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Monthly News Letter
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May Highlight: Celebrating Excellence in Leadership!



We are thrilled to share some incredible news with our community! Please join us in a huge round of applause for our Youth Programming and Childcare Director, Tyler Boehm, who was recently honored with The Network for Youth Success Quality Leadership Award.

This prestigious recognition is a testament to Tyler's unwavering dedication to the children and families we serve. As the driving force behind the Belle Center's Out-of-School Time (OST) Program and our vibrant Summer Camp, Tyler has set a gold standard for what it means to lead with heart, strategy, and vision.

Why This Award Matters

The Network for Youth Success grants this award to individuals who go above and beyond to ensure that after-school and summer programs aren't just "childcare," but transformative environments.

Congratulations, Tyler! We are so proud to have you at the helm of our youth programs. Your hard work ensures that our participants don't just spend their time here, they thrive here.

RESOURCES AND UPDATES

May Closures

May 25 - Memorial Day

Pantry Open

May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29



Must Bring ID and ID for everyone in your household

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare Lead Teachers **Scan to apply!**
 CDA or Certification
- Childcare Assistant Teachers
- Youth Counselors
- Lifeguards



BELLE CENTER SUMMER CAMP NOW ENROLLING!

The sun is coming out, and the countdown to summer is officially on! We are thrilled to announce that The Belle Center Summer Camp is now officially open for enrollment.

Don't wait until the last minute, spots fill up fast! Here is everything you need to know to secure a place:

- How to Apply: You can pick up a physical application at our Front Desk or download a digital copy directly from our website.
- Deadline: All completed applications must be submitted by June 16, 2026.

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DAY CARE

🌸 May Flowers & Fresh Discoveries at Daycare!

Welcome to May! As the weather warms up, our classrooms are buzzing with the energy of a new season. This month is all about celebrating the special people in our lives, remembering our heroes, and diving deep into the wonders of the natural world.

May Activities

Celebrating Our Superstars: Mother's Day:

To honor all our amazing moms and maternal figures, the children will be busy creating hand-crafted keepsakes during the first week of May.

Honoring Memorial Day:

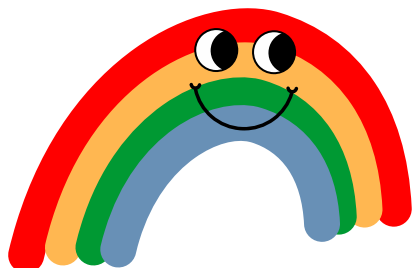
In observance of Memorial Day, the daycare will be closed on **Monday, May 25th**. Leading up to the holiday, we will be teaching the children about community service and gratitude and we will be practicing our "Red, White, and Blue" colors.

STEAM Spotlight: Nature-Based Discovery:

Our curriculum this month shifts outdoors as we become mini-scientists! Our Nature-Based Discovery unit encourages children to use their five senses to explore the environment.

The Lab: Bubble Engineering:

Who knew bubbles could be so technical? This month's highlight is Bubble Engineering. We aren't just blowing bubbles; we're building them! We will also be experimenting with different "secret formulas" (dish soap vs. glycerin) to see which mixture creates the strongest, longest-lasting bubble. Prepare for some soapy clothes and big smiles!



NOTE TO FAMILIES

Quick Reminders:

Sunscreen: Please bring in a labeled bottle of sunscreen for your child so we can safely enjoy our outdoor discovery time.

Change of Clothes: With "Bubble Engineering" and mud play on the horizon, an extra set of weather-appropriate clothes is highly recommended! Please make sure your child's clothes are labeled with their name.

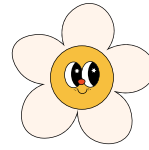


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OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM

Marvelous May: Flowers, Festivals, and Fast Horses!

May is here! The sun is sticking around longer, the flowers are in full bloom, and our school-age explorers have a packed calendar. This month is all about celebrating the people we love, learning about diverse cultures, and honoring our history.

May Activities

Off to the Races! (The Kentucky Derby)

The "Run for the Roses" is a fantastic way to learn about sportsmanship and Kentucky history. We'll map the journey from the stable to Churchill Downs and learn about the incredible athleticism of the horses and jockeys.

Fiesta Time! (Cinco de Mayo: May 5)

We're diving into Mexican culture and history! While many think it's Independence Day, we're learning the true story of the Battle of Puebla.

Heartfelt Gratitude: Celebrating Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a beautiful reminder to celebrate the women who help us grow, whether that's a Mom, Grandma, Aunt, or a special mentor. This month, we are focusing on the power of appreciation.

Honoring Heroes (Memorial Day: May 25)

As we head into the long weekend, we take a moment to reflect on the meaning of service and sacrifice.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Growing Our Minds

Just like the May flowers, our emotions need the right environment to grow. This month, our SEL focus is Resilience and Empathy.

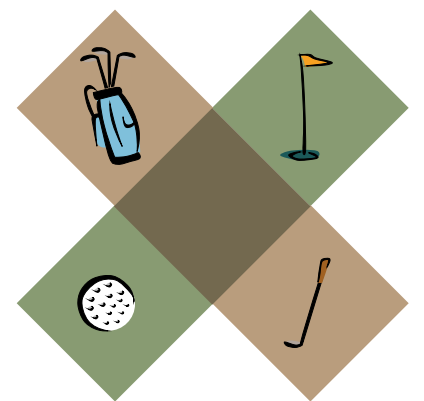
Note to Parents: As the school year winds down, energy levels often ramp up! We're focusing on "Mindful Minutes" each afternoon, taking 60 seconds of silence to breathe and reset before heading home.

Note To Families

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Wonderful!
Beautiful!
Amazing!



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SENIORS

A Daily Dose of Joy: Where Friendship and Fellowship Meet

A Week of Connection and Creativity

From Monday through Friday, our participants (aged 58+) gather for meaningful socialization and fellowship through various activities, arts and crafts, and Bingo! After each successful day they end with a lunch provided by the Erie County Congregate Dining Program.

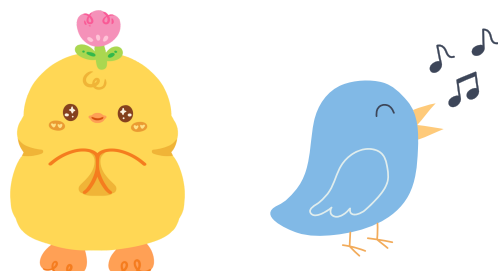
Interested in joining? We have applications available at our front desk.

Easter Celebration

This past month on April 10, our seniors had an Easter celebration filled with lots of music, activities, games, food, and prizes.

Some of our seniors even showed off their dance moves on the dance floor! They still got those moves down pat. To end the amazing celebration, our seniors had an amazing lunch together before heading home.

Thank you to our seniors and to our staff member Ms. Lilly for putting on a spectacular day!



DONATE TO THE BELLE CENTER

The Belle Center is dedicated to providing innovative educational, social, and community-building services for children, seniors, and families across Western New York.

To continue this vital work, we rely on the generosity of community-minded individuals and businesses. Your support is the engine behind our impact, without you, we could not serve our neighbors each year.

Every donation makes a difference, regardless of size. We thank you for your kindness and for investing in the future of our community.

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EVENING PROGRAM

Looking for a place to stay fit, build skills, and hang out? Our free Evening Program is open to all young adults. Join us Monday through Friday, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, for sports and fitness!

Weekly Sports Schedule (Ages 13 - 24)

- Mondays & Fridays: Volleyball (Ages 13-24)
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Basketball (Ages 13-17)
- Thursdays: Basketball (Ages 18 - 24)

Fitness & Training (Ages 17 - 24)

Our Weight Room and Cardio Room are open every night, Monday through Friday, for those looking to focus on personal fitness and strength.

Ready to join? Stop by the front desk to pick up and submit your application today!

