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**21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center**

**What Are you  
Thankful for?**



As you are aware, this month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. It is not just a day that some of us are off work or a day that we sit down to the table to enjoy some great food. This day is also a day to reflect on what we are thankful for not just on this day but for 365 days.

So we ask some of the students at the program to let us know what they are thankful for this holiday season.

Devin S.-is thankful for his parents because he loves them.

JoDaysa A.- is thankful for her life.

Dorian K.-is thankful that he can walk

Ariana M- is thankful for a phone and  
a computer

**Baked Macaroni and Cheese Ingredients**

1/2 pound elbow  
macaroni  
3 tablespoons butter  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 tablespoon powdered  
mustard  
3 cups **milk**

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1/2 cup yellow onion,  
finely diced  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1 large egg  
12 ounces sharp cheddar,  
shredded  
1 teaspoon kosher salt

Fresh black pepper

**Topping:**

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3 tablespoons butter  
1 cup panko **bread** crumbs

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large pot of boiling, salted water cook the pasta to al dente.

While the pasta is cooking, in a separate pot, melt the butter. Whisk in the flour and mustard and keep it moving for about five minutes. Make sure it's free of lumps. Stir in the milk, onion, bay leaf, and paprika. Simmer for ten minutes and remove the bay leaf.

Temper in the egg. Stir in 3/4 of the cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Fold the macaroni into the mix and pour into a 2-quart casserole dish. Top with remaining cheese.

Melt the butter in a saute pan and toss the bread crumbs to coat. Top the macaroni with the bread crumbs. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and rest for five minutes before serving.

From the After school Corner:

Mrs. Anitra-Site Director  
Ms. Norma-Enrichment Counselor  
Mrs. Barbara-Enrichment Counselor  
Tatyana-Part-time Office Assistant



The after school students have been extremely busy in the month of November. They have taken Math and Reading Assessments in order for their Enrichment Counselor to understand what area they need the most assistance. Also, Ms. Anitra will be getting a copy of each student's report card in order to monitor their grades.

The academic games have been a great help to the students in reference to Math, Reading, and Spelling. We are please to announce that Ms. Pam was chosen as one of six out of the 100 Directors in North Carolina to come up with activities that you will find in the game book that was published by East Carolina University and 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC/Department of Public Instruction. If you would like to get a copy of the academic games, please see Ms. Antira.

The after school staff would like to thank all parents and family members for your hard work and attending the Family Involvement Events.

From the Kinder Prep Corner

Ms. Anitra-Site Director  
Ms. Chona-Lead Childcare Specialist  
Ms. Shontavia-Asst. Childcare Specialist



Mrs. Brenda-Asst. Childcare Specialist  
During the month of November the students in the Kinder Prep Program has been working extremely hard.

The students have been working on tying their shoes, spelling and writing their names.

3 years old have been learning all their colors and their numbers in Spanish and French (from 1-10)

2 years old have been learning their alphabet and numbers

4 and 5 years old have been learning the sounds of the letters and spelling three letter words. All of them can write their numbers 1-10 and can also write all of the alphabets.

They would like to say a special thank you to the parents for all that you all do and for your participation and your cooperation. They would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. Have a safe and healthy holiday season from TSOC Kinder Prep Staff

Think Smart is heading to Jamaica and we have a seat with YOUR name on it!



Think Smart Outreach Center, Inc. is sponsoring our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraiser Cruise. We will be going to Jamaica in December 2010. The proceeds raised will go towards the students in our youth center. In 2007, our program did our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser Cruise to the Bahamas and we had a great time! If you missed that trip, you DON'T want to miss the trip this time.

The trip is NOT just open to students and the families of Think Smart. The trip is open to the public. It will be a great family vacation, husband and wife getaway, family reunion, class reunion, sorority/fraternity outing, church group social, etc.

If you are interested, please visit our website at [www.thinksmartoutreach.org](http://www.thinksmartoutreach.org) click on the We are Going to Jamaica Icon or contact our office at 910-814-8762 for additional information.

From the Pre-Collegiate Corner  
Pre-Collegiate Director- Ms. Pam  
Pre-Collegiate Assistant Director- Ms. Nell



Our Pre-Collegiate Program had its monthly workshop on November 14, 2009. The students got the “real” deal on how to budget and how to “pay bills”. They also got a chance to do a Career Activity in reference to the Career of their Interest.

Those that attended the workshop were given the opportunity to attend the Media Entertainment Conference in Raleigh, NC. This was a conference that discusses job opportunities in the Media Industry.

Guest Speakers/Representatives from: J Records, BET, Interactive One, Atlantic Records, Radio One, Allhiphop.com, Diggiwax, Warner Brothers, CW 22/My RDC, Essence Magazine, Sony Music, Burrell Entertainment, MTV, Designer for Ralph Lauren, Head Stylist for Alicia Keys, WEEN, Universal Motown Records, and many more.

After the workshop, we enjoyed fellowship at Zydeco's in Downtown Raleigh.

The Pre-Collegiate Workshops are held the first Saturday of each month.

From the HCPAL Corner  
 Ms. Nell-PAL Director  
 Mr. Walter-Athletic Director



On November 7, 2009, our Adult Flag Football Team had a game at Williams Recreational Center at 11:00 am. The team played 2 games and went 1-1 on this day.



We would like to take this opportunity and welcome Mrs. Queen and Mrs. Barbara to the Think Smart Family!

Mrs. Queen is the Community Consultant. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Indiana State University and Masters of Science Degree from City University of New York. She has 30 years experience in the nonprofit field. She has over 20 years experience in grant development proposal/grantwriting/community relations

Mrs. Barbara has worked in a child care setting for seven years. She also worked in management at the center. She is an "out of the box" thinker and has great class management skills. She will be working with the Elementary and Middle School students at the center.



**Think Smart's November Events:**

Sandwich Day	3
Candy Day	4
Think Smart Presentation	7
Flag Football Game	7
Veteran's Day Activity	10
Veteran's Day (closed)	11
Pizza Day (made pizza)	12
Teddy Bear Day	13
Pre-Collegiate Workshop	14
Native American Day	16
Donuts with Dad	17
Mickey Mouse Day	18
Thanksgiving Dinner with Family	20
Pre-Collegiate Field Trip	21
Happy Thanksgiving	26
Program Closed	26-29

\* On all the special day above students do hands on activities\*

### Tumble Bus



Think Smart Outreach Center, Inc. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC has implemented the Tumble Bus from Elite Gymnastic from Dunn, North Carolina. The Tumble Bus is an activity for children ages 2 to 5 years old to give them a “mobile” gymnastic site. They will do the Tumble Bus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am. There is NOT an extra fee for this activity.

### Wish List



Due to the fact we are a nonprofit organization, we do have some things that we would like to get for our students but based on the current economic issues we are in need of some items. Ms. Antira has a Wish List in the front area. If you are interested, please see her.

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# Think Smart

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We were established on April 24, 2001.  
Eight Years and Still Growing Strong!!

We would like to say a Special Thank You to our Wonderful Staff and our Volunteers. You complete the puzzle at Think Smart Outreach Center, Inc. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center!!