

# June Newsletter

## Garden Patch CLC

There was a time when any car ride with my kids meant reluctantly turning on children's music just to keep the peace. We had a particular CD on repeat – *This Old Man, I'm a Little Teapot*, and a whole collection of songs that, at the time, felt like they would never end. I remember longing for the day when the radio would feel like mine again– when I could listen to music I actually enjoyed without gritting my teeth.

Now my kids are older, and those CDs are long gone. But , to be honest, the control hasn't exactly returned to me. These days, my 12-year-old has claimed the role of DJ, introducing her younger brother to all kinds of music as she rides shotgun. The soundtrack has changed, but I'm still mostly along for the ride.

Lately, that shift has had me thinking about what I would tell a younger version of myself– back when the car was filled with nursery rhymes and sticky fingers. As my kids move closer to their teenage years, I find myself wishing I had slowed down just a little more. I wish I had soaked in those baby cuddles, even on the nights when ear infections kept everyone awake or when a new tooth made for long, exhausting days.

If there's anything I've learned in my decade-plus of parenting, it's how quickly the time passes. Every stage comes with its challenges, and it's so easy to wish those harder moments away in hopes of reaching an "easier" phase. But what parenting has taught me is that there really isn't an easier stage – just different challenges, different rhythms, and different kinds of moments we don't always realize we'll miss.

So today, leave the song on a little longer– even if it drives you crazy.

Jill Weidenbach, Director

### June Birthdays

Naomi R.	June 3
Ryan R.	June 4
Benson S.	June 7
Landon S.	June 9
Beckham W.	June 27



Just a reminder we will be **closed**  
Friday, July 3rd in honor of  
4th of July.

# JUNE 2026 MASTER CALENDARS

## Master June 2026

School-age (SA1)	Grasshoppers (G)
School-age (SA2)	Caterpillars (C)
Daisies & Snopdragons (DS)	Ladybugs (L)
Dragonflies (DG)	Bumblebees (B)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Carousel's 10:00 @ the center (B, L, G, C, DG, DS, SA1, SA2)	2 Durham Museum 10:00-12:00 (DS) Water Day (SA1, SA2)	3 Durham Museum 10:00-12:00 (SA2)	4 Durham Museum 10:00-12:00 (SA1) Bike Day (DS)	5 Bike Day (G)
8 Metro Stars 10:00-11:00 (DG)	9 Skate City 12:00-2:00 (DS) Bike Day (L) Water Day (SA1, SA2)	10 Skate City 12:00-2:00 (SA2)	11 Skate City 12:00-2:00 (SA1)	12 Bike Day (DG)
15 Bounce Houses (B, L, G, C, DG, DS, SA1, SA2)	16 Prehistoric Pull-Pull 9:30 then The Grove Park with lunch (DS) Water Day (SA1, SA2)	17 Prehistoric Pull-Pull 10:00 then The Grove Park with lunch (SA2)	18 Prehistoric Pull-Pull 10:00 then The Grove Park with lunch (SA1) Bike Day (DS)	19 Nona Ice 10:00 @ the center (B, L, G, C, DG, DS, SA1, SA2) Bike Day (G)
22 Foam Party 10:00-12:00 @ the center (L, G, C, DG, DS, SA1, SA2) Water Day (B)	23 Skiz Zone 10:30-12:00 (DS) Bike Day (L) Water Day (SA1, SA2)	24 Skiz Zone 10:30-12:00 (SA2)	25 Skiz Zone 10:30-12:00 (SA1)	26 Bike Day (DG)
29 Wildlife Encounters @ the center 10:00 & 10:30 (L, G, C, DG, DS, SA1, SA2)	30 Water Day (SA1, SA2)			

### Extra Clothes Reminder

Just a reminder to double check the extra clothes your child has here. Check for size and season appropriateness.

We ask that each child has a set or two of extra clothes. Even those who have been potty-trained for a long time can have an accident, spill milk, or jump in a puddle.

We appreciate your help with this!

### Change Jobs?

Get a new phone number?  
Update your email address?

Stay current on all Garden Patch news by letting us know if your contact information has changed.

Stop by the front desk to get your information updated today.

## Pickle Cheeseburger Bites

1 lb. ground beef  
2 Tbsp. ketchup  
1 Tbsp. olive oil  
28 dill pickle chips  
14 small lettuce leaves

1/2 tsp. salt  
2 Tbsp. mayonnaise  
4 slices American cheese  
14 slices plum tomatoes

Shape the ground beef into 1 -inch patties (about 14) and sprinkle with the salt.

In a small bowl, combine the ketchup and mayonnaise.

Heat the olive oil in a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, cook the patties 2 minutes per side, topping each with a small slice of American cheese after flipping.

Thread the patties onto skewers with the dill pickle chips, sliced plum tomato and lettuce. Serve with the ketchup-mayonnaise mixture.



## S'mores Popsicles

2 c. cold milk  
2 whole graham crackers, crushed  
1 (3.9 oz) package instant chocolate pudding mix  
1 1/2 c. vanilla ice cream, softened



Beat milk and pudding mix together in a bowl using an electric mixer until thickened, about 2 minutes.

Measure 1 1/2 cup pudding and set remaining pudding aside for another use.

Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs into the bottom of each ice pop mold; add about 1/4 cup ice cream.

Sprinkle another layer of graham cracker crumbs and top with about 1/4 cup pudding. Add a final layer of graham cracker crumbs. Freeze until completely frozen, about 3 hours.

## June Toddler & Preschool Themes

Week of June 1	Summer Fun
Week of June 7	Sweet Treats
Week of June 15	Wild West
Week of June 22	Summer Sports
Week of June 28	Circus/ Red, White, & Blue
<u>Toddler Numbers of the Month</u> 21, 22, & 23	<u>Preschool Numbers of the Month</u> 36, 27, & 38
<u>Color of the Month</u> Rainbow/Arcoiris	<u>Letters of the Month</u> Review all letters
<u>Shape of the Month</u> Pentagon	<u>Social Skill of the Month:</u> Helping Each Other
Preschool Assessment Focus: Review	
Pre-K Spanish Focus: Review of all Words	

## Important Days in June & July

Week of June 1 – Summer activities begin

Friday, June 19 – Donuts with Dad

Thursday, July 2 – Wear red, white, and blue