Theresa Marshall in advance. JCDC is full, and we must be able to make the staffing adjustments to accommodate every child's attendance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and talk to me in my office, give me a call, Dojo, or e-mail me at jhertel@janesvilledaycare.org. My office hours are scheduled 8:30-4:30 pm. I am flexible and can be available when needed.

Good luck to everyone for a successful year!!!

Office Assistant

Megan Worthing



Welcome to the beginning of another exciting school year. We have had lots of new friends and families joining us this year. JCDC Policy reminder: children must be dropped off in their classroom to the teacher, and contact must be made with staff when picking up your child at night. We need to see the adult dropping off and picking up.

Upcoming center information can be found:

- Posted at each entrance to the building
- On each classroom's Parent Board
- The whiteboard in the hallway
- Dojo / Email / Website

Be sure to keep yourself up-to-date on all that will be going on this school year. Remember: if you marked that you would like paperwork via email, you will not get a paper copy in your child's cubby. You may request paper copies as well if needed. ©

September 1 st	CENTER CLOSED – LABOR DAY
September 2 nd	1st Day SDJ
September 4 th	1st Day of P4J
September 10 th	United Way Blackhawk Region – Day of Caring
September 11 th	SDJ – Rotary Gardens P4J Event
September 15 th	Center Close 530pm – Staff Meeting
September 17 th	SDJ – Rain Date for Rotary Gardens P4J Event
September 24 th	PICTURE DAY
September 26 th	No P4J
	JCDC FALL FESTIVAL 500 – 700 pm
September 29 th	NO P4J / NO SDJ Teacher Prof. Day
October 7 th	SDJ – Fall Festival
October 13 th	Center Close 530 – Staff Meeting
October 22 nd	NO P4J
	Butterfly Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 23 rd	NO P4J / NO SDJ
	Grasshopper Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 24 th	NO P4J / NO SDJ
	Caterpillar Parent-Teacher Conferences

Ladybug Ms. Paula / Ms. Sara



Thank you for being part of our classroom this year! We are looking forward to a great year together.

Ms. Paula has been a teacher at JCDC for 20 years. She is an opening teacher for the daycare. She and her husband have two daughters and a grandson. When not working Ms. Paula enjoys boating on the river.

Ms. Sara moved to Janesville 3 years ago and started working at JCDC. She has four nieces and two nephews. When not working, Ms. Sara enjoys getting outdoors and biking if possible.

The fall season is a great chance to stock your child's bathroom clothes and cubby with extra clothes.

Labeling jackets is really helpful as we move into late fall, so things are not misplaced. Our classroom will be outside each morning and afternoon for at least 30 minutes.

Happy Birthday Carlo-3 years old

Thank you for being part of our Janesville Community Daycare Center Family! We appreciate you and your family!

Bumble Bee

Ms. Cora / Ms. Jess

Where has the summer gone? We have enjoyed our summer and are excited about welcoming some new friends to the Bumblebee Room. We know our older

friends are excited to be moving up to Jitterbug's or P4J.

We will start in September, talking about different <u>Sports</u>. Some sports we can play here, but some we may have to watch on TV or go watch in person. Have you taken your kiddo to any type of game? The next couple of weeks, we will spend learning about our kiddos with an <u>All About Me</u> week and then a week about <u>My Family</u>. How many people are in your family? Do you have pets? A new theme for us is <u>Classroom Confidence</u>. During this week, as we consistently do, we will learn about our classroom rules and expectations, and routine. We all do better with consistent routines and rules op you know any <u>Community Helpers</u>? Are you a Community Helper? This will be our focus for the week. They are so important and help us so much.

Next, we will be learning about <u>Apples & Leaves</u>. The change in seasons is a fun time of year as we notice things changing. October is also Fire Prevention Month, so we will practice fire drills and learn how to be safe when we talk about <u>Fire Prevention</u>. Do you have an escape plan at your house? If so, do you practice it? As we approach the end of October, we will have a week of <u>Pumpkins & Scarecrows</u>. If you know of a quick, easy way to make a scarecrow, please let us know, as we would love to make one or two. The last week will be all about <u>Nocturnal Animals</u>. How many nocturnal animals can you name? Have you ever tried sleeping upside down like a bat?? We have, and the kiddos love it…lol

We have many other fun things planned, so be sure to watch our newsletter, as well as, the DOJO. Here we go.....



AM Jitterbug Class & PM Dragonfly Class Ms. Danielle

Our Jitterbugs have grown in their skill levels! From letter sounds to reading simple words, and scribble drawings to intricate pictures complete with land, sky,

people, and pets. I look forward to working with a new group of Jitterbugs as we learn and build on each other's strengths and enjoy our time of learning and playing together.

Keep in mind as you go shopping for school supplies that a nice, sturdy pair of gym shoes are a good idea. Another good idea is to label any coats, extra shoes or boots, sweatshirts and extra clothing with your child's initials so that nothing gets lost or accidently switched with another child's.

I hope you are as excited as I am to begin a new school session, and prepare for P4J and then Kindergarten as a next step! Our first learning unit is Growing Up. To help your child communicate to their peers about their family and growing up, please send your child with a photo or picture of their family or even baby picture (photo copies work too). These will be displayed on the bulletin board for the month of September as we get to know each other. When you have a chance, log in and sign up for class Dojo online. This is a secure site where important information, field trips, class events, and pictures and blurbs of the day's activities are shared with families.



Class Dojo Icon

P4J – Caterpillar / Butterfly / Grasshopper

Ms. Kailey / Ms. Alexia / Ms. Wanda / Ms. Abby

P4J Class Names/Locations/Times

We have 3 P4J classrooms.

Our Morning P4J Classes are from 8:30 am — 11:30 am.

They are: The Caterpillar Class - Upstairs. Teachers: Ms. Kailey / Ms. Alexia

The Butterfly Class - Downstairs. Teachers: Ms. Wanda / Ms. Abby

Our Afternoon P4J Class is from 12:30 pm — 3:30 pm

This is The Grasshopper Class, and it is also Downstairs.

Teachers: Ms. Wanda / Ms. Abby

P4J Drop Off and Pick Up:

*We ask that you wait in your vehicle in the drop-off/pick-up line. Staff will get your child out of the vehicle at drop off and put them in at the end of the day.

*If you wish to come up and drop off/pick up your child, we ask that you park on the road and walk up to the school.

*Any wrap-around care students need a guardian to bring them directly to their classroom at drop off and come in to pick them up at the end of their scheduled day.

Summer is behind us, and we are ready to start a new school year! Are you ready? We provide most school supplies, and only ask that you bring a backpack to take home folders each day with information and other fun things in there. Also, please have an extra set of clothes to keep here or that you keep in your child's backpack. During September, we will get to know all of our new friends and their families! We will start learning our routine and the rules that keep us safe.

In October, we are going to learn about our community! We will talk about different family members' roles, postal workers, veterinarians, police officers, firefighters, and many more. The kids will learn what they do and how they help us. Our first Parent Teacher Conferences will be October 22-24.

Please be sure to sign into Class Dojo so we can communicate easily, give you reminders about upcoming events, or special days!

Family Tips for September-October **Establish a Great Routine for your child.**

Routines establish so many aspects of healthy living, good habits, and good behavior. Each family's routine will look different but having one that works for the whole family will produce so many positive effects. Students don't have a lot of control in their lives and a routine can give them a sense of organization, stability, and comfort. That, in turn, should help develop better behavior and some sense of personal control. We included one family's schedule to help get you started or to stay on schedule.

Example Schedule:

7:00am Wake up, Get dressed 7:30am Breakfast / Brush Teeth

8:15am Get in vehicle to go to school

8:30am Arrive at School

11:30am Get Picked Up from school

12:00pm Lunch

1:00-1:15pm Start nap or quiet time 2:30-3:00pm Wake up from nap

3:00pm Snack

3:30pm Outside time (Free time)

4:30pm Chores (feeding the pets, helping with laundry....)
5:00pm Night Activity (dance, soccer, swim lessons.....)

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm or earlier Shower / Bath / Brush Teeth

7:30-8:00pm Story & Bed Time 8:00pm Care Giver Free Time



The Kitchen

Ms. Sammy



Carrot-Bran Muffins

2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted

2 teaspoons baking powder

³/₄ teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon kosher salt

2 cups sugar

1 cup vegetable oil

4 large eggs

1 cup wheat bran

1 pound carrots, shredded (2 ½ cups)

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 350°F and line 18 muffin cups with paper or foil liners. In a medium bowl, whisk the flour with the baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In a large bowl, whisk the sugar with the oil and eggs. Whisk in the dry ingredients until just incorporated, then stir in the wheat bran and carrots.

Step 2

Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin cups and bake for 18 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out with a few moist crumbs attached. Let the muffins cool for 10 minutes in the pan, then turn them out onto a rack to cool completely before serving.

Make Ahead

The muffins can be wrapped in plastic and stored at room temperature overnight.