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October 2017 Newsletter

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Our Community Calendar focus in the month of October is especially near and dear to our hearts. October is SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Awareness Month. As a corporate sponsor of the SIDS National Foundation, The Play School gave a \$1,000 donation this past month.

The non-profit organization introduced the "Back To Sleep" campaign and conducts research to identify possible medical vulnerabilities that put infants at greater risk of sudden death. As a result, the sudden death rate is at an all-time low. However, there are still approximately 4,000 sleep-related infant deaths that occur each year in the U.S. The goal is that within our lifetime, we can find and eliminate the major causes of these deaths and end the tragedy of sudden infant death.

To find out more about the American SIDS Institute and to make a monetary donation, please go to their website at: <https://sids.org/ways-to-help/donate/>

Together we can make a difference.

Special Events

Annual Boo Bash Class Parties!

We will hold our annual Boo Bash Costume Parties on Tuesday, October 31st. Sign-up sheets will be posted on classroom doors mid-October for ways that you can help add to the fun. As always, donations are not required but always appreciated. Please send your child to school in costume. The teachers will change children out of their costume before lunch. We will have a costume parade in the morning that each classroom will participate in. They will trick-or-treat room to room for special treats and prizes. Please ... no masks, weapons, or anything that will scare our youngest trick-or-treaters. We want everyone to enjoy this fun and special day. Adorable pictures to follow!



FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

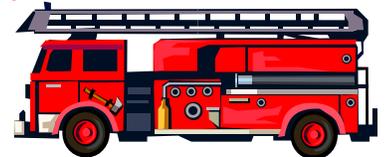
In addition to SIDS Awareness Month, October is also National Fire Prevention Month. Each year we have our local fire departments come to our schools. They bring their equipment and a fire engine so that we can provide fire safety education to our children. This year they will be visiting us in the morning time and each class will have their turn to spend some time outside with their local fire fighters and explore the fire engine. Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt/jacket so they can be outside and participate in all of the fun. We will be sure to take a lot of photos!

Fire Truck Visits:

Saxony Village: Monday, September 25th

Legacy: Tuesday, October 3rd

Arbor Village: Monday, October 23rd



HO! HO! HO!

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Parties with Santa. If you cannot attend the party at your child's school, you are welcome to attend another. Please RSVP to your director.

Saturday, December 9th at Saxony Village from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday, December 10th at Legacy from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 16th at Arbor Village from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

More information to come in the following months!



Housekeeping Items

VACATION POLICY

The Play Schools generously offer our families two weeks of “tuition free vacation time” annually from August to August. You must notify your director of your child’s absence in advance and it must be a full week at a time (no split weeks). Vacation weeks cannot be used toward your required two-week notice if withdrawing from our school. Vacation slips are located in the front entry.

The two weeks of annual vacation time started over on Monday, August 7th for all enrolled children. Therefore, all children have two weeks to use for the 2017/2018 year. Unused weeks from 2016/2017 do not roll over.

WE’RE GLAD YOU JOINED US!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Inaugural Bingo Bash on Thursday, September 7th. It was a fantastic turnout. We enjoyed honoring our beloved seniors with an afternoon of exciting bingo fun. We’re looking forward to making this an annual tradition.



FALL PICTURES

Say CHEESE! Picture days are right around the corner. Please dress your child from head to toe as photos may include the full body. You will be sent a link to view and order photos online about 1 week after your child’s images are taken. We have a lot of photogenic little ones at The Play Schools!

Picture day at Arbor Village - Tuesday, October 3rd

Picture day at Saxony Village - Wednesday, October 4th

Picture day at Legacy - Thursday, October 5th



THE PLAY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please mark your calendars for the following 2017 Play School closures:

*Thursday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day

*Friday, November 24 ~ Friday after Thanksgiving

*Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

*Monday, January 1 ~ New Year’s Day

*Monday, February 19 ~ President’s Day (Professional Training Day)

(All tuition remains the same)



Housekeeping Items (continued)

THANK YOU

We wanted to take a moment to say, THANK YOU! We truly appreciate your family being a part of The Play Schools. We know there are a lot of options for daycare/preschool in Hamilton County and we whole heartedly understand that it is not an easy decision deciding on a school for your family. Our teachers have a special bond with every child in their care and we are very thankful to get to spend our days with your wonderful child(ren). It is a privilege to serve your family and it is a responsibility we will never take lightly.



POTTY TRAINING TIPS

This is the first installation of POTTY TRAINING: TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS.

Persuading a toddler to first sit on the potty is no small task. Some are scared, some get mad, and others are just not interested. At the daycare, we use peer modeling to our advantage. At home, you don't have a row of toddlers to exert peer pressure, but you can employ an older sibling, cousin, or friend to demonstrate the joy of using the toilet. Flushing the toilet or pulling off toilet paper further helps kids feel in control of the world of the bathroom. If the child refuses to give it a try, the teachers just shrug it off – and then they offer again a few hours later. They offer the next day and next day and the day after that. If the child refuses, we don't push it, but we ask consistently. Utilize that stash of potty books to help your child get comfortable with the idea. And when you get a defiant, "No," to your bathroom offers, try to conceal your frustration. Just keep offering. Start changing your child's diaper in the bathroom. Suggest incremental tasks, such as pulling up and down pants, tearing off toilet paper, and flushing. When your child does finally give it a shot, show him/her you're happy and excited, even if your child doesn't "go." Good luck to all you potty trainers!

HSE / NOBLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

***Hamilton Southeastern:** Fall Break, No School: October 16-20

***Noblesville:** Fall Break, No School: October 9-20

***Carmel Clay:** Fall Break, No School: October 13 & 16

****We are happy to have your school-aged child join us for Fall Break! Please RSVP to your Director TODAY if you plan on your child attending The Play School during Fall Break. We would love to have them!**

What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu

- Monday, Oct. 2:** Chicken Tenders, green beans, diced melon, WG roll, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 3:** Casserole, chicken, WG noodles, peas/carrots, bananas, milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 4:** Homemade Chicken Teriyaki, stir fry veggies, brown rice, mandarin oranges, milk
- Thursday, Oct. 5:** Homemade Mac N Cheese, baked beans, broccoli, milk
- Friday, Oct. 6:** Burrito Supreme, hamburger, pinto beans, cheese, salad with ranch, WG soft tortilla, applesauce, milk
- Monday, Oct. 9:** Homemade Cheese Pizza, carrots, applesauce, ranch dip, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 10:** Baked Cod, sweet potatoes, fresh orange slices, WG roll, milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 11:** Chicken Drumstick, broccoli, pears, cornbread, milk
- Thursday, Oct. 12:** Homemade Meatloaf, green beans, peaches, WG roll, milk
- Friday, Oct. 13:** Soft Taco, chicken, WG soft tortilla, fresh fiesta salad, corn, black beans, cherry tomatoes, fresh fruit salad, milk
- Monday, Oct. 16:** Casserole, chicken, WG brown rice, green beans, orange slices, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 17:** Homemade Sloppy Joe Sandwich, hamburger/sauce, carrots, applesauce, WG bun, milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 18:** Homemade Sub Sandwich, turkey, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, mandarin oranges, WG bread, milk
- Thursday, Oct. 19:** Spaghetti, hamburger, noodles, salad, fruit cocktail, garlic toast, milk
- Friday, Oct. 20:** Chicken Breast Patty, romaine salad, cherry tomatoes, ranch dressing, WG bun, applesauce, milk
- Monday, Oct. 23:** Breakfast, sausage link, waffle/pancake, scrambled eggs, green beans, applesauce, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 24:** Homemade Chicken Alfredo, WG noodles, peas, fresh diced grapes, WG roll, milk
- Wednesday, Oct. 25:** Turkey Burger, cheese slice, baked beans, apple slices, WG bun, milk
- Thursday, Oct. 26:** Baked Ziti, beef/cheese, ziti noodles, romaine salad, ranch dressing, peaches, milk
- Friday, Oct. 27:** Home Cooked Turkey Breast, sweet potatoes, orange slices, WG roll, milk
- Monday, Oct. 30:** Chicken Tenders, green beans, diced melon, WG roll, milk
- Tuesday, Oct. 31:** Casserole, chicken, WG noodles, peas/carrots, bananas, 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



Charitable Giving

HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

While we are focused on safe sleep in the month of October, we will also be hosting a BABY SUPPLIES drive to help the most vulnerable ones who have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX. All donations will be taken to the Grace Care Center in Noblesville, as they already have a distribution channel to get the supplies to those in need.

Last month, The Play School donated \$1,000 each to the American Red Cross and Samaritan's Purse to help aid the relief efforts needed for multiple national disasters. We are continuing this effort throughout the month of October.

We will continue our assistance with a focus on infant needs like diapers, wipes, formula, feminine hygiene products, infant clothing, and baby bottles (new, unopened). Those items can be dropped off in the pink/blue box in your school's front lobby.

If you prefer to provide a monetary donation, you may place it in the large, plastic "baby bottle piggy bank" located at your school's front desk. With trucks from Grace Church making weekly drives, we'll be able to boost their contributions to families who have lost so much.

GRACE CHURCH

The Grace Church is partnering with Midwest Food Bank to help with hurricane relief efforts in Houston. The Church's goal is to fill up 10,000 Green Bags of crucial items to supply relief efforts and resupply the Care Center pantry. You can drop green bags off at any Grace Church campus. Every Monday & Tuesday, beginning at 5:30 p.m., you can help by serving in the Care Center. This serving opportunity is open to anyone ages 9+.

List of Items to Donate:

- Diapers (size 4, 5 & 6)
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Razors
- Peanut Butter
- Fruit Juice
- Dried Beans
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Meat
- Feminine Hygiene Products

https://gracechurchin.formstack.com/forms/run_to_it_care_centerGrace

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