

The Play Schools

September 2017 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

* Friday, 9/1/17 **CLOSED**
for Staff Training Day

* Monday, 9/4/17
CLOSED for Labor Day

* Fall Pictures
- Arbor Village 10/3
- Saxony Village 10/4
- Legacy 10/5

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

In September, we will celebrate Grandparents Day!

We wish to honor our beloved seniors with an afternoon of exciting bingo fun. Please join us for our Inaugural Grandparent's Bingo Bash on Thursday, September 7th.

Bingo will take place in the Bingo Hall (a.k.a. the gym) from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. It's an open house style ... so come anytime. Grandparents of the 2's, 3's, 4's, and 5's are invited to join their grandchild in the Bingo Hall for the game. Snacks are provided.

The infants and toddlers will be welcoming their grandparents from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in their classrooms or outside (weather permitting). Come join us for some special time together.

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Theplayschools.com

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The Play School
on Facebook!

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BINGO



YOU'RE INVITED TO:

**THE 1ST ANNUAL
GRANDPARENT'S
BINGO BASH!!**



For 2's through 5's, please join us anytime
from 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Bingo will be in the Bingo Hall (the gym)

For infants and toddlers, please join us
anytime from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
in the classroom or outside
(weather permitting)



**OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M GOING TO
BINGO!**

Come play BINGO with
your grandchild(ren) and
win PRIZES!!!

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

Legacy: NZWYC

**Please make sure you are only ordering under your *Director's name* and NOT a teacher in the school. Thanks for your orders as it helps our schools' libraries grow!

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 4th 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!

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(ren)'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.

ST. JUDE DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during the month of August. The Play School matched the monetary donations received and we were able to send a very nice contribution. We are so proud to be surrounded by such giving families. Knowing that this large donation will help a child in need is the greatest gift of all.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thank you for your understanding towards our Staff Professional Development Day on September 1st. This training is a tremendous opportunity for all The Play School teachers to explore the latest research in Early Childhood Education and learn how to apply these skills directly to the classroom.

THE PLAY SCHOOL CLOSURES

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

*Friday, September 1~ Staff Professional Development Day

*Monday, September 4 ~ Labor Day

*Thursday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day

*Friday, November 24 ~ Friday after Thanksgiving

*Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

*Monday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

(All tuition remains the same)



What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu

Friday, September 1: CLOSED

Monday, September 4: CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5: Casserole, chicken, WG noodles, peas/carrots, bananas, milk

Wednesday, September 6: Homemade Chicken Terriyaki, stir fry veggies, brown rice, mandarin oranges, milk

Thursday, September 7: Homemade Mac N Cheese, baked beans, broccoli, milk

Friday, September 8: Burrito Supreme, hamburger, pinto beans, cheese, salad with ranch, WG soft tortilla, applesauce, milk

Monday, September 11: Homemade Cheese Pizza, carrots, applesauce, ranch dip, milk

Tuesday, September 12: Baked Cod, sweet potatoes, fresh orange slices, WG roll, milk

Wednesday, September 13: Chicken Drumstick, broccoli, pears, cornbread, milk

Thursday, September 14: Homemade Meatloaf, green beans, peaches, WG roll, milk

Friday, September 15: Soft taco, chicken, WG soft tortilla, fresh fiesta salad, corn, black beans, cherry tomatoes, fresh fruit salad, milk

Monday, September 18: Casserole, chicken, WG brown rice, green beans, orange slices, milk

Tuesday, September 19: Homemade Sloppy Joe Sandwich, hamburger/sauce, carrots, applesauce, WG bun, milk

Wednesday, September 20: Homemade Sub Sandwich, turkey, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, mandarin oranges, WG bread, milk

Thursday, September 21: Spaghetti, hamburger, noodles, salad, fruit cocktail, garlic toast, milk

Friday, September 22: Chicken Breast Patty, romaine salad, cherry tomatoes, ranch dressing, WG bun, applesauce, milk

Monday, September 25: Breakfast, sausage link, waffle/pancake, scrambled eggs, green beans, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, September 26: Homemade Chicken Alfredo, WG noodles, peas, fresh diced grapes, WG roll, milk

Wednesday, September 27: Turkey Burger, cheese slice, baked beans, apple slices, WG bun, milk

Thursday, September 28: Baked Ziti, beef/cheese, ziti noodles, romaine salad, ranch dressing, peaches, milk

Friday, September 29: Home Cooked Turkey Breast, sweet potatoes, orange slices, WG roll, 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 are 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 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 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
- **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/>
- **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/>
- **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

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
- Check your local **Trustees Office** for help with utility bills and for food pantries.
<http://noblesvilletownshiptrustee.com/> OR
<http://www.claytwp.org/> OR
<http://www.fallcreektownshipoffice.com/>
- 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/>



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