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VOICES FROM THE HIVE

OCTOBER TEACHER MESSAGE

A new month means a fresh start, new goals, and another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children and families! ❤️

October is all about teamwork, growth, and creating moments that matter. Just like the leaves change and bring new colors, let's bring new energy, new ideas, and a positive spirit into our centers! 🌸🍂

This month, let's challenge ourselves to:

- 🌟 Create unforgettable experiences for our children
- 🤝 Support and encourage one another
- 💖 Build strong relationships with our families

📖 Keep learning, growing, and improving

🎃 Have a little fun along the way! Remember, what we do every day matters. The smiles, hugs, lessons, conversations, and little moments of encouragement may seem small, but they can make a BIG difference in a child's life.

Let's make October spooktacular! 🎃👻



New month. New goals. Same amazing team!

Let's make it our best month yet! 💪



Nokisha Tobias
Area Manager - Cleveland



HIVE SPOTLIGHT

A SEASON OF STANDOUT RESULTS

This September, three of our centers gave us every reason to be proud with outstanding licensing inspection results — proof that consistency, teamwork, and showing up every day truly pay off.

Arbor Park, led by Jamie and Jean, earned a perfect inspection with zero non-compliances. Their clean, organized, and welcoming building reflects the team's hard work, even through staffing challenges. Shoutout to Toni for her continued support, and to Agnes, whose contributions helped shape Arbor Park's success before her recent move to Ridge.

St. Clair, led by Benita, also achieved a perfect inspection — a big win after working through staffing challenges for quite some time. Shoutout to Toni and Nokisha for always lending a hand when needed.

Northern Lights, led by Director Desiree and Assistant Director Tameka, came through with an incredibly successful visit and just one low point, after months of change and long hours. Shoutout to Darnisha for her continuous coaching and support on both licensing and SUTQ fronts.

Congratulations to all three teams — your dedication is a reminder of what's possible when the Hive stays committed to one another.

These results are a reminder of what's possible when a team stays committed to one another, even through the tough stretches. As we move into October, let their dedication inspire the rest of the Hive to keep showing up, keep supporting each other, and keep striving for excellence in everything we do.

Together for a Brighter Tomorrow

October brings a playful kind of energy into the Hive. The air turns crisper, the colors get bolder, and there's an unmistakable buzz of excitement as we lean into all things cozy, creative, and a little bit spooky. It shows up in the classrooms, in the costumes taking shape, and in the pure joy on every little face as they imagine, create, and celebrate together.

This is a season that reminds us how much wonder there is in the everyday — in a story told around circle time, a craft made with pride, or a giggle shared between friends. Let's keep that spirit going all month long.

Here's to a fun-filled October in the Hive.

GET TO KNOW: DIONNA BARRETT

This month, we're celebrating a bee whose dedication speaks for itself — Dionna Barrett, Assistant Teacher at Cleveland Avenue, who has been part of the Hive for a year now.



Dionna's connection to Clever Bee started close to home — her own child attends daycare here, and that personal tie is what drew her into the field. Since joining the team, she's grown in ways she didn't expect, including learning how to run a classroom entirely on her own. That growth didn't go unnoticed: when her center's lead teacher recently went on leave, Dionna stepped up without hesitation, taking on the role with dedication, professionalism, and consistency — coming in early to prepare her classroom and making sure everything was ready before the day even began.

It's no surprise that hard work was recently recognized when Dionna earned Teacher of the Month for July — an accomplishment she's especially proud of.

"That shows my accomplishment at work and shows that I try and never give up," she shares. When asked about her work style, she puts it simply: "I love my job. I love what I do and I love my kids."

Her advice to fellow bees is just as straightforward: "Always try your best, no matter how hard it gets."

Buzzing Beyond Work 🐝

Outside of work, Dionna's favorite way to unwind is simply relaxing and spending time with her child — the person who always makes her smile. She's got a hidden talent for doing hair, and a fun fact most people don't know: she likes to sing. Her go-to comfort meal is a classic — macaroni and cheese. If she weren't teaching, she'd probably be doing hair professionally. Her bucket list dream is to travel more.

SWEET & SAVORY SPOTLIGHT

SHEPHERD'S PIE



PROCEDURE

1. Preheat: Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Brown beef and onion: In a large skillet over medium heat, cook 1.5 pounds ground beef and 1 yellow onion, diced until the beef is browned and the onion is soft.
3. Simmer filling: Add 2 carrots, diced, 1 cups frozen peas, 2 tablespoons tomato paste, 1 cups beef broth, and 1 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce. Season with 1 teaspoons salt and pepper, to taste, then simmer until slightly thickened.
4. Assemble: Spread the beef mixture evenly in a baking dish. Top with 4 cups cups mashed potatoes (prepared), spreading to the edges, then sprinkle with 0.5 cups shredded cheddar cheese (optional) if using.
5. Bake: Bake until the top is golden and the filling is bubbling at the edges.

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The Honeycomb Herald wants YOU! Share your center's events, celebrations, and everyday hive moments with the rest of Clever Bee Academy.

📧 Send your photos to czamora@cleverbeeacademy.com

Your center could be the next big buzz!

GOLDEN MOMENTS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Daisha Tolbert
Oct 4	Tackya Bolanos
Oct 4	Teresa Hyde
Oct 4	Troy Moore
Oct 6	Devin Ware
Oct 7	Mikayla King
Oct 9	Airreana Williams
Oct 14	Stanley Wilson
Oct 20	Esra Cardace
Oct 24	Chelsea Brown
Oct 25	Talyka Hawkins
Oct 26	Ellena Harrell
Oct 26	Lauren Kennedy
Oct 28	Vallory Cannon
Oct 31	Kaylea Walter

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 1	Alexandrea Jimenez
Oct 1	Joseph SanFilippo
Oct 1	Jill Bowe
Oct 1	Jamie Martinson
Oct 2	Teresa Hyde
Oct 6	Carley Richards
Oct 6	Aubrie Armstrong
Oct 6	Linda Frampton
Oct 17	Kameko Robinson
Oct 20	Kaylea Walter
Oct 20	Jeanette McBride
Oct 20	Chanelle Jackson
Oct 22	Tianna Harris
Oct 24	Gianna Deckard
Oct 24	Majdudeen Odeh
Oct 26	Andrianna Moore
Oct 27	Kyasiah Utley
Oct 28	Lillie Captain
Oct 31	Ellena Harrell
Oct 31	Kathryn Bodzenski