

The Children's Center News

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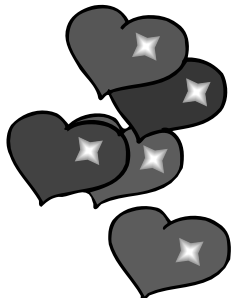
From The Directors Desk

Registration for 2012 - 2013 is fast approaching. The dates and times are listed in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to e-mail me or call me with any questions about the registration process.

Recently we added two board members to our Board of Directors. Linda Larson and Robert Hoffman have joined us. We are excited about their energy and enthusiasm.

I will end my note this month by sharing with you some of the staff development that the staff will be taking part in. We will have training in our mandated areas of SIDS and Shaken Baby as well as CPR and First Aid. We will have updated training on the assessments we share with you at parent teacher conferences. We have also received a free training through a grant on Mind in the Making. We continue to strive to bring quality care and education. With these trainings we continue on that path.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our program, we feel privileged to be part of your child's early learning experiences.



Until next time,

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THE CHILDREN'S CENTER 2012-2013 REGISTRATION



March 12th - 16th

605 James Avenue

8:00am - 6:00pm

Registration is for the Summer 2012 session and Fall 2012-2013 session. Registration paperwork will be handed out to all families currently attending The Children's Center on Friday, March 9th. You will need to have your completed registration paperwork turned in to the James Avenue site by the end of the day Friday, March 16th. Kim Nelson and Brenda Reed will be available at our 605 James Avenue site if you have any questions about registration.

Thank You!



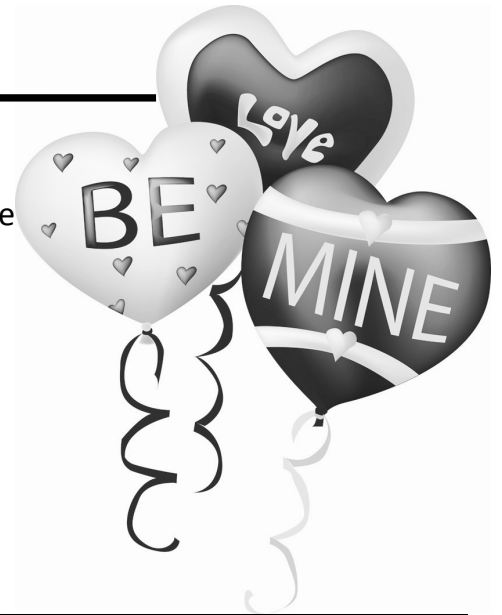
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!

- Thank you to all of our families that donated items to put under our wishing trees. We were overwhelmed with your generosity. Your continued support of our program means so much. Thank You!
- We also want to thank you for your donations to the SEMCAC baskets throughout the holidays. We had 2 baskets full of toiletry items. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Calendar of Events

February 14	Happy Valentine's Day
March 5 - 19	Butter Braid Fundraiser
March 9	9:30 - 11:00, Silent Symphony, James Avenue Site
March 12 - 16	THE CHILDREN'S CENTER REGISTRATION WEEK
	Summer 2012, Fall 2012/2013 Sessions
March 15	FREE POPCORN DAY! (James Ave. Site)
April 5	Butter Braid Delivery Day



10 Ways To Get Involved With Your Child's Education

Talk with your child every day about his or her school-day experiences, successes, and worries.

Read the parent handbook and all notices that the school sends home.

Meet your child's teacher and attend parent-teacher conferences when they are offered.

Consult your child's teacher or school staff whenever you have concerns.

Attend open houses, school events, programs for parents, and school board meetings.

Stay aware of your child's academic progress. Praise all sincere efforts and accomplishments.

Review homework assignments each day and help your child organize time and work.

Provide learning experiences.

Visit museums, watch educational TV shows, and have books and other learning materials available at home.

Join the school's parent-teacher organization and take part in its activities.

Volunteer at school. There are many opportunities to offer your services, such as classroom help, field trips, and school fairs and fundraisers.

Remember: Your attention and involvement play an important role in your child's success at school.

Butter Braid Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Start Selling - Monday, March 5th
Order Deadline - Monday, March 19th
Delivery Day - Thursday, April 5th
(You'll get them in time for a special Easter Breakfast!)



CHECK OUT OUR



WEBSITE UPDATE

We've recently made some updates and improvements to The Children's Center website. Check it out!

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PARENT REMINDER

Direct Payment Option Still Available

ACH debits is available as a form of payment for our families. If you sign up for this form of payment, here is what to expect. Every week you will receive a bill like you currently do. On Friday of that billing week, whatever shows as a balance due will be taken out of the account that you provide. This service is at no cost to you. If you are interested in signing up for this program or if you have any questions, please call 373-7979 or stop by our 605 James Avenue Site.