

THE HONEYCOMB HERALD



VOICES FROM THE HIVE

June Teacher Message: Learning Through Play

A Message from Jevon Sullen-Freeman - Cleveland District Manager

Happy June, Buzzing Bees!

As we kick off summer, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the love, patience, and dedication you bring to our children every day. June is a special month because it marks the beginning of new adventures, new experiences, and endless opportunities to make lasting memories with the children in our care.

While summer can be busy and sometimes challenging, it is also one of the most rewarding times of the year as we watch children grow, explore, and discover the world around them.

This month, we celebrate International Day of Play on June 11, a day dedicated to recognizing the importance of play in children's learning, development, and well-being.

Play is so much more than fun—it helps children build confidence, solve problems, develop social skills, and discover the world around them. As early childhood educators, you make play purposeful every day.

Whether you're leading a science experiment, building a block tower, reading a story, or joining a game of pretend, you are helping children learn through experiences that will stay with them for years to come.

As we move through June, let's embrace the theme "Learning Through Play." Just like bees work together to build a strong hive, each of us plays an important role in creating a positive, nurturing environment where children can thrive.

Thank you for everything you do to make Clever Bee a place where children feel safe, loved, and excited to learn. Your impact is greater than you know, and we are grateful to have you as part of our hive.



HIVE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Our Clever Bee Teachers

Last month, our Hive came together to celebrate the incredible educators who make a difference every single day during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4–8). While appreciation for our teachers extends far beyond one week, this special celebration gave us the opportunity to pause, reflect, and recognize the heart, patience, and dedication our teachers bring into the classroom each day.

Across our centers, appreciation came to life in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

At **Cleveland Ave**, teachers were celebrated throughout the week with a variety of thoughtful tokens of appreciation, including refreshments shared with administration, wellness gifts like water bottles and drinks, and a special potato bar lunch prepared with all the toppings imaginable to thank the team for their hard work.



At **Harrisburg Pike**, teachers were encouraged to take a moment for themselves through wellness-centered appreciation activities inspired by the reminder: “You can’t fill from an empty cup, so fill yours.”



Meanwhile, **Arlington** joined in the celebration with their own Teacher Appreciation Week efforts, finding meaningful ways to recognize and thank their team for the care and consistency they bring each day.

CURRENT BUZZ

Keep the Hive Honors Buzzing

Hive Honors is officially in motion, and we’re excited to continue celebrating the everyday moments that make our Hive thrive.

Whether it’s being recognized through Honey Drop Rewards, showing reliability as a Steady Bee, demonstrating classroom excellence as a Top Pollinator, or fostering a positive and supportive environment through leadership and teamwork, Hive Honors is designed to recognize the meaningful contributions happening across our centers every day.

As a reminder, participation and recognition opportunities are ongoing, so keep bringing your best, supporting one another, and celebrating the wins. For more information about the program, mechanics, and rewards, please connect with your Center Director, who will be happy to guide you through the details.

ROYAL BEE OF THE MONTH

This month, we’re excited to spotlight D’Audrey Holloway, Assistant Teacher at Cleveland Ave, who has been part of the Hive since December 2025.

Known for her caring and dependable nature, D’Audrey brings patience, positivity, and heart into the classroom each day, helping create a safe and welcoming environment where children feel comfortable, supported, and excited to learn.



Inspired by her love for working with children and being part of their growth and development, D’Audrey finds joy in helping young learners build confidence and reach new milestones.

One accomplishment she is especially proud of is building strong relationships with both children and families while creating a positive space where every child feels valued.

Outside of work, D’Audrey enjoys spending time with her three boys, watching drama and crime shows, gardening, taking naps, and learning new recipes in the kitchen. She also dreams of visiting California one day and lives by a simple but meaningful motto: “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” Her kindness, patience, and dedication continue to make a difference in the lives of the children and families she serves every day.

**“TREAT OTHERS
THE WAY YOU WANT
TO BE TREATED.”**

— D’Audrey Holloway

| SWEET & SAVORY SPOTLIGHT PROCEDURE:

Summer Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups rotini pasta
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cucumber, diced
- 1 cup cheddar cheese cubes (or mozzarella pearls)
- ½ cup sliced black olives (optional)
- ½ cup bell peppers, diced (any color)
- ¼ cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup Italian dressing
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley or basil (optional garnish)

1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions until tender. Drain and rinse under cold water to cool completely.
2. Prepare the vegetables by slicing the tomatoes, dicing the cucumber and bell peppers, and finely chopping the onion.

3. Combine the ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add the cooled pasta, vegetables, cheese, and olives.
4. Pour in the dressing and gently toss everything together until evenly coated.
5. Season to taste with salt and pepper, then cover and chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to blend.
6. Serve cold and garnish with fresh parsley or basil if desired.


| GOLDEN MOMENTS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1 JILL BOWE	JUNE 18 DESIREE MCLIN
JUNE 2 JESSICA STANFORD TEAIRA LONG	JUNE 19 MELISSA NAVA
JUNE 4 JAMIE MARTINSON	JUNE 21 KAREN FRANKLIN
JUNE 6 KRISTINA WALLACE ASHLEY KILPATRICK ANTONIA SCHMIDT ROBIN CRAMER	JUNE 23 BREANNA COLLINS
JUNE 8 KRISTEN VITARIUS	JUNE 26 NIMO ADEN TONYA BYOUS
JUNE 9 ALYSIA WARD	JUNE 27 SAVANNAHA MONTELONGO
JUNE 10 MICHAIA REIS	JUNE 28 KIMBERLYN HICKS
JUNE 11 AUBRIE ARMSTRONG	JUNE 29 RONEISHA SPEAKS
	JUNE 30 LEKESHIA WIGGINS

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 2 KADEJA PORTER SKYLAR RENEE	JUNE 16 AAMAYA CAPLETON MAKALA PITTS HAILEY EDWARDS
JUNE 6 BRITTANY BAILEY	JUNE 24 NIMO ADEN
JUNE 7 KAITLYNN MILLER KEITH DAVIS DONNA ANDERSON	JUNE 27 CRYSTAL BOWMAN PAIGE SOKOTUK LORETTA GREENE LATRECIA WILLIAMS
JUNE 9 ANN LINK ANTONIA SCHMIDT	JUNE 28 MEMPHIS BOWE
JUNE 10 PATRICIA DUCKWORTH TYTIANA WILLIAMS	JUNE 30 MARLENA HARRELL
JUNE 14 MADISON BOWE MAKAYLA JAQUAY CANDAE GRAHAM	