

THE MONTHLY

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

SEED

September 1, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Seed room!

We are so honored that you have put your trust in us to care for your baby. It will be a journey that we look forward to taking with your family.

Some of you have been with us before and we are so excited to see you again and your newest family member. It is always fun to watch the similarities and differences between siblings. They all are truly unique.

For those families that are new to Growing Tree, we know it is a big deal to leave your little one in the care of others. Remember you know your child best and we are your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk with us as we want to make this transition as smooth as possible for you.

Helpful Hints:

Seedlings are on individualized schedules. Please share with us what is working for you so we can be consistent in your baby's care.

At drop off it is very helpful to document on your child's daily sheet what time their last feeding was and what time they woke up. These sheets are located on the changing table. These sheets are also a good place to leave messages for your primary caregiver.

Know that you are welcome to drop in to feed or visit at any time. If you have a concern or just miss them give us a call and check in.

Weather permitting, we enjoy taking the babies outside for fresh air and a change of scenery. We ask that parents please provide a lightweight jacket and socks so babies can be comfortable.

Now, about us.

Jolene Burnam (Jo)- 7:30am- 4:30pm: I grew up in Seattle but got sick of the rain and traffic, so I accepted a job with Growing Tree and moved to Bend 13 years ago as a single mom with my 3-year-old daughter. I have been working here in the Seedling room since with no desire to leave. I met my husband Nick here in Bend, we married, he adopted my daughter and we had two more kids to complete our family. Kayla is now 16, Neal is 6 and Ronin is 21 months and moving into the Sprout room. When not at work I enjoy running, biking, hiking, swimming, camping or just playing with my family. I love to read but rarely have time these days as my kids are always on the go and I love being on the go with them. I know leaving your baby can be one of the hardest things a parent has to do, and I love that I am in a position where I can help make it easier.

Deann Curtis- 9:00am-6:00pm: I was born and raised here in Bend, OR. Later, I moved to the Seattle area where I met and married my husband, Paul. We had our first baby, in Washington, then moved to Bend and had eight more children. We have nine children altogether including: Esther, Peter, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Timothy, Patricia, Gabriel, Nathaniel, and Lawrence. I have worked with children for 42 years, serving children and their families in different settings including: non-profit childcare, for profit childcare, Early Childhood Special Ed, Head Start, in home child care, in home respite-care for medically fragile children, self-contained special education, 4H and Campfire volunteer, and a homeschool mother of my own children. While I enjoy teaching the children, it's what I have learned from the children that has changed my life and made me who I am today.

Ms. Jolene and Ms. Deann