

# The Play Schools

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October 2019 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events!

- ◆ HSE Fall Break, 10/14-10/18
- ◆ Noblesville Fall Break, 10/14-10/25
- ◆ Boo Bash, 10/31
- ◆ Friendship Feasts, 11/26
- ◆ Closed for Thanksgiving 11/28-11/29
- ◆ Winter Blast, 12/19

# COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE

Together we can make a difference. Did you know that 4,732 children in Hamilton County live in poverty? We will hold our annual Coat Drive for the entire month of October. Donations boxes will soon be out front in the front office lobby. As you are cleaning out your closets in preparation for colder days ahead, please consider donating any of your coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and/or boots. We can accept both children and adult sizes. The organization we are working with this year kindly asks for all items to be washed if gently used before donating. All your donations are paid forward and get in the hands of LOCAL families in need of fall and winter weather gear. Thank you in advance for your donations of new or gently used winter items!

# Holiday Events

## Annual Boo Bash Class Parties!

We will hold our annual Boo Bash Costume Parties on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be posted on classroom doors 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!



## FRIENDSHIP FEASTS!

We will be having our annual Friendship Feasts in the classrooms on Tuesday, November 26th. Sign-up sheets will be posted on classroom doors for donations of different fruits and vegetables. As always, donations are not required, but always appreciated. Each classroom will make their friendship salad in the morning and enjoy it as a snack in the afternoon.



## WINTER BLAST CLASSROOM PARTIES!

The Play School's annual Winter Blast parties will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 3:00 pm. The children will have fun making a special craft, playing games, and eating wintery treats!



## 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. If you have unused credits from the 2018/2019 school year, those will not roll over into the new school year. All families have two credits on their account as of Monday, August 12 for the 2019/2020 school year. Thank you!

### REFERRAL PROGRAM

There is no bigger compliment than when a family joins The Play School because of your support and kind words about us. For every family that enrolls due to your referral, you will receive a \$100.00 tuition credit on your account after the new family’s 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive week with one of our schools. This applies to new families only and must be mentioned at time of enrollment. Thank you again for supporting our school!

While we try  
to teach our  
children  
about life  
our children  
teach us  
what life  
is all about

### THE PLAY SCHOOL 2019/2020 CLOSURES

- Thursday, November 28 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 29 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Closing early at 3:00 pm in observance of Christmas Eve
- Wednesday, December 25 ~ In observance of Christmas
- Tuesday, December 31 ~ Closing early at 3:00 pm for New Year’s Eve
- Wednesday, January 1 ~ In observance of New Year’s Day
- Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of President’s Day/Staff Professional Development Day
- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Memorial Day
- Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ In observance of Independence Day



### FALL IS HERE!

As the temperatures are changing, our classrooms are continuing to go outside and enjoy the fresh air while playing on the patio, playgrounds, or going for a walk. Please take a moment at drop off or pick up time to check your child’s cubby to make sure they have weather appropriate clothing and take any sunscreen home. Thank you.

## 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 second installation of POTTY TRAINING: TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS.

Potty Training Tip #2: Here is another important point to consider as your child is practicing on the potty at home: potty vs. toilet. At The Play School, we have child sized porcelain toilets that flush with a typical, loud sound. At home, your child may have a separate little potty or a padded toilet seat insert. (Those are not sanitary enough for our setting, so we do not utilize those at school.) Since you have more flexibility at home, take advantage of it. Toilets are big and loud. Some children are frightened by them; others know the small potty is not what adults use and may give it a snub. So, have both a seat inserts and a small potty available. Use the one your child prefers without making a fuss or trying to talk your child into the option most convenient for you. Take a bold step and try underwear at school. Send lots of changes of underwear, pants, and socks for accidents when they happen. If your child has been potty training at school, it doesn't hurt to check their supply of spare clothes. We play hard at school and often get messy. Spare clothes in your child's backpack are always in need.

### SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

October is National SIDS Awareness Month. There are about 3,500 sleep-related deaths among US babies each year. At The Play School, our infant staff are all safe sleep trained along with CPR and first aid. There are several policies in place to assure the infant classrooms are a safe sleep environment for the children. Many of the policies we follow can easily be followed at home too. Children must sleep in a crib with a tight fitted sheet and no blankets, toys, or bibs. Children are always placed in the cribs on their back. In addition, children may not sleep in seats, on the floor, or wrapped in a swaddle blanket. Pacifiers may not have clips on them or have any animal attached to them.

The Play School is a corporate sponsor and gives annually to American SIDS Institute. If you have any questions regarding providing a safe sleep environment for your infant at home, please do not hesitate to reach out to an infant teacher or your school director.

## What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu



**Tuesday, Oct. 1:** Grilled Turkey Burger on WG Bun, peas, mandarin oranges, milk  
**Wednesday, Oct. 2:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich on WG Bun, green beans, banana, milk  
**Thursday, Oct. 3:** Homemade meatloaf, WG roll, mashed potatoes, applesauce, milk  
**Friday, Oct. 4:** Chicken Alfredo w/WG pasta, steamed broccoli, tropical fruit, milk  
**Monday, Oct. 7:** WG breaded chicken nuggets, cooked carrots, country baked cinnamon apples, milk  
**Tuesday, Oct. 8:** Cheese tortellini w/alfredo sauce, lettuce salad, cherry tomatoes, light ranch, milk  
**Wednesday, Oct. 9:** WG Breaded Baked Cod, green beans, buttered bread, blueberries, milk  
**Thursday, Oct. 10:** WG Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas, pineapple tidbits, milk  
**Friday, Oct. 11:** Beef and Cheese Burritos w/WG tortilla shell, corn, pears, milk  
**Monday, Oct. 14:** Homemade Mac & Cheese with WG noodles, pears, baked beans, milk  
**Tuesday, Oct. 15:** Grilled Turkey and Cheese Sandwich on WG bread, sweet potatoes, strawberries, milk  
**Wednesday, Oct. 16:** Healthy Turkey Goulash w/WG noodles, shredded cheese, steamed cauliflower, fresh melon, milk  
**Thursday, Oct. 17:** WG Breaded Chicken Sandwich on WG bun, tomatoes, lettuce salad, light ranch, milk  
**Friday, Oct. 18:** Chicken and Brown Rice Casserole w/WG rice, diced apricots, mixed veggies, milk  
**Monday, Oct. 21:** Breakfast for Lunch! Breakfast taco w/WG tortilla, turkey sausage, cheese, eggs, green beans, applesauce, milk  
**Tuesday, Oct. 22:** Homemade Baked Ziti, WG noodles, peas, fresh diced grapes, milk  
**Wednesday, Oct. 23:** Breaded Flounder Fish Strips, cornbread, country baked cinnamon apples, sweet potato fries, milk  
**Thursday, Oct. 24:** Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla w/WG Tortilla, refried beans, Spanish rice, tomatoes, milk  
**Friday, Oct. 25:** Homemade Chicken and Noodles w/WG noodles, mandarin oranges, cooked carrots, milk  
**Monday, Oct. 28:** Homemade Chicken Pizza w/WG crust, pears, corn, milk  
**Tuesday, Oct. 29:** Grilled Turkey and Cheese Sandwich on WG bun, peas, mandarin oranges, milk  
**Wednesday, Oct. 30:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich on WG bun, green beans, banana, milk  
**Thursday, Oct. 31:** Homemade Meatloaf, WG roll, mashed potatoes, applesauce, 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

# Fall Break

## HSE / NOBLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

- \*Hamilton Southeastern: Fall Break, No School: October 14-18
- \*Noblesville: Fall Break, No School: October 14-25
- \*Carmel Clay: Fall Break, No School: October 10-11

**\*\*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!**

## Legacy

4 Kidz Only Club ~ October Fall Break 2019!					SIGN/RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
			10-Oct Carmel Fall Break ~Stay Back at School~	11-Oct Carmel Fall Break ~Stay Back at School~	
14-Oct UPAINT POTTERY! HOLLAND PARK! Picnic Lunch Soccer & Yoga stations Gone 9:00 - 3:00 \$7.00	15-Oct FINCH CREEK! Sports Camp Galore! Gone 10:00 - 1:30 \$7.00	16-Oct TUTTLES ORCHARD! Chicago Pizza Apple Picking, Hay Ride, Pumpkin Picking, Play Area! Gone 10:30 - 3:30 \$8.00	17-Oct ZIP CITY *Waiver Required Gone 9:30 - 2:00 \$12.00	18-Oct CHUCK E. CHEESE FOUNDERS PARK Unlimited Play & Pizza Park Fun Gone:10:30-3:30 \$5.00	
SKY ZONE Unlimited Jumping & Pizza Lunch Gone 9:00-1:30 \$11.00	22-Oct DEVEAUS GYMNASTICS NINJA ZONE INLOW PARK Picnic Lunch 10:00-3:30 \$10.00	23-Oct CONNER PRAIRIE Picnic Lunch 9:30-4:00 \$9.00	24-Oct INDIANAPOLIS ZOO Picnic Lunch 9:00-4 \$7.00	25-Oct DILLON PARK INDIANAPOLIS RACQUET CLUB Picnic Lunch and Tennis Lesson 10:00-3:30 \$5.00	

## Saxony/Arbor Village

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