

PowerUP! Newsletter

North Missouri Center for Youth and Families, Inc

September 2, 2025

UPDATES

21st Century Community Learning Center Grant—Updates

A big part of our PowerUP! funding comes from the 21st Century grant. This grant allows us to provide quality afterschool educational and extended learning opportunities for students. The Senate budget committee has tentatively put the 21st CCLC funds into the suggested federal budget, but the budget still has to make it through the rest of the Senate and the House. We hope the 21st CCLC stays in the budget, but realize there are not guarantees! Continue to reach out to our representatives and let them know the importance of afterschool programs.

Join Remind:

Please make sure you have joined Remind. Remind is our messaging system that allows us to text parents important reminders about pick up or changes in routine. Join Remind: **Text -- @powerup181 to 81010.**

Morning Program:

Just a reminder that we have a before school program from 6:30 am -7:30 am for parents who have to be at work too early for school drop off. See Amanda about enrollment opportunities. **In order to drop your children off at PowerUP! at 6:30 am on full days you must be enrolled in the morning program. Drop off on full days begins at 7:30 am.**

Hiring!

If you know of anyone that would like to be a YPA, please have them go to nmcyf.org, and complete the application on the Join Our Team tab or email a resume and cover letter to director@nmcyf.org

School Year Program

Outlined below is a quick summary of what your child has been working on in each rotation activity.

Learning Center: Miss Denise

In the Learning Center, a highlight during the summer session was working with Skittles and M &M's for math lessons. The kids did sorting, counting, graphing, and patterning. The kids were excited to be able to eat the candies after the different lessons. A lot of review was done on reading and math skills to keep the students on course during the summer break. In the garden area the kids picked watermelons, peppers, and cantaloupes. They made jalapeno poppers, pizza sauce and pizza, and also looked up recipes. They will continue to clean the garden area as summer is coming to a close. We are now ready to start the new school year and assist the children with their homework and other activities. Summer flew by, and we hope everyone enjoyed some time with their families. Always feel free to reach out to me if you have any academic concerns about your child. (denise@nmcyf.org)

Art and PE: Miss Kaylynn

The end of our summer session brought an end to our "Bug Club." The Art room is getting ready for our new school year by focusing on "Pete the Cat" themed projects. We started our first week of school by brainstorming all the

Dates to Remember!

- September 22 – Chillicothe R II PD day – PowerUP! will be open.
- October 3 – Early Dismissal for Chillicothe R II for Homecoming – PowerUP! will be open
- October 23 – Early Dismissal for Chillicothe R II for Parent conferences – PowerUP! will be open
- October 24 – No school for Chillicothe R II – PowerUP! will be open

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different activities that Pete is involved in during his many adventures. Students picked their favorite, and drew a picture, representing what Pete the Cat was up to in their chosen story. Art students are currently designing a sneaker to put Pete in, which will also serve as their name plates for the year. All Art activities will be "Pete the Cat" themed until Homecoming.

P.E. in August has included many classes out in our improved playground area. Along with our new shade, we have installed fall zones for our teeter totters, and anchored them to the ground for increased safety. We continue to enjoy our sand boxes, basketball, soccer, slides, football, tag, and a wide variety of P.E. activities. Please continue to send students in shoes and clothes that they can freely run and play in. We are looking forward to a year filled with cooperative play opportunities.

Centers: Miss Kalee

This August in the Centers classroom, we've been busy building community and getting to know one another through a variety of engaging activities. We've spent time outside enjoying active games like "Knee Tag," which not only got us moving but also helped us start working together and having fun as a group. Inside, we've begun playing games like "Have You Ever," which encouraged us to share our experiences and learn more about each other in a lighthearted, inclusive way. Alongside these activities, we've started focusing on our Full Value concepts, laying the foundation for a respectful and supportive classroom environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

STEM: Miss Amy

In STEM, we had a great August finishing up our Space Unit. We did an experiment to make Moon Rocks. We created Space Puzzles for our peers to put together. They created amazing Space Puzzles! We have been practicing procedures and expectations in the STEM room. We have been trying to use TInkerCAD to create keychains with our 3D Printer. We will continue to problem solve to see if we can get the program to work.

In the afternoon, students created with Legos, Engineering Design Kits, Gecko Kits, and Ozobots. They were able to design and create on Osmos too.

Community Learning Group: Miss Morgan

In August, students wrapped up our Growth Mindset unit, reflecting on how they can persevere, learn from mistakes, and set goals for themselves. We are now shifting into the 7 Habits of Happy Kids, starting with learning the difference between being proactive versus reactive in their choices and actions. Over the next six weeks, students will explore the remaining habits: Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw. We are learning these habits to build a strong foundation for positive attitudes and behaviors in school, afterschool programs, and at home, helping students make thoughtful choices in their day-to-day lives.

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