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Upcoming Events!

- ◆ Week of the Young Child 4/16-4/20
- ◆ Earth Day 4/22
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation 5/7-5/9
- ◆ Mother's Day Tea 5/10
- ◆ Cook Appreciation Day 5/11
- ◆ Graduation Dates
5/22 - Saxony Village
5/23 - Arbor Village
5/24 - Legacy

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

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 16-20, 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 during that 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 during that week to read a story 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.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

Mark your calendars! Here are our special plans for April 16-20

- We invite everyone to wear PURPLE every day in support of The Week of the Young Child
- 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.
- There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to participate in sharing story time any day this week at 9 a.m. or 3 p.m. 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.
- Each evening, there will be a station in the front entry offering a special treat or star prize to remind the children how much we love and appreciate them.
- On Thursday, April 19, 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.

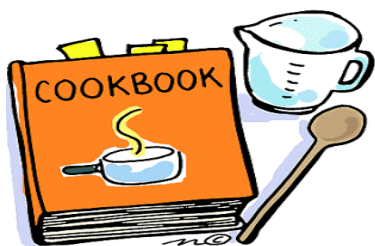
We are looking forward to an amazing week and invite you into our schools to join us!



Housekeeping Items

COOK APPRECIATION DAY

We are so fortunate for our talented and caring cooks at The Play School. They do so much more than fixing all the delicious meals for the children and faculty. Our cooks go above and beyond and we are thrilled to be able to recognize their hard work on their own special day, Friday, May 11. Please join us in celebrating our incredible cooks.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Be sure to mark your calendars for Teacher Appreciation Week when we'll be celebrating the wonderful teachers at The Play School, May 7 - May 9. Please feel free to recognize your child's fantastic teacher. A note or drawing from your child is always a touching keepsake.



CEREAL DRIVE

The March Madness cereal drive was an exciting way to involve the children in our efforts to supply the Grace Care Center. We are grateful for the volume of donations we received. The school agers will be taking a field trip to the Grace Care Center to deliver the cereal. Thank you again for your generous donations!

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of children and families.

During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities and promote prevention across the county.



THE PLAY SCHOOL 2018 CLOSURES

- 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)

RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Play School has begun a recycling initiative in the spirit of Earth Day, which is Sunday, April 22. We're recycling in our classrooms, offices, and kitchens. Faculty and children are on board. Be sure to ask your child about our new program.



GARDEN PROGRAM

From small beginnings come great things. Katie Guerra, co-owner of The Play Schools will be collaborating with some helpful Play School grandparents to prepare the gardens at all three schools. They'll be focusing on tomatoes, peppers, herbs, and flowers. Watch for fruit bearing trees coming soon.

SEASONAL ITEMS TO NOTE

Although it doesn't quite seem possible, warmer weather is coming soon.

We will be getting outside at every opportunity.



Please make sure you have done the following to ensure 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 heavy 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 our indoor gym time.
- 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.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. Please join us on Thursday, May 10 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.



2018/2019 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION:

The Play School is proud to have an amazing Before/After School program for our school-agers. We provide transportation to school in the morning as well as picking the children up in the afternoon. Each school has a specific transportation route listed below for the 2018/2019 school year. If you do not see a needed school listed, please notify your Center Director immediately so we can see if we can incorporate that school into our transportation route.

Arbor Village:

Brooks School
Hoosier Road
Geist

*A school that is not set but possible is Lantern Road. Please see your director if your child is attending this school and planning to stay at Arbor Village in August.

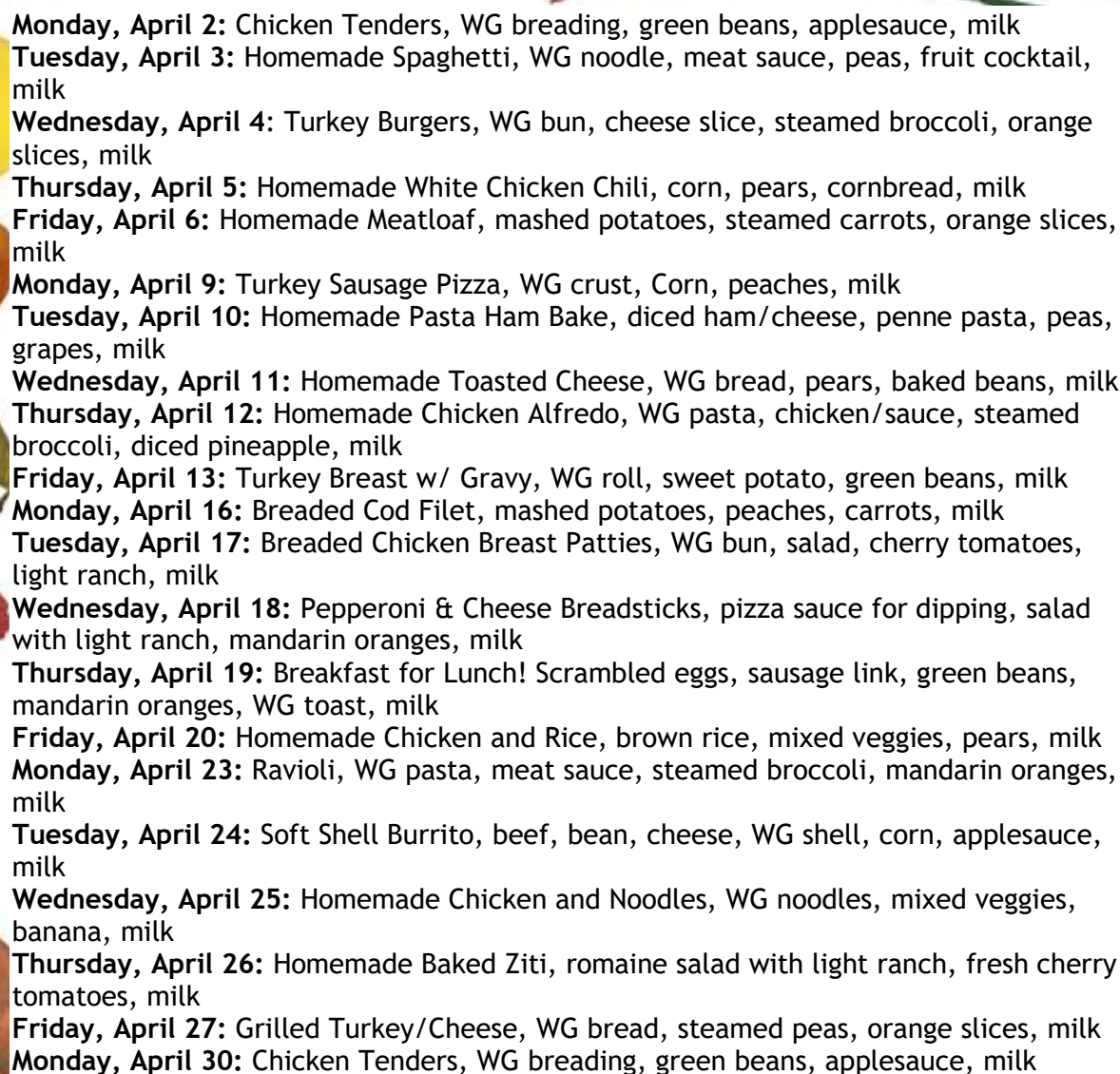
Saxony Village:

Thorpe Creek
Cumberland
Road
Sand Creek
Fall Creek
Brooks School
Geist

Legacy:

Noble Crossing
Prairie Trace
Cherry Tree
New Britton
Harrison Parkway
*Schools have not yet been determined but above are available routes

What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu

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- Monday, April 2:** Chicken Tenders, WG breading, green beans, applesauce, milk
- Tuesday, April 3:** Homemade Spaghetti, WG noodle, meat sauce, peas, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday, April 4:** Turkey Burgers, WG bun, cheese slice, steamed broccoli, orange slices, milk
- Thursday, April 5:** Homemade White Chicken Chili, corn, pears, cornbread, milk
- Friday, April 6:** Homemade Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, orange slices, milk
- Monday, April 9:** Turkey Sausage Pizza, WG crust, Corn, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, April 10:** Homemade Pasta Ham Bake, diced ham/cheese, penne pasta, peas, grapes, milk
- Wednesday, April 11:** Homemade Toasted Cheese, WG bread, pears, baked beans, milk
- Thursday, April 12:** Homemade Chicken Alfredo, WG pasta, chicken/sauce, steamed broccoli, diced pineapple, milk
- Friday, April 13:** Turkey Breast w/ Gravy, WG roll, sweet potato, green beans, milk
- Monday, April 16:** Breaded Cod Filet, mashed potatoes, peaches, carrots, milk
- Tuesday, April 17:** Breaded Chicken Breast Patties, WG bun, salad, cherry tomatoes, light ranch, milk
- Wednesday, April 18:** Pepperoni & Cheese Breadsticks, pizza sauce for dipping, salad with light ranch, mandarin oranges, milk
- Thursday, April 19:** Breakfast for Lunch! Scrambled eggs, sausage link, green beans, mandarin oranges, WG toast, milk
- Friday, April 20:** Homemade Chicken and Rice, brown rice, mixed veggies, pears, milk
- Monday, April 23:** Ravioli, WG pasta, meat sauce, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk
- Tuesday, April 24:** Soft Shell Burrito, beef, bean, cheese, WG shell, corn, applesauce, milk
- Wednesday, April 25:** Homemade Chicken and Noodles, WG noodles, mixed veggies, banana, milk
- Thursday, April 26:** Homemade Baked Ziti, romaine salad with light ranch, fresh cherry tomatoes, milk
- Friday, April 27:** Grilled Turkey/Cheese, WG bread, steamed peas, orange slices, milk
- Monday, April 30:** Chicken Tenders, WG breading, green beans, 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

2018 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 event 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 4:30 p.m. 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 so please RSVP to your Center Director no later than Tuesday, May 8. 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.

Saxony Village: Tuesday, May 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Arbor Village: Wednesday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Legacy: Thursday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m.

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