The National Association for the Education of Young Children has established an entire month each year to spread awareness on the incredible importance of high quality experiences for young children. Every April, purple can be seen in high quality Early Childhood programs all over, showing support for the field and the families served. One week in April is known as the “Week of the Young Child.” During April 11th-15th, Early Childhood programs are challenged to focus their efforts towards celebrating children through educating families, staff, and children about how important early development is.

Although our primary focus is highlighting the children this week we would also like to acknowledge and thank you the parents, who make the most profound impact in your children’s lives. We have many exciting activities planned for the children and we invite you into our schools this week to read a story, enjoy snack with your child, and have a breakfast treat on us each morning. Please continue reading further into this month’s newsletter to find out all the wonderful events and curriculum activities we have planned to celebrate children and honor the parents and teachers in their lives as well!
Mark your calendars! Here are our special plans for April 11th-15th:

Our special events include:

- The Play School applauds you parents as your child’s first and most important teachers. We would like to serve “breakfast on the go” to our parents each morning during the Week of the Young Child to say “thank you” for all that you do and to recognize you are always #1 in your children’s lives!
- We will also be offering a family snack table each evening; a special treat for all so please stop by!
- There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to participate in sharing story time any day this week at 9:00am or 3:00pm. The love of reading is an endless gift you give to your child. Please see your child’s classroom door to sign up!
- Throughout the week the children will participate in projects to promote self-esteem and confidence while recognizing their uniqueness as a very special person. Every child is a star and we will emphasize this through the “wall of fame” and other star art projects.
- All children will receive a Star Treat Bag by the end of the week to remind them of how much we love and appreciate them!
- On Wednesday, April 13th all children and teachers are invited to wear their pajamas to school and bring in their favorite books! We will be serving breakfast for lunch and reading our most treasured stories throughout the day.
- On Friday, April 15th we invite everyone to wear PURPLE in support of The Week of the Young Child!

We are looking forward to an amazing week and invite you into our schools to join us!
**Housekeeping Items**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**
Let’s get reading! Go to Scholastic.com, find “The Reading Club” under the parent link, create an account, and happy reading! Here are your school codes you will enter:

- Arbor Village: P4WBB
- Saxony Village: L6Z9Y
- Stoney Creek: DY6D4
- Legacy: NZWYC

**Coca-Cola Codes Needed**
Did you know that we accept all of your Coca-Cola product labels and bottle caps? We will turn these codes in for points that we can redeem for free things we can use in our schools. Thanks for dropping these off in the front office!

**Operation Kidsight**
The Lions Club of Indiana participates Operation Kidsight which is a program that gives free vision screenings for children ages two and older here at our schools. We will soon be sending home permission slips to our students who are eligible to participate. If you would like your child to have the vision screening you must RETURN the permission slip to the office in advance. If you do not return a permission slip your child will NOT be screened. If you have any questions regarding Operation Kidsight please feel free to check out their website at:
http://www.indianalionseyebank.org/operation-kidsight.html
To see a video of how the screening process works click on the following links:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLvJb67DYFU
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNlOvSc3vEQ
Screenings will be held:
- Legacy: Tuesday, April 12th
- Stoney Creek: Monday, April 18th
- Arbor Village: Tuesday, April 19th
- Saxony Village: Wednesday, April 20th

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**Picture Day Proofs**
Once you have received your picture proofs you will need to visit the website: www.preschoolsmiles.com and you will enter in the PICTURE DAY ID found at the top of the order form to place your order. Please see your center director if you have any questions or if you are having issues ordering your prints.

**National Teacher Appreciation Day**
Be sure to mark your calendars for Teacher Appreciation Day which is on Tuesday, May 3rd. There will be more information on ways you can help us recognize your special faculty members coming soon.

**KEEP CALM AND THANK A TEACHER**

**The Play School 2016 Closures**
Please mark your calendars for the following 2016 Play School closures:
- *Monday, May 30th, 2016 ~ Memorial Day 2016*
- *Monday, July 4th, 2016 ~ Independence Day 2016*
- *Friday, September 2nd, 2016 ~ Staff Professional Development Day*
- *Monday, September 5th, 2016 ~ Labor Day 2016*
- *Thursday, November 24th, 2016 ~ Thanksgiving Day 2016*
- *Friday, November 25th, 2016 ~ Friday after Thanksgiving 2016*
- *Monday, December 26th, 2016 ~ In Observance of Christmas Day 2016*
**Housekeeping Items (continued)**

**HSE / NOBLESVILLE / CARMEL CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

**Hamilton Southeastern:** Spring Break- April 1st-April 8th

**Noblesville:** Spring Break- March 28th-April 8th, Early Release - Wednesday, April 13th and Wednesday, April 27th

**Carmel Clay:** Spring Break- April 1st-April 8th

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**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** (Please bring birth certificate, shot records, & 3 proofs of residency)

*Enrollment for Noblesville schools is 4/18- 4/22 week from 9am-3pm at your child’s designated school. He/She must be 5 years old on or before 8/1/16.

*Enrollment for HSE schools is Thursday, April 17th from 5:00-7:00pm at “Kindergarten Round-Up”. He/She must be 5 years old on or before 9/1/16.

*Enrollment for Carmel Clay schools is done ONLINE and must be completed before Friday, April 15th in order to be included in all emails regarding “Kindergarten Round-Up”. He/She much be 5 years old on or before 9/1/16.

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**SEASONAL ITEMS TO NOTE**

Rejoice! Warmer weather is here and we will be getting outside a lot more! Please make sure you have done the following to make sure your child is ready for outdoor play and warmer weather:

- Check your child’s cubby for both seasonal and size-appropriate clothing. Take home those really thick sweaters and fleece lined winter pants and replace with “extra” clothes that are comfortable for this upcoming weather. Make sure you leave an extra pair of socks at school for indoor gyms!

- Supply your child’s teacher with a new, unopened, LABELED bottle of sunscreen. This must be lotion. We cannot accept aerosol sprays due to licensing regulations! (One per child, please. Siblings in different classrooms cannot share.)

- Sign off on the “walking field trip permission slip”. See your teachers for more specific information!

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**4 KIDZ ONLY CLUB**

School-ager Parents: Our deadline to register your child(ren) for our school-ager’s summer camp club was March 25th. We have since opened any remaining spots to the public. Please contact your director and provide a tentative last day for your child or see her immediately if you intend to stay on with us for the summer, but have not yet notified us.

Due to state licensing ratios, spots are limited and current Play School families always take priority. We do have to limit our enrollment, however. We will be working on our June field trip calendar in late April/early May and look forward to getting it out to parents as soon as possible.

Our 4 Kidz Only Summer Camp keeps your school-ager busy, active, and safe! Field trips include bowling, movies, Conner Prairie, picnics at various parks, Putt-putt golf, splash parks and swimming, cooking units, the zoo, Caribbean Cove, and more. Join us for all the summer fun at The Play School!

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**MOTHER’S DAY TEA**

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 8th this year! Please join us on Thursday, May 5th as we honor and pamper our special Moms with treats and tea! More information and your personal invitation including your specific tea time will be sent home later this month.
2016 Pre-K Graduation

Mark your calendars and grab your Kleenex as Pre-K graduation is just around the corner! Every year the graduating class and their teachers work hard in preparation for their farewell ceremony and program that we put on for the children’s families. This adorable program highlights just a few of the many concepts that the children have been working on mastering this past academic year in preparation for Kindergarten.

The ceremony starts promptly at 4:00pm so PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 5 MINUTES EARLY as to not interrupt the ceremony in progress. After the program, a brief reception with cake and refreshments will be served for the graduates and their families. Loved ones such as siblings and grandparents are welcome; we simply need a firm headcount RSVP’d to your center director no later than Tuesday, May 10th, please. We want to make sure we have enough refreshments for everyone attending so please e-mail your Center Director with the number attending in your party.

Stoney Creek: Monday, May 16th at 4:00pm

Legacy: Tuesday, May 17th at 4:00pm

Arbor Village: Wednesday, May 18th at 4:00pm

Saxony Village: Thursday, May 19th at 4:00pm

DON'T CRY
BECAUSE ITS OVER.
SMILE because
IT HAPPENED.

Dr. Seuss

We’re on the Web!
Theplayschools.com
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The Play School
on Facebook!
What’s Cooking?
Our Lunch Menu

Friday, April 1: Chicken Quesadilla, chicken/cheese, salsa, banana, milk
Monday, April 4: Baked Fish, steamed broccoli, applesauce, slice of WG bread, milk
Tuesday, April 5: HM Chicken & Noodles, peas/carrots, pears, milk
Wednesday, April 6: Breakfast for Lunch, scrambled eggs, turkey bacon, green beans, banana, French toast stix, milk
Thursday, April 7: HM Spaghetti, salad, fruit cocktail, garlic toast, milk
Friday, April 8: Hamburger, mixed veggies, peaches, WG bun, milk
Monday, April 11: Chicken Chili, chicken, northern beans, corn/tomatoes, applesauce, WG crackers, milk
Tuesday, April 12: Chicken Rainbow Rice, brown rice, spinach/carrots, pears, milk
Wednesday, April 13: Baked Turkey, turkey/gravy, yams, peaches, buttery noodles, milk
Thursday, April 14: HM Spaghetti Manicotti, sausage/marinara, manicotti pasta, fruit cocktail, tossed salad, garlic toast, milk
Friday, April 15: Grilled Turkey Sandwich, Swiss cheese, banana, green beans, WG bread, milk
Monday, April 18: Chicken Stir Fry, stir fry veggies, brown rice, mandarin oranges, milk
Tuesday, April 18: Burritos, beef/bean/cheese, tortilla shell, corn, applesauce, milk
Wednesday, April 20: Chicken Alfredo, linguine noodles, broccoli, peaches, milk
Thursday, April 21: Soft Chicken Taco, chicken/cheese, shredded lettuce, banana, milk
Friday, April 22: Tuna Noodle Casserole, tuna/cream sauce, pasta, peas, pears, milk
Monday, April 25: Chicken Tenders, green beans, applesauce, WG slice of bread, milk
Tuesday, April 26: HM Turkey Meatloaf, sweet potatoes, berries, WG dinner roll, milk
Wednesday, April 27: HM Pizza, cheese, steamed carrots, pears, pizza crust, milk
Thursday, April 28: HM Chicken Pot Pie, chicken/gravy, mixed veggies, peaches, WG biscuit, milk
Friday, April 29: Chicken Quesadilla, chicken/cheese, salsa, banana, milk

**WG = Whole Grain (where seen above)
**Whole grains are served for breads, pastas, cereals, waffles, crackers, etc.
**Canned fruits and vegetables are served at a minimum, replaced as much as possible with fresh fruits and vegetables.
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CORNER!

As a family owned business we know and understand the importance of having a well-balanced day between work, school, and home. We pride ourselves in being dedicated to our Play School families as a whole and not just during school hours. If you have ever found yourself struggling with winter-time utility bills, a child with behavioral issues, or just wanting to better yourself as a parent below are a few well-known local resources that could be very beneficial to you! If you would like to know more about these resources or need help attaining information please see your center Director and she will gladly help you and your family!

Family and Child Resources

- **Hamilton County First Steps** is a family centered, coordinated system dedicated to providing early intervention services to infants and toddlers 0 – 36 months of age with identified special needs, developmental delays or those medically or biologically at-risk for developmental delays. [www.cibaby.com](http://www.cibaby.com)
- **Early Childhood Assessment Team** is a local program designed for children who are almost three years old and need developmental assessment. 317. 984.1653
- **Prevail** is dedicated to serving victims of crime or abuse in Hamilton County. - [http://prevailinc.com/](http://prevailinc.com/)
- **Third Phase Christian Center** is a shelter for women and children it is also a food pantry/donation center for families in need. [http://www.thirdphase.org/Facilities_and_Programs.htm](http://www.thirdphase.org/Facilities_and_Programs.htm)
- **The Hamilton County Health Department** can help eligible families with immunizations. [http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/](http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/)
- **The Children's Bureau** acts as an advocate for all children and families, focusing on those that are at-risk. They provide a full array of community-based prevention and intervention services and work in partnership with the Department of Child Services and other community organizations statewide. [www.childrensbureau.org](http://www.childrensbureau.org)

Community Resources

- **Good Samaritan Network** is a program designed to help at-risk or underserved families in Hamilton County. GSN’s direct services involve emergency or crisis intervention for: housing and utility assistance, food insecurities, car repairs, medical and prescription assistance, as well as educational opportunities for improving individual independence. [Gsnlive.org](http://Gsnlive.org)
- **For Additional help with Utility Bills** the Energy Assistance Trustee line can be reached by dialing #211 from any phone. Anyone who qualifies cannot have their utilities shut off during the winter months. Also, **Community Action Partnership of Greater Indianapolis**, located in Noblesville and can be reached at 317.773.2221.
- **St. Vincent de Paul of Noblesville** is a local food pantry and thrift store that can assist families in need. [http://svdpnoblesville.org/](http://svdpnoblesville.org/)

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