

The Play Schools

January 2018 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events!

- ◆ We will be **OPEN** on Monday, January 15th, 2018.
- ◆ All Staff Professional Development Day- We will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 19th, 2018!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Play School Families,

We would like to take this moment to extend to your family warm wishes for a healthy and blessed new year.

We can never thank you enough for the honor and privilege you have bestowed upon The Play School by having your precious family members here. The Play School family wants to always do what is best and we want you to feel that you can come to us with any questions, comments, or concerns. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2018 with you, your child, and your family!

**Most Sincerely,
Ms. Rita, Ms. Amanda, and Ms. Katie**

At the beginning of each New Year, we like to set goals to continuously improve our schools and the quality of care we provide for the children and families of The Play School. This year we will be focusing our attention on the following goals:



Continue to focus on maintaining the current Paths to QUALITY Level at each location.



Provide and pay incentives to reward continued education in the Early Childhood field. We will also continue to focus on our in-house trainings with two Staff Professional Development Days this year. The development days serve as an important method of training and education for our teachers and support staff (see page 4 for closures).



Growth and expansion in our community service projects and philanthropic efforts. We continue to be corporate sponsors of the SIDS Foundation. Additionally, we are now corporate sponsor of the Grace Care Center which is a community outreach program for all people in need of assistance (see page 6 for this year's projects).



Continue to enhance our Spanish, Music, and P.E. Enrichment Programs with the most current educational developments. Introduce our newest Enrichment Program, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics), at each location. These programs are taught by our own Play School staff members and are built into your child's daily schedule at no extra cost to you!



Maintain a well-educated, seasoned, and highly qualified faculty by offering above wages, childcare benefits, a 401K match, and more!



Continue to reinvest monies into our schools in our Gross Motor Gyms, Sensory Rooms, and STEAM installations for the benefit of the whole child. Recent additions include a ball pit, bounce pad and sensory room (coming soon) to Arbor Village, a new climber and STEAM installation at Saxony Village, and Legacy is adding child-led edible gardens and Ecology Education in 2018. Stay tuned!



Continue to improve our Preschool / Pre-Kindergarten programs to ensure all children leave The Play School with the knowledge, tools, and confidence needed to succeed in elementary school.



Keep our schools at a high quality but still affordable to families. The Play School desires to be family friendly and family focused because we are a family owned business. We have served young people since 1988. We are driven to stay current and to seek ways to improve our school for your child. This is an awesome responsibility and privilege that we simply cannot take lightly. This was the goal set thirty years ago and it has never wavered. At The Play School, it always has to be about your little girl or your little boy... because Every Child Is A Star.

Thank you for making it possible for us to continue setting and achieving our goals and for your support of The Play School.

*Written by: Rita Hafner
Founder/Owner*

2018 Play School Curriculum

<u>Month</u>	<u>Themes</u>	<u>Nutrition</u>	<u>Letters</u>	<u>Colors</u>	<u>Shapes</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Opposites</u>	<u>Gross Motor</u>
<i>January</i>	Animals	Smart Sleep	N, O, P	White	Diamond	11,12 toddler 6	Over/Under	Stability
<i>February</i>	Healthy Bodies Go Go Grains (Feb., Mar., Apr.)	5 Senses	Q, R, S	Pink	Heart	13,14 toddler 7	Happy/Sad	Throwing
<i>March</i>	Splish Splash Spring	Bones	T, U, V	Green	Clover	15,16 toddler 8	Wet/Dry	Catching
<i>April</i>	Earth	Energy Balance	W, X	Blue	Rectangle	17,18 toddler 9	On/Off	Striking
<i>May</i>	Transportation Power Up with Proteins (May, June, July)	Move to the Beat	Y, Z	Black	Oval	19,20 toddler 10	Stop/Go	Jump & Run
<i>June</i>	Summer Fun And The Great Outdoors	Healthy Beverages	A - M Review	Review	square, circle triangle, star octagon	1-10 toddler 1 - 5	Sunny/Cloudy	Kicking
<i>July</i>	Summer Fun and The Great Outdoors	Healthy Beverages	N - Z Review	Review	rectangle heart, diamond clover, oval	11-20 toddler 6- 10	Tall/Short	Stability
<i>August</i>	Me, My Family & My Friends Fabulous Fall Fruit and Vegetables	Family Meal	A, B	Purple	Square	0,1,2 toddler 1	Boys/Girls	Throwing
<i>September</i>	Community Helpers	Fabulous Fruits	C, D	Yellow	Triangle	3,4 toddler 2	In/Out	Catching
<i>October</i>	Fantastic Fall	Love My Veggies	E, F, G	Orange	Circle	5,6 toddler 3	Up/Down	Striking
<i>November</i>	Food Wonderful Winter Fruit and Vegetable	Perfect Portions	H, I, J	Brown	Octagon	7,8 toddler 4	Big/Little	Jump & Run
<i>December</i>	Winter's Blustery Day	Go, Slow, Whoa	K, L, M	Red	Star	9,10 toddler 5	Hot/Cold	Kicking

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 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 are most grateful for any absence notifications as this may lead to some additional time off for our teachers to spend with their loved ones. If your child will be out for even a day or two, please notify the office in advance. We appreciate you taking the time to keep us in the loop regarding your child’s attendance.

2017 DONATIONS

We would like to thank everyone who donated items throughout 2017. We donated so many wonderful items to families who are less fortunate than ours and we truly appreciate your kindness and willingness to participate in our monthly community outreach programs. Thank YOU for a wonderful 2017!

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 in advance for your orders as it helps our schools’ libraries



THE PLAY SCHOOL 2018 CLOSURES

- Monday, January 1 ~ New Year’s Day
- Monday, February 19 ~ President’s Day (Professional Development Day)
- Monday, May 28 ~ In observance of Memorial Day
- Wednesday, July 4 ~ In observance of Independence Day
- Friday, August 31 ~ Staff Professional Development Day
- Monday, September 3 ~ In observance of Labor Day
- Thursday, November 22 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 23 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 24th - In observance of Christmas Eve
- Tuesday, December 25 ~ In observance of Christmas
- Monday, December 31 ~ Closing early at 3:00 pm for New Year’s Eve
- Tuesday, January 1 ~ In observance of New Year’s Day

(All tuition remains the same)



HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS (continued)

CHILDREN'S CUBBIES/EXTRA CLOTHES

Winter is here! We will still be taking our classrooms outside when the temperature plus the wind chill are above freezing. Many classrooms have earlier playground times so please make sure that hats, gloves/mittens, and appropriate coats are being sent to school with your child(ren). Please help us to beat the inevitable "cabin fever" that will one-day set in and dress your child appropriately so we can still get outside and run off the extra winter energy!

Also, please check your child's "extra clothes bin" here at school. Please ensure that all of your child's extra clothes here at the school are long pants and long sleeves. We need extra clothes for every child; we simply want to make sure it is size and season appropriate! Thank you for your help in this matter.

CLASSROOM DONATIONS

Are you doing an end of the year purge at your home or office?

We are ALWAYS looking for donations of:

- Scrap paper
- Sports equipment (balls, bats, Frisbees, cones, bean bags, scarves, etc.!))
- Anything arts and crafts related (popsicle sticks, sequins, buttons, newspapers, magazines)

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Thank You!

HOLIDAY THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all our families who so generously gave The Play School teachers and staff holiday treats and/or gifts this past holiday season. We are very thankful and appreciative to be included in your well wishes and gift giving during the busiest time of the year! It means a lot to us and does not go unnoticed. From our families to yours, we wish you the best in 2018!

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 schools!

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2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” ~Mother Teresa

Listed below are several community outreach service projects that we will be focusing on supporting in 2018, in addition to numerous seasonal celebrations that we will host throughout the year! Thank you in advance for all donations we will receive throughout the year. We appreciate our wonderful Play School families and your support to show children the importance of caring for others.

February - Veteran’s Outreach ~ Socks Donations / Non-Perishable Food Donations

March - Supporting Grace Care Center / Supporting Local Food Pantries

April - Week of the Young Child

May - Mother’s Day Tea

June - All About Dads

July - Humane Society

August - Car Seat Safety Month

September - Grandparent’s Day

October - SIDS Awareness Month ~ Donations to SIDS research

November - Kans for Kids / Hurricane Relief / Coat Drive

December - Kans for Kids / Hurricane Relief / Coat Drive



“No one has ever become poor by giving.” ~Anne Frank

What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu









Monday, Jan. 1: Closed


Tuesday, Jan. 2: Turkey Burgers, WG bun, cheese slice, steamed broccoli, sliced apple, milk



Wednesday, Jan. 3: Homemade Toasted Cheese, WG bread, cheese, peas, fruit cocktail, milk


Thursday, Jan. 4: Cheese Pizza, WG crust, green beans, apple slices, milk

Friday, Jan. 5: Pasta bake, WG noodles, corn and peas, apple slices, milk



Monday, Jan. 8: Chicken Tenders, WG breading, green beans, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 9: Homemade Spaghetti, WG noodle, meat sauce, peas, fruit cocktail, milk




Wednesday, Jan. 10: Turkey Burgers, WG bun, cheese slice, steamed broccoli, orange slices, milk

Thursday, Jan. 11: Homemade White Chicken Chili, corn, pears, cornbread, milk

Friday, Jan. 12: Homemade Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, orange slices, milk


Monday, Jan. 15: Turkey Pepperoni, WG crust, Corn, peaches, milk



Tuesday, Jan. 16: Homemade Pasta Ham Bake, diced ham/cheese, penne pasta, peas, grapes, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 17: Homemade Toasted Cheese, WG bread, cheese, baked beans, pears, milk

Thursday, Jan. 18: Homemade Chicken Alfredo, WG pasta, chicken/sauce, steamed broccoli, diced pineapple, milk




Friday, Jan. 19: Turkey Breast w/ Gravy, WG roll, sweet potato, green beans, milk

Monday, Jan. 22: Breaded Cod Filet, mashed potatoes, peaches, carrots, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Breaded Chicken Breast Patties, WG bun, salad, cherry tomatoes, light ranch, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Pepperoni & Cheese Breadsticks, pizza sauce for dipping, salad with light ranch, mandarin oranges, milk


Thursday, Jan. 25: Homemade Mac n Cheese, green beans, grapes, milk



Friday, Jan. 26: Homemade Chicken and Rice, brown rice, mixed veggies, pears, milk

Monday, Jan. 29: Ravioli, WG pasta, meat sauce, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 30: Soft Shell Burrito, beef, bean, cheese, WG shell, corn, applesauce, milk



Wednesday, Jan. 31: Homemade Chicken and Noodles, WG noodles, mixed veggies, 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



Inclement Weather and School Closures

INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is The Play School's policy to remain open during winter weather. We do NOT close when the local elementary schools close. We will close if local government officials deem the roads too unsafe to travel. This winter we will notify parents and faculty of The Play School's decision to close if that situation arises through:

- PreciouStatus
- WTHR Channel 13

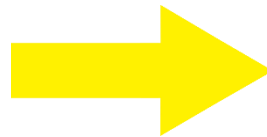


HSE / NOBLESVILLE / CARMEL CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

**Hamilton Southeastern*: No School: January 15

**Noblesville*: No School: January 15

**Carmel Clay*: No School: January 15



BE SURE TO STOP BY THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOUR SCHOOL-AGER WILL NEED FULL-DAY CARE DURING THE LISTED SCHOOL CLOSURES!

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