

# The Children's Center News

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## From The Director's Desk



I hope all of you enjoyed your 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We had a great time participating in the 3rd of July Parade in Albert Lea. The Children's

Center took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. A big thank you goes out to the staff and families that helped. We have some lime green center shirts left over that we are selling for \$10.00. We have all sizes available from youth small through adult XL. You can check with me if you are interested in purchasing one.

The next part of my note to you is not as fun as the first part. Because of the Government shut-down 15 of our children are no longer able to attend because their child care assistance is not being paid. There are an additional 10 children who's contracts have been reduced and will be attending less. Due to the above factors there will be some staff changes. We have changed our seasonal staff to substitute staff and all other staff hours will be cut. It is important for you to know that all of the services that we currently provide to our families will continue. This is a rough time for our center, community, and state, but if we

stick together and stay positive for our children, we will get through it. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. If at any time you have any concerns or question, please let me know.

We are still replacing the roof on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the James Avenue site. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees please let me know. Our committees are fundraising, logistics, food, and volunteers. We will be working with the Shine Fest committee on the labor. If you want to volunteer on August 13<sup>th</sup>, you can certainly contact me about that. If you would like to financially support the roof project you can buy shingles for \$25.00 each. More details will follow in the coming months on this project. We also have one shift left for our hot dog wagon fundraiser on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. You can contact me if you are interested in helping with that.

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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## HOT DOG WAGON FUNDRAISER

### NELSON'S MARKET PLACE

Saturday, July 16th, 10:30am - 6:30pm

Friday, July 29th, 10:30am - 6:30pm



Make plans to stop by Nelson's Market place either July 16th or July 29th for hot dogs and pop. All of the proceeds raised will go towards our roof project at the James Avenue site. Thank You!!

# Calendar of Events

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| July  | 16 | 10:30am—6:30pm visit the Hot Dog Wagon at Nelson's Market Place |
| July  | 29 | 10:30am—6:30pm visit the Hot Dog Wagon at Nelson's Market Place |
| Aug.  | 13 | James Avenue Roof Repair Day                                    |
| Sept. | 2  | All Sites Closed - Staff Prep. Day                              |
| Sept. | 5  | All Sites Closed - Labor Day                                    |
| Sept. | 6  | First Day of Fall 2011/2012 Session                             |



## FAMILIES THAT READ TOGETHER SUCCEED TOGETHER

Use these tips to make your family reading time more fun and successful!



**MAKE A DATE:** Set a special time to read together every day. Choose a quiet place where you can snuggle up.

**CHOOSE FUN BOOKS:** Visit your library to pick out interesting stories and books

of all kinds.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** Ask questions about what you read, like, "How do you think this story will end?" or "What was your favorite part of the story and why?"

**ACT IT OUT:** Use different voices for the characters. Make faces and add sound effects. Give everyone a turn to read and act out stories.

**KEEP READING TOGETHER:** Even if everyone can read, it's still fun to read aloud to one another. Or, just enjoy time spent together as all of you read on your own.



## FREE Sample Saturday Series



### SATURDAY, JULY 16th - Free Swim - Albert Lea Aquatic Center AND Nordic Walking - Edgewater Park - 10am

This easy and effective walking workout allows you to use up to 90% of your muscles. It also improves your posture, balance, and toning.

### SATURDAY, JULY 23rd - Qigong - Edgewater Park - 10am

Bring the preventive and curative power of Qigong into your life. The slow graceful movements, mental concentration and breathing involved in Qigong are especially effective in reducing stress.

### SATURDAY, JULY 30th - Architecture Walk - Marion Ross Performing Arts Center - 10am

Come and take a walk with us as we explore downtown Albert Lea and uncover its rich history.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th - Free Swim - Albert Lea Aquatic Center

*The Sample Saturday Series is being sponsored by the National Vitality Center Board of Directors with help and in conjunction with Community Ed, SHIP, and many volunteers.*

