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Back to the Rhythm

August brings a steady kind of momentum into the Hive. After the looser pace of summer, routines start to tighten back up, and there's real energy in that return to rhythm. It shows up in the classrooms, in how quickly the children settle back into their days, and in the small consistent moments that make them feel safe and known.

The impact of that consistency goes far beyond the schedule. It builds trust, it builds confidence, and it reminds every child that this is a place they can count on. August is also a good time to check in with each other, celebrate the small wins of getting back into the swing of things, and keep showing up with intention.

This month, we're celebrating [insert relevant August event — e.g., Back-to-School Week, a staff anniversary, an open house], a reminder of the care and consistency you bring into your classrooms every day.

Let's keep building that rhythm, supporting one another, and making every day count.

Here's to a grounded August in the Hive.



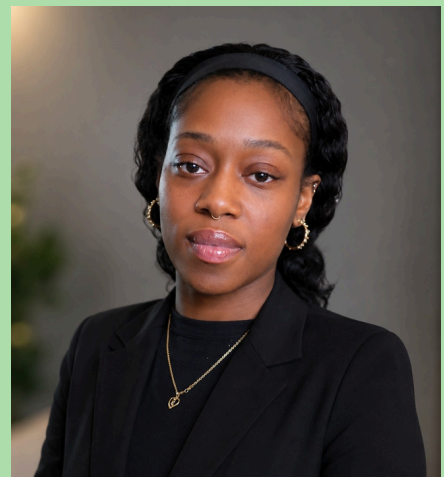
VOICES FROM THE HIVE

AUGUST TEACHER MESSAGE

Happy August Clever Bee Team! I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible dedication our team brings to our classrooms every single day. Ensuring high quality care and licensing standards isn't just about compliance, it's about creating the foundational environment where our children feel secure, engaged, and empowered to explore their world. I know, first hand, that the real magic happens because you show up consistently for our children.

Thank you for everything you do to make our classrooms a place of growth, laughter, and discovery. Your hard work directly shapes the lives of our little ones and I am so honored to work alongside such a great team. Let's keep supporting each other and making a wonderful impact together!

Antonia "Toni" Schmidt
Education & Licensing Coach



HIVE SPOTLIGHT

OUR LITTLEST BEES TAKE FLIGHT

The Hive was buzzing with pride this month as we celebrated one of our biggest milestones yet — our Pre-K Graduation and Award Ceremony, held at our Cleveland Avenue center! Our littlest bees stepped out in their purple caps and gowns, medals around their necks, ready to show the world just how far they've grown.

Bright smiles, proud families, and a whole lot of giggles filled the air as each graduate crossed the stage. They walked away with more than just a certificate — they carried home medals, keepsakes, and a huge sense of accomplishment for everything they've learned and everyone they've become at Clever Bee.

To our graduates: you've buzzed your way through Pre-K with curiosity, courage, and a whole lot of heart. Kindergarten won't know what hit it. 💖

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 — the Hive is so proud of you!



CURRENT BUZZ

HIVE HONORS: STILL BUZZING STRONG

As we roll into August, Hive Honors is still in full swing — and we want to make sure every bee in the Hive knows just how many ways there are to be recognized.

Whether you're earning Honey Drop Cards for going above and beyond, staying a Steady Bee with strong attendance, standing out as a Top Pollinator in your classroom, or leading your team as a Hive Leader, every bit of your hard work has a place to be seen and celebrated.



SWEET & SAVORY SPOTLIGHT

Watermelon Feta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups watermelon, cubed
- 1 cups feta cheese, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves, torn
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 0.3 teaspoons salt

PROCEDURE:

1. Combine base: In a large bowl, combine 4 cups watermelon, cubed and 1 cups feta cheese, crumbled.
2. Add mint: Sprinkle in 2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves, torn.
3. Dress and serve: Drizzle with 2 tablespoons lime juice and 1 tablespoons olive oil, season with 0.3 teaspoons salt, toss gently, and serve chilled.
4. Makes 4 servings.

Source: www.twopeasandtheirpod.com

These aren't just cards — they're a reflection of the everyday moments that make our Hive thrive, from the small acts of teamwork to the consistent showing up that keeps our centers running smoothly.

And don't forget — centers with the most Top Pollinator Awardees each quarter are in the running for the Hive Harmony Award, so keep supporting one another and cheering each other on.

If you haven't started collecting your cards yet, there's no better time than now. For details on eligibility, mechanics, and rewards, connect with your Center Director — they've got all the buzz.

ROYAL BEE OF THE MONTH

GET TO KNOW: KRISTEN VITARIUS

Kristen's path into her field comes from a genuine love of understanding people. "I became a BCBA because I really enjoy figuring out why someone is struggling and finding ways to help them be more successful," she shares. She loves that ABA lets her look at the whole picture — identifying what someone needs and teaching skills that truly improve their quality of life. For Kristen, nothing beats watching someone gain independence, find their voice, and realize they can do things they once thought were out of reach.

When asked what she's most proud of, Kristen didn't point to a title or an award — she pointed to people. "I'm proud of the relationships I've made and the classroom I've been able to help support." It's no surprise, then, that she describes her work style in three words as collaborative, supportive, and understanding.

Her advice to the rest of the Hive is one worth holding onto: "Don't let a bad day make you believe you're bad at your job. Keep showing up and ask for support or help when you are struggling. No one is expected to have everything figured out all the time."

GOLDEN MOMENTS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1	McBride, Jeanette
August 3	Linwood, Terica
August 7	Brown, Angela
August 7	Deckard, Gianna r
August 7	Hereford, Kim
August 8	Salkil, Regina E
August 9	Cross, Nadine LeeAnn
August 9	Wyley, Jannah
August 11	Chandler, Jazzma Jade
August 13	Lewis, Brittany
August 15	Hochner, Yosef Zev
August 18	Kasim, Isawaty
August 18	Moore, LaKenya
August 18	Terry, Laneisha monea
August 19	Slagel, Stacy
August 20	Leonie, Ingabire
August 20	Stewart, Daija
August 21	Barrett, Dionna Renee
August 22	Rivera, Shailynn Kath
August 23	Salpietro, Marlowe
August 23	Williams, Latrecia
August 24	Bodzenski, Kathryn
August 25	SanFilippo, Joseph
August 26	Merchant, Suman
August 29	Darmond, Lavonda Kaye



Outside of the office, Kristen recharges by working out, reading, and — by her own admission — a little retail therapy. She's an only child, has a soft spot for her cats (guaranteed to make her smile any day), and if a tough day calls for comfort food, you'll find her going for Mexican food or ice cream.

If she weren't in her current career, Kristen jokes she'd probably be a party planner or decorator — which honestly tracks with how much care she puts into supporting others. Her bucket list? Traveling the Mediterranean.

She leaves us with a motto to live by: "You define your own life, don't let other people write the script."

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

August 2	Kasim, Isawaty
August 4	Barrett, Dionna Renee
August 4	Simon, Shawna
August 4	Jones, Jade
August 4	Krassow, Sandra
August 5	Salpietro, Marlowe
August 7	Surles, Curlina
August 7	Ratcliffe, Tyquanna
August 8	Stanford, Jessica Sue
August 9	Gartrell, Monica D
August 12	Lewis, Brittany
August 15	Gonzalez Roldan, Stephannie
August 18	Stulpin, Mary
August 18	Sequist, Tamra
August 18	Snyder, Denise
August 18	Richardson, Anita
August 18	Jones, Leona
August 18	Ramirez, Catherine
August 18	Turco, Robin
August 22	Slaughter, Gloria
August 26	Treadwell, Deshare
August 28	Emerson, Heidi
August 30	Nicholson, Savannah