

The Play Schools

August 2018 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events!

- ◆ Closed for School Wide Training Day, Friday, 8/31
- ◆ Closed in observance of Labor Day, 9/3
- ◆ Fall Picture Days
Saxony Village 10/8
Arbor Village 10/9
Legacy 10/12

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WELCOME

Although The Play Schools are open year round, we consider the first full of week of August as the beginning of our calendar school year. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome back any returning Play School families for the 2018/2019 school year, in addition to welcoming any new families joining us. As you get settled into our schools, please never hesitate to touch base with your Center Director if you have questions or concerns.

We are always grateful to our families who choose The Play School, as we respect and understand you have a lot of quality programs in our area to choose from. That is why your family's decision to be a part of The Play School family is genuinely appreciated. Again, thank you for your continued loyalty and here is to another great year with The Play School.



Where Every Child is a Star!

Housekeeping Items

2018/2019 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR START DATE

Noblesville Schools: Wednesday, August 1

Carmel Clay Schools: Tuesday, August 14

Hamilton Southeastern Schools: Wednesday, August 8

2018/2019 REGISTRATION FEES / SUPPLY FEES

Although The Play Schools are open year round, our calendar school year is from August to August. Each August, which marks the beginning of a new school year, we collect a Registration/Supply fee for each child enrolled at The Play School. This money is 100% allocated back into the school to cover the replenishment of classroom supplies, school projects and building improvements, technology goals, teachers' salaries/benefits/education, and more. *Registration fees are due Monday, August 13th.* These can be included along with your regular weekly tuition payment. Should you need a payment plan, please see your center director to make arrangements. Thank you again for your support of our schools. We are incredibly grateful that you're a part of our Play School family.

THE PLAY SCHOOL 2018 CLOSURES

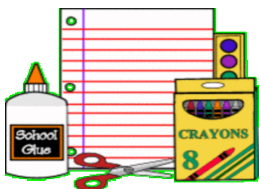
- Friday, August 31 ~ Staff Professional Development Day
- Monday, September 3 ~ In observance of Labor Day
- Thursday, November 22 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 23 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 24th - In observance of Christmas Eve
- Tuesday, December 25 ~ In 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)

JULY CHARITY DRIVE

Thank you for your generous donations to the school supply drive. The Play School Summer Campers went to Grace Care Center for a field trip to help pack backpacks. Check out the photos on our Facebook page of the children packing your donations. It is such a powerful and impactful service field trip for the children and teachers.



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 2017/2018 school year, those will not roll over into the new school year. All families will have two credits on their account starting Monday, August 13 for the 2018/2019 school year. Thank you!

We're on the Web!
Theplayschools.com

Be sure to 'like'
 The Play School
 on Facebook!

Housekeeping Items (continued)

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.

Saxony Village:

Thorpe Creek
Cumberland
Road
Sand Creek
Fall Creek
Brooks School
Geist

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.

Legacy:

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

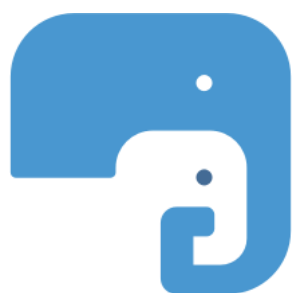
FALL PICTURE DAYS

SAY CHEESE! Lifetouch Portraits will be taking your child's picture this year. Fall Picture Days are scheduled at each of The Play Schools on the following dates.

Saxony Village on October 8

Arbor Village on October 9

Legacy on October 12




Smartcare

Leading Edge for Early Learning

SMARTCARE

We're excited to announce another technology advancement for The Play Schools. Smartcare will replace PreciouStatus in August at Legacy, Saxony Village, and Arbor Village. Smartcare is an electronic daily sheet that goes hand-in-hand with the center management software program we have been using for over ten years. While any change is challenging, this will allow us to utilize one software program that connects the office, classroom, and parents. You should have received an email from Smartcare in July. If you did not receive a Smartcare email, please contact your Center Director. As of August 6, we will no longer use PreciouStatus as your child's electronic daily sheet. However, you will still get all the same updates, photos, milestones, and notes that you have come to expect from The Play School. As a parent, you will now be able to manage your account on the parent app. Download the Smartcare app on your mobile device from the App Store or Google.

What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu



Wednesday, Aug 1: Sub Sandwich, turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, WG hoagie bun, orange slices, milk

Thursday, Aug 2: Homemade Lunchable, hard-boiled egg, cheese slice, cherry tomatoes, WG crackers, apricots, milk

Friday, Aug 3: Homemade Grilled Cheese, WG bread, apple slices, fresh carrots, milk

Monday, Aug 6: Baked fish, WG fish patty, mashed sweet potatoes, fresh melon, milk

Tuesday, Aug 7: Soft Taco, beef, cheese, WG shell, lettuce salad, cherry tomatoes, banana, milk

Wednesday, Aug 8: Chicken Tenders, WG chicken strips, green beans, diced grapes, WG roll, milk

Thursday, Aug 9: Cheeseburger on WG bun, hamburger patty, lettuce salad, cheese slice, mango, milk

Friday, Aug 10: PBJ Sandwich, peanut butter, jelly, WG bread, peas, mandarin oranges, milk

Monday, Aug 13: Homemade Mac & Cheese, WG macaroni, cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, Aug 14: Breakfast for Lunch! Scrambled eggs, turkey link, mixed veggies, banana, WG toast, milk

Wednesday, Aug 15: Chicken Quesadilla, chicken, cheese, WG soft shell, corn, orange slices, milk

Thursday, Aug 16: Roll Up, turkey, cheese slice, WG soft shell, peas, mandarin oranges, milk

Friday, Aug 17: Pizza Burger, hamburger, cheese slice, WG English muffin, steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk

Monday, Aug 20: Chicken & Noodles, WG noodles, chicken, peas/carrots, pears, milk

Tuesday, Aug 21: Chicken Patty Sandwich, chicken patty, WG bun, lettuce/tomatoes, light ranch, peaches, milk

Wednesday, Aug 22: Homemade Spaghetti, WG noodle, meat sauce, green beans, pineapple, milk

Thursday, Aug 23: Casserole, hamburger, tater tots, steamed broccoli, apple slices/applesauce, milk

Friday, Aug 24: Grilled Turkey Sandwich, WG bread, turkey, cheese, diced carrots, pears, milk

Monday, Aug 27: Homemade Cheese Pizza, WG crust, corn, fresh melon, milk

Tuesday, Aug 28: Homemade Chicken and Rice, brown rice, mixed veggies, pears, milk

Wednesday, Aug 29: Sub Sandwich, turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, WG hoagie bun, orange slices, milk


Thursday, Aug 30: Homemade Lunchable, hard-boiled egg, cheese slice, cherry tomatoes, WG crackers, apricots, milk

Friday, Aug 31: **CLOSED FOR ALL STAFF TRAINING DAY**

**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



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

The Play School continues to integrate enrichment programs into your child's daily schedule. These are age appropriate and designed specifically for each class/age group and developmental level. We recognize the value of quality programs that provide your child an opportunity to participate in gross motor/fine motor activities, explore STEM, engage in the creativity of hands-on music classes, and be exposed to a foreign language. We don't add a supplemental fee for your child's experience in our enrichment program. It is a part of their Play School experience.

During indoor gym time, students are participating in Kids Yoga class with Ms. Kaitlin or Ms. Jennifer. Our Yoga teachers are passionate about the benefits and life lessons that Yoga offers children: body awareness, flexibility, self-control, stress reduction, and relaxation techniques.

Our Music Program rocks! Mr. Jason, Ms. Natalie, and Ms. Catherine teach music at The Play Schools. Using guitar, keyboard, African drums, shakers, rhythm sticks, lollipop drums, bell bracelets, and many more instruments, the children learn about beat, rhythm, and counting beats. Music, at a very young age, dramatically impacts a child's language development.

The Play School recently partnered with Wishes Dance Studio. The kids have been loving Ms. Dallas' super-fun Hippity Hoppers class this summer. We look forward to continuing to offer these weekly Wishes Dance classes throughout the school year. In addition to the Hippity Hoppers class included in our program, you can sign up your child for a private Wishes Dance Class. Ms. Dallas will instruct an additional (separate fee) Petite Ballerina or Little Dancing Friends class for the children who sign up.

Early Physical Education is imperative for a healthy body. P.E. classes at The Play School are varied with obstacle courses, games, and motor skills as Ms. Teresa teaches spatial awareness and control. The children master their gross motor skills while learning to follow oral directions and developing healthful social interactions with their peers.

Ms. Marlene and Ms. Ana teach Spanish to Toddlers through Pre-K 5s. Using songs and books, they build a solid Spanish foundation by teaching pronunciation, greetings, basic conversational phrases, numbers, colors, and identifying objects through pictures.

Thank you for your support of The Play School. Because of you, we have been able to add these specialty classes to our program.

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