

# THE HONEYCOMB HERALD



April has a way of bringing fresh energy into everything we do. The season shifts, the days feel lighter, and there's a quiet reminder that growth often starts small, then builds into something meaningful.



This month invites us to pause and reflect on renewal. Not just in the traditional sense, but in the way we show up for one another, how we recharge, and how we continue to grow together as a community.

At Clever Bee Academy, we see this as the perfect time to bring new life into how we connect, recognize, and celebrate each other.

This month, we're excited to start rolling out a few new employee engagement activities designed to make our Hive even stronger. You might start noticing a few new buzzworthy initiatives making their way into your day-to-day. Some are small, simple gestures. Others are a bit more exciting.



All of them are built with one goal in mind. To create a workplace where people feel valued, supported, and genuinely part of something special.

So as we step into April, we invite you to lean into that spirit of renewal. Check in with your team. Celebrate small wins. And keep an eye out. The Hive has a lot in store.



Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!



## From the Hive Leadership

A message from **Esra Cardace**, SVP Business Operations

Greetings, Wonderful Clever Bee Academy Team,  
As we begin a new quarter, I want to share how proud I am of everything you have already accomplished in 2026.

Many of you have heard my son's story and our journey after his autism diagnosis. Our Inclusion Program holds a very special place in my heart. We truly believe that every child deserves a great educational experience, regardless of their challenges. I am proud to share that our Inclusion Program has already supported 210 children through speech, occupational therapy, and ABA. What a remarkable impact.

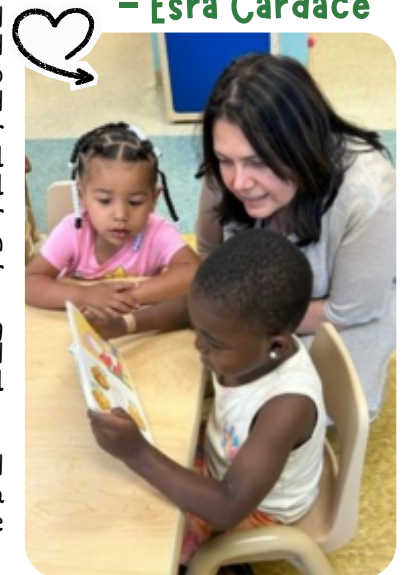
During our first quarter, from January through March, we served 1,100 families and welcomed 264 new children into our centers. Teachers are the heart of our organization. You bring our vision to life through the experiences you create for our children and families every day.

I have heard so many inspiring stories. Children learning to write, developing academic skills, and gaining the tools to manage their emotions through the plans you thoughtfully create with parents and providers. I have also seen videos of your classrooms that reflect strong engagement and excellent implementation of our Learning Beyond Paper curriculum.

— **Esra Cardace**

As we continue to grow and impact even more children and families, we remain committed to your development. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Professional Development Days. In May, we will also be working closely with our Assistant Directors to strengthen their skills and prepare them for the Center Director role. I am excited to continue hearing your success stories and celebrating these meaningful moments together.

Thank you for your passion and commitment to making a difference one child and one family at a time. Cheers!



GOLDEN MOMENTS

## April Birthdays

APRIL 1 ANDREA MCFARLANE	APRIL 9 KADEJA PORTER
APRIL 2 JOANNE RANKINS	APRIL 10 PAIGE SOKOTUK SONYA WILSON
APRIL 6 MALINDA LOVING MONICA GARTRELL	APRIL 14 DIONNE BRYANT
APRIL 7 ALEXANDREA JIMENEZ ELISE MERISIER	APRIL 15 KESHA KING
APRIL 8 SKYLAR RENEE BRIANNA BENSON	APRIL 22 CRYSTAL BOWMAN
	APRIL 27 KALANIE JOHNSON
	APRIL 30 KAREN SMITH

## April Anniversaries

APRIL 1 ANYAI SHEPPARD	APRIL 15 MELIA GIBBS
APRIL 7 LATONIA RENEE WILSON	APRIL 20 CHRISTINA GONZALES
APRIL 11 TYE-ESHA GORDON	APRIL 28 AUTUMN LATHAM
	APRIL 29 ELISE MERISIER

### BUZZ AHEAD

## Caring for the Hive

We're excited to introduce a new way we support and give back to our team.

The Bee Well Allowance is designed to recognize your commitment and care for your well-being. Eligible employees will receive a \$400 allowance every July, as a token of appreciation for your dedication and the impact you make every day.

More details on eligibility and how this will be rolled out will be shared soon. For now, know that this is one of the many ways we're continuing to invest in you and your journey with Clever Bee Academy.

Stay tuned and keep the Hive buzzing.

### HIVE SPOTLIGHT

## Cleveland Ave Shines GOLD



It's been an exciting month at Cleveland Ave, and there's plenty to celebrate.

The team recently maintained their SUTQ Gold Standard, a huge milestone that reflects their consistency, dedication, and commitment to high-quality care and education. From leadership to the classroom, every member of the team played a part in making this possible.

And the momentum continues.

On April 2, Cleveland Ave also welcomed a special guest for a story time session with their Future Ready 5 class. Led by Maurice Womack, the children enjoyed a lively reading of *The King of Kindergarten*, creating a fun and engaging learning experience right inside the classroom.



A big thank you to the entire Cleveland Ave team, with special recognition to Patricia Duckworth, Center Director, and Terica Linwood, Assistant Center Director, as well as Darnisha Allen for her guidance and support, and Jill Bowe for her leadership.

Cleveland Ave continues to set the bar high. And the Hive is proud to celebrate you.

### SWEET & SAVORY SPOTLIGHT

## Deviled Eggs

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 HARD-BOILED EGGS
- 3 TBSP MAYONNAISE
- 1 TSP MUSTARD
- SALT AND PEPPER, TO TASTE
- PAPRIKA (FOR GARNISH)

#### PROCEDURE:

1. PEEL THE HARD-BOILED EGGS AND SLICE THEM IN HALF LENGTHWISE.
2. REMOVE THE YOLKS AND PLACE THEM IN A BOWL.
3. MASH THE YOLKS, THEN MIX IN MAYONNAISE, MUSTARD, SALT, AND PEPPER UNTIL SMOOTH.
4. SPOON OR PIPE THE MIXTURE BACK INTO THE EGG WHITES.
5. LIGHTLY SPRINKLE PAPRIKA ON TOP FOR THAT CLASSIC FINISH.

