

# Sunrise

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



## *Old Friends and New Faces come together at the Sunrise ECC*

Monday, August 31st was an exciting day for everyone involved at the Sunrise Early Childhood Center. At 9am, doors to the classrooms opened to greet new classes of Tigers, Eagles, Dolphins, Kangaroos, Koalas, and Butterflies. As the students disappeared into their bustling classrooms, the 2009 - 2010 school year begun, sure to bring new friends and adventures.

We are excited to welcome all of our new faces into the ECC family, including over 30 new students and a few new additions to our teaching staff. Mrs. Mattingly, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. DeBurger, Mrs. Crowell, and Mrs. Mills, are all excited about their first year on staff at the ECC, while we are thrilled to have Mrs. Ramage return after a couple years away. Sara Ellsworth, a member of Castleton UMC, joins the administrative staff as our Treasurer. Be sure to introduce yourself to all of our new faces and welcome them into the ECC family!

The 2009-2010 school year also welcomes back our Kindergarten class (the Tigers) and 2s class (the Butterflies). With the expanded class offering, enrollment at the Sunrise Early Childhood Center now reaches over 75 students. We are looking forward to another exciting school year!

Next Month's Big Date...

## October 3rd

The second annual Sunrise ECC Yard Sale will be held from 8am - 2pm on Saturday, October 3rd. Donations are being accepted in the ECC Office at anytime. All proceeds from the sale will go toward our school playground!

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## Check us out Online!

The Sunrise Early Childhood Center can now be found online! Visit us at [www.sunriseecc.org](http://www.sunriseecc.org) for all of the latest news on field trips, afternoon programs, fundraisers, and family fun!



You can also find information specific to your child's class in our Classroom News section. Class newsletters and calendars will be posted monthly throughout the school year. Don't forget to check out our photo gallery for pictures of the fun and friends at Sunrise! Emily's blog (S is for Sunrise) can be found at [sunriseecc.blogspot.com](http://sunriseecc.blogspot.com).

## A Note from the Director....

When I was a growing up, I always loved the start of a new school year. I look forward to meeting my teacher, seeing classmates again, finding my classroom for the first time, and hearing about all of the exciting things we would do in that new year.

It was a new beginning for all of us. We had our shiny new school supplies... packages of crisp paper, doodle-free notebooks, beautiful crayons, and perfectly sharpened #2 pencils. The summer had left us rejuvenated and full of energy, curiosity, and adventure. We were ready for whatever was brought our way!

At the Sunrise Early Childhood Center, it's our goal to keep that enthusiasm, excitement, and sense of wonder throughout the entire school year! While the crayons and pencils may lose their luster, the activities and adventures won't! This semester will be filled with fall celebrations, Thanksgiving feasts, bible stories, energizing music classes, and endless new colors, letters, and shapes to explore!

I am thrilled to have so many new families joining us at Sunrise this year and want to welcome back all of our old friends! I am excited to see the wonderful things God has in store for the Sunrise ECC!

Take care,

*Emily Hawthorne*

## Sunrise ECC Yard Sale coming Saturday, October 3rd

The second annual Sunrise Early Childhood Center Yard Sale will be held from 8am - 2pm on Saturday, October 3rd in the Sunrise ECC parking lot at 7551 Oaklandon Rd. Donations will be accepted at the ECC Office from now through the start of the sale. All items are tax deductible and do not need to be priced.

We'll graciously accept all of your old toys, kitchen items, movies, books, bikes, and anything else you no longer use or want! We'll even take your neighbor's stuff... so don't hesitate to ask friends and family if they have anything they'd like to donate!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim O'Neil at [komsu93@yahoo.com](mailto:komsu93@yahoo.com).

*"My child, listen and be wise: Keep your heart on the right course."*

*~ Proverbs 23:19*

## Exciting Opportunities fill the Afternoons at the Sunrise ECC

With three exciting activities offered this fall, the students at Sunrise are sure to have fun-filled afternoons! Discovery Afternoons and JumpBunch return this semester, as we welcome the addition of Kindergarten Enrichment to the lineup of optional afternoon programs.

*Discovery Afternoons* will be offered throughout the school year, with all new themes and activities! As with the previous sessions, these themed afternoons give parents the option of extending the current school day, while giving students the opportunity to explore a different topic each week. This semester's themes include... Treasure Hunt, The Great Pumpkin Party, Ooey Goey Day, Pizza Day, and many more! Discovery Afternoons are offered from 1 - 3pm every Friday and are open to any ECC student regardless of age or class.

*Kindergarten Enrichment* meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 - 3pm. Enrichment provides an excellent opportunity to elaborate upon the themes and concepts being learned in the morning class, as well as explore new themes created specifically for the afternoon! The Enrichment class provides a great deal of additional time for working on specific skills in math, language arts, science, social studies, and reading. Students will also benefit from additional social time and individual reading time with teachers as well.

*JumpBunch* introduces sports and fitness to your child in a hands-on setting. The year-round program utilizes Activity Plans that offer a different sport or activity with each class. Most of all, JumpBunch is lots of fun – children are excited and eager to participate! JumpBunch runs from 1 - 2pm on Wednesdays throughout the year. Please note that JumpBunch classes will start on Wednesday, October 7th.

Please contact Emily Hawthorne to register for any of these exciting opportunities...

[emily@castletonumc.org](mailto:emily@castletonumc.org), (317) 823-0123, or just stop by the ECC Office!

## A Message from Associate Pastor, Matt Lipan...

Here we are at the beginning of a new school year and all of the excitement (and sometimes anxiety) that comes with it. I simply wanted to say "Welcome" to one of the vibrant ministries of Castleton United Methodist Church! As the pastor who works closely with Emily and oversees our pre-school ministries, both at the Sunrise and Castleton campuses, I am looking forward to the opportunities I'll have to get to know you and your family. I have no doubt that God will continue to use the teamwork of ECC and Castleton UMC to minister to your child and your family throughout this school year.

And whether you have a church family already or are looking for one, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Sunrise ECC or anything that Castleton UMC as a church is doing. My email is [matt@castletonumc.org](mailto:matt@castletonumc.org) or you can call the church office at 849.2947 ext. 239.

\*You can read and interact with more of Pastor Matt's writings at his blog: [mattlipan.blogspot.com](http://mattlipan.blogspot.com) or find him on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/mattlipan](http://www.twitter.com/mattlipan)

## CUMNS 2009 Fall Festival

Castleton United Methodist Nursery School is hosting their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26th from 2:00 - 6:00pm at the Castleton UMC campus (71st & Shadeland Ave).

All families and friends are encouraged to stop by and enjoy the festivities! The 2009 Fall Festival will include face painting, pony rides, games & prizes, bounce houses, hot dogs & pizza, hay rides, cotton candy, a children's bookstore, auction items, and much more!

There is no entrance fee for the event. Food & game tickets can be purchased at the door.

## Bible Buddies & Children's Church

We are excited to announce the addition of the Bible Buddies class to our weekly curriculum at Sunrise. Mrs. Mills will lead students in this exciting class... learning Bible verses, listening to stories, and participating in wonderful activities that celebrate God's love! Bible Buddies classes will begin Sept 28.

Children's Worship will be held monthly, starting on Friday, Nov 6. Parents are welcome to join us for this 9:15am service. Students, parents and teachers will worship together... singing songs, listen to a children's talk from a church staff member, and sharing the Bible verses they've learned this month. More info to come...

## Parking Lot Reminders...

Parents are encouraged to refrain from driving in front of the school during drop-off and pick-up times. Using our side parking lots minimizes traffic across the front of our school and makes it safer for our students and families to walk to their cars!

Thanks for your assistance in helping us keep our parking lot and front driveway safe for all of our students and families!

## Castleton Connection

*The Sunrise Early Childhood Center is a ministry of Castleton United Methodist Church. Sunrise ECC students and families are always welcome to join in on the activities and festivities at either CUMC location. A brief listing of opportunities available within the next couple months is listed below...*

- \* Conacious Discipline Parenting Class - weekly, starting Wednesday, September 30th  
71st & Shadeland Campus, 6:30 - 8:30pm, [amy@castletonumc.org](mailto:amy@castletonumc.org) for more info
- \* Altered Minds Tour - Featured acts are Lacrae, Tedashii, After Edmund, and Mikeschair.  
71st & Shadeland Campus, October 4th, 7:00pm, [e-rock@castletonumc.org](mailto:e-rock@castletonumc.org) or more info



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