



# SEPTEMBER, 2011

The mission of Morley Extended Day Care: Nurturing individual children's growth in a safe, comfortable, and enriching environment.

## WELCOME TO MEDC!

Fun facts:

- MEDC currently serves 93 children, which is 24% of the Morley student population!
- Of the 71 families served by our program, 9 are new to MEDC.
- We have 13 new kindergarteners. Of those, 7 are siblings of 'veteran' MEDC kids.
- This is the SEVENTH consecutive year that MEDC has not increased tuition fees!

Upon registration (or Orientation for new families), you received a *Parent's Handbook* outlining MEDC policies and procedures. **Please keep the Handbook available for future reference.**

If you have any questions about the Handbook or about any of MEDC's policies, please contact the MEDC office for clarification.



### Hours of Operation:

**AM: 7:15-8:35**  
**PM: 3:20-6:00**  
 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**2:00-6:00**  
 on Wednesday

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- ☺ In an effort to 'GO GREENER,' MEDC E-mails Newsletters, Vacation Camp notices, registration materials, etc.
- ☺ *Please be sure you've provided us with an e-mail address that you want us to use for this purpose.*
- ☺ Please notify Katherine if you prefer to receive paper copies of all notices.

## SCHOOL CLOSINGS IN SEPTEMBER>>>



**School and MEDC will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5th (Labor Day).**

**School will be closed on Thursday, September 29 (Rosh Hashanah).** MEDC will offer a **VACATION CAMP** program on September 29th for children who have pre-registered. We will go to the Pottery Piazza in Plainville, CT.

Registration forms will be e-mailed to families in early September. Enrollment will be limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms will not be accepted after the September 22 deadline, or after the program is full (whichever happens first). Children who are enrolled in the September 29th Vacation Camp program must arrive no later than 10:00 (the field trip bus will not be able to wait for children who are late!) and must bring a 100% disposable lunch (no thermos, ice pack, lunch box, etc.) in a labeled paper or plastic bag. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided by MEDC. Other activities will include art and crafts, outdoor and gym play, and games and contests.

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Ms Jen, Mr Greg, and Ms Mimi will serve as this year's CLUB co-leaders!



## SEPTEMBER CLUB SCHEDULE



**KinderClub:** every day until September 9 (and longer if necessary to help our youngest students adjust)

**Grades K-1:** September 15, 23

**Grade 2:** September 13, 22

**Grade 3:** September 16, 27

**Grade 4:** September 20, 30

**Grade 5:** September 14, 21, 28

## MEDC CURRICULUM

### MORNING PROGRAM...

- Children may arrive at MEDC any time after 7:15; if you arrive earlier, you will be asked to wait outside until we open (per insurance regulations).
- Children may bring breakfast in the morning and eat at a designated, supervised table.
- Children will be offered a variety of activities each morning.
- It is not necessary to call us if your child will not attend in the morning.
- We escort kindergarteners to their classrooms every day, and older children will be dismissed in groups when the morning bell rings.

### AFTERNOON PROGRAM..

Kindergarteners will be picked up at their classrooms after school and escorted to MEDC; children in grades 1-5 will come to MEDC on their own. After a nutritional snack that is served family-style (the monthly snack calendar is posted on the Parent Board), children will be offered the choice of a variety of activities. They may participate in quiet Homework Club in the hall or do their homework with friends in the cafeteria. They may go outside or play in the gym with their age group. They may participate in the project-of-the-day or choose from various free-play options including dramatic play, reading or relaxing in the Book Nook, building in the Construction Zone, singing or dancing in the Music area, or creating masterpieces at the Art table.

### HOMEWORK CLUB...



Homework Club is a quiet, supervised activity that takes place in the hall immediately after snack until about 4:30. Children may choose Homework Club as an activity choice, or parents or teachers may request that children participate in Homework Club. If a child is signed up by a parent or teacher, staff will *remind and encourage* the child to attend. *However, the choice and the responsibility is ultimately that of the child.* If a child has been asked to do homework at Homework Club and chooses not to, the parent will be notified.

**\*\*\*\*Please contact Katherine or Melissa if you would like your child to be encouraged to attend Homework Club.**

# Introducing our **Multi-talented, Exceptional, Dedicated Caregivers**

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**Katherine Westerholm** has been Director of MEDC since 2005, having served as Assistant Director since 1999. She holds degrees in English and Education and was a Preschool Director before coming to MEDC. She is the mother of two adult children.

**Melissa Inhphom** has been a Group Leader since 2008. She graduated from Capital Community College with certification in Early Childhood Education, and she currently attends Saint Joseph College and majors in Child Studies. Melissa is the Head Teacher of MEDC and is responsible for the program in Katherine's absence.

**Maureen Faenza** has served as MEDC's bookkeeper since 1999. Maureen enjoys working with Morley kids and their families and will be available to answer your financial questions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

## **GROUP LEADERS...**

**Amanda Ingalls** became a Group Leader in 2010. Amanda attends Capital Community College and enjoys reading, walking, and traveling.

**Amber Polo** joined the MEDC staff in 2010. She is a student at Tunxis Community College, where she studies Early Childhood Education. Amber's interests include ice hockey, cooking, and reading. She is the proud mom of a two-year-old son.

**Cathy McMahon** became an MEDC Group Leader in 2010 and attends the University of Hartford, where she majors in Elementary/Special Education. She has served as a classroom tutor, and one of her interests is dance. Cathy is currently student-teaching at an elementary school in New Britain.

**Greg Ganci** has been a Group Leader since 2008 and is a former 'MEDC kid.' He attends Manchester Community College, where he majors in Physical Education. Greg enjoys football, lacrosse, rugby, and music. Greg will serve as the co-leader of the Club program.

**Jackie Gomez** joins our staff in September, 2011. She attends Tunxis Community College and majors in General Studies. Jackie's interests include martial arts (specifically, taekwondo), music, reading, and singing.

**Jennifer Milkie** has been a Group Leader since 2009 and is the co-leader of the Club program. She is a student at CCSU, majoring in Art Education. She especially enjoys drawing, hiking, and painting.

**Kristina Ozon** has been a Group Leader since 2007. She is interested in bike riding and tennis. Kristina is MEDC's Senior Group Leader, and she is responsible for monitoring and maintaining our space and supplies.

**Michelle Faenza** returns to MEDC after graduating from Stonehill College with a degree in Elementary Education and Spanish. She spent her high school years and the past six summers as an MEDC Group Leader. She enjoys running, reading, the beach, and traveling.

**Milena Tuta-Pachon** has been a Group Leader since 2007. Milena is from Colombia and enjoys sharing her culture and language with MEDC kids. She attends the University of Connecticut, where she studies Nursing. Milena enjoys scuba diving, snowboarding, skiing, swimming, and bike-riding.

**Mimi Richard** joined our staff in 2010. She is a student at UCONN and majors in communication disorders and psychology. Mimi loves horseback riding, reading, and traveling.

**Nazy Kesbar** has been a Group Leader since 2010. She attended CCSU and majored in sociology. Nazy enjoys sharing her sewing, knitting and crocheting skills with our MEDC kids; and she also loves gardening, cooking, and hiking.

**Octavia Francis** has been a Group Leader since 2010. She attends Capital Community College and studies Pediatric Nursing. Octavia enjoys reading and dancing.