# THE CDC SCOOP

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Welcome to the third edition of THE CDC SCOOP. We are excited to share some of the highlights from the 2022-2023 program year for The Children's Developmental Center of Lima.





#### **Fall Festivities:**

Classes resumed in September, and we wasted no time getting busy and having fun learning.

October was fire safety month which meant another amazing visit from the Lima Fire Department. We also had our first of two annual conferences with families to create individualized goals for the year. We wrapped up the month with a special trick or treat event around the Lima Memorial Health System campus.





# **Holiday Highlights:**

On December 8, 2022, **Cenovus Lima Refinery** continued their long-standing tradition of coordinating a holiday event for the CDC. This drive-up celebration was very well attended and was a great way to help our families kick off the holiday season.

Before our holiday break started on December 15, 2022, we had a fun pajama party which included a special visit from Santa. We also got our annual quilt donation from Forest Park United Methodist Church to keep us warm all winter long.





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## **Dynamic Dina:**

Erin Koenig with Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities joined us weekly throughout the school year for Dina School. This program uses puppets to help develop selfregulation skills in young children. Thank you, Ms. Erin, for having fun with us as we learned valuable life skills.

# **Spring Celebrations:**

Spring was busy as ever as we started to make preparations for the end of our program year.

We began the enrollment process for the next school year and met with our families to review progress made on the goals established at the start of the year.

Before we took our weeklong Spring break in April, we had a special from the Easter Bunny.

A special graduation event was held on May 11, 2023. CDC staff traveled to all graduates' houses to wish them well in kindergarten and beyond.





## **Bowling Family Fun:**

We continued to see a great response to our annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser which was held on May 13, 2023. The money raised will help to support ongoing developmental preschool programming. We would like to thank 20th Century Lanes and DJ Phil Austin for helping make this event a success.

#### Pizza Park Party:

We were honored to be chosen as Fat Jack's Class of the Week on the WLIO Morning Edition. To celebrate, we hosted a pizza party at Lincoln Park on May 11, 2022. This event was open to all students and their families and proved to be a great way to wind down our year. This first-time event was so popular we plan to make it annual event.

#### **Summer Smiles:**

We were excited to offer our preschool children the option of summer programming throughout the month of June. Classes ran for four weeks in the morning and featured special visits from musician Jim Boedicker and Ms. Beth from Johnny **Appleseed Parks District.** 

# **Looking Ahead:**

Our 2023-2024 school year launches September 6, 2023 and we look forward to another year of great memories as we continue to support the developmental milestones of young children.

Thank you to all who support our work, please keep a look out for future issues of THE CDC SCOOP.

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