

The Play Schools

September 2018 Newsletter

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6:30am-6:00pm M-F

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

* Monday, 9/3/18
CLOSED for Labor Day

* Fall Pictures
- Saxony Village 10/8
- Arbor Village 10/9
- Legacy 10/12

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank all of our Play School families for your patience during the recent transition to Smartcare. Your gracious understanding and trust in our decision is much appreciated.

While the move has not been easy, we are noticing that families are getting the hang of it. Parents seem to be comfortable with the kiosk and have relayed to us that the independent billing process is much easier to use.

Our teachers have made great strides in learning to navigate the app. We hope you're enjoying the updates and photos.

We know that change in any aspect can be challenging. We are grateful for the continued feedback. We're hopeful that Smartcare will use our input and your feedback as they make improvements for their next update.



~PREPARING CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR OVER 30 YEARS~

Fall sports have kicked into gear and the yellow school buses have begun their routes. For many of you, it's starting to sink in that there is precious little time left before your little one goes off to kindergarten. It can be an exciting time for your child and an anxiety-filled time for mom and dad. So many questions: Are they ready? Will they have friends they know? Do we send them on the bus? Should we go next August or wait one more year? What am I looking for in a preschool program? Rest assured, we have supported families year after year through similar worries, cares, and concerns about their child's preparation for kindergarten.

Preparing children for kindergarten is important work! We honor this great responsibility in everything we do. It starts with making sure our school is comprised of the most loving, educated, and passionate teachers for your child(ren). Here you will not find one lead teacher and an assistant; our preschool teaching teams are comprised of two experienced and highly educated teachers! In our PreK classes, here is what you can expect:

- Two degreed teachers
- Classrooms conducting a kindergarten curriculum
- Letter and number recognition and ability to write all letters and numbers
- Introduction to sight words and many children able to read beginner reader books by graduation
- A low teacher to child ratio of 1:15 (Most classes are 1:12 ratio, in fact.)
- Spanish, Music, PE, Yoga and Dance classes every week
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineer and Math) weaved into daily learning and play experiences

Included below is a chart that highlights the cumulative education of our amazing Play School teachers. We hope that it will give you a tremendous level of comfort that you have chosen the best early education program for your child.

OUR STRONG TEACHING TEAMS:

Ms. Tammy (3s) Childhood Development associate degree	Ms. Hailey (3s) associates in ECE & bachelor's in Child and Family Development & Ms. Peggy (3s) pursuing CDA	Ms. Victoria (3s) bachelor's in Early Childhood
Ms. Lindsey (3s) associate degree in Early Childhood and CDA	Ms. Brittany (3/4s) master's in Early Childhood Education	Ms. Jennyfer (3s) associate degree in Early Childhood
Ms. Rachel (4s) bachelor's in Elementary Education	Ms. Vanessa (4s) Childhood Development associate degree	Ms. Brooklyn (4s) bachelor's in Elementary Education
Mr. Patrick (4s) bachelor's in Secondary Education	Ms. Shar (4s) pursuing CDA	Mr. AJ (4s) pursuing bachelor's in Education
Ms. Abby (PreK 5s) bachelor's in Elementary Education	Ms. Kara (5s) bachelor's in Elementary Education	Ms. Anastasia (5s) bachelor's in Elementary Education
Ms. Gabriela (PreK 5s) bachelor's in Elementary Education / Spanish Immersion	Ms. Cynthia (5's) bachelor's in Business / Spanish Immersion	Ms. Rosi (5s) bachelor's in Elementary Education / Spanish Immersion

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thank you for your understanding towards our Staff Professional Development Day on August 31st. This training was 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.



We're on the Web!
Theplayschools.com

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

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!

THE PLAY SCHOOL 2018/2019 CLOSURES

- 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
- Monday, February 18 ~ All Staff Training Day

More 2019 dates to be announced ...



What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu

Monday, September 3: CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4: Soft Taco, beef, cheese, WG shell, lettuce salad, cherry tomatoes, banana, milk

Wednesday, September 5: Chicken Tenders, WG chicken strips, green beans, diced grapes, WG roll, milk

Thursday, September 6: Cheeseburger on WG bun, hamburger patty, lettuce salad, cheese slice, mango, milk

Friday, September 7: PBJ Sandwich, peanut butter, jelly, WG bread, peas, mandarin oranges, milk

Monday, September 10: Homemade Mac & Cheese, WG macaroni, cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, September 11: Breakfast for Lunch! Scrambled eggs, turkey link, mixed veggies, banana, WG toast, milk

Wednesday, September 12: Chicken Quesadilla, chicken, cheese, WG soft shell, corn, orange slices, milk

Thursday, September 13: Roll Up, turkey, cheese slice, WG soft shell, peas, mandarin oranges, milk

Friday, September 14: Pizza Burger, hamburger, cheese slice, WG English muffin, steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk

Monday, September 17: Chicken & Noodles, WG noodles, chicken, peas/carrots, pears, milk

Tuesday, September 18: Chicken Patty Sandwich, chicken patty, WG bun, lettuce/tomatoes, light ranch, peaches, milk

Wednesday, September 19: Homemade Spaghetti, WG noodle, meat sauce, green beans, pineapple, milk

Thursday, September 20: Casserole, hamburger, tater tots, steamed broccoli, apple slices/applesauce, milk

Friday, September 21: Grilled Turkey Sandwich, WG bread, turkey, cheese, diced carrots, pears, milk

Monday, September 24: Homemade Cheese Pizza, WG crust, corn, fresh melon, milk

Tuesday, September 25: Homemade Chicken and Rice, brown rice, mixed veggies, pears, milk

Wednesday, September 26: Sub Sandwich, turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, WG hoagie bun, orange slices, milk

Thursday, September 27: Homemade Lunchable, hard-boiled egg, cheese slice, cherry tomatoes, WG crackers, apricots, milk

Friday, September 28: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, apple slices, fresh carrots, WG bread, 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**

IT TAKES A VILLAGE....IT TAKES A TEAM!

The Play School is proud to announce its teaching team! We humbly believe that you are only as good as your faculty and we are fortunate to be surrounded by a team of well-educated, seasoned, and loving teachers.

THE PLAY SCHOOL AT LEGACY

INFANTS:

Sharyn Shepherd - CDA
 Kathy Stierley- Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
 Ana Amaro- CDA and B.S. in Nursing
 Elizabeth Halsell- CDA and B.S. in Psychology
 Annette Gosewehr- Associate degree in Science and Arts

TODDLERS:

Candice Tyler - CDA
 Annette Kamps- Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
 Liz Riley - CDA and B.S. in the Arts
 Carly Steitz - B.S. in Educational Studies
 Susan Matheny- M.S. in Counseling, B.S. in Elementary Education
 Cindi Grisgby - HS Diploma

TWOS:

Emily Moore - B.S in Elementary Education
 Jess Lendman- B.S. in Early Childhood Education
 Mallory Moon- HS Diploma
 Taylor Cesnik- CDA
 Ashley Weatherspoon- CDA

PRESCHOOL 3s:

Jennyfer Lingbeck - Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
 Victoria Rigdon - CDA

PRE-K 4s:

Brooklyn Seeby- B.S. in Early Childhood Education
 A.J. Schleitwiler - HS Diploma

K + 5s:

Annastasia Halajcsik - B.S. in Elementary Education
 Rosie H - B.S. in Primary Education

SUPPORT STAFF:

Lyla Garcia - CDA in progress
 Amanda Patterson - B.S. in Elementary Education
 Marie Reeves - HS Diploma
 Tyler Blascow - B.S. in Elementary Education in progress
 Ale Walters - Degree in progress
 Riley Evans - B.S. in Human Services
 Don Sneed - Regional Chef

CHEF:

Becca Sears - HS Diploma

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR / INTERIM DIRECTOR:

Sarah Ritter - B.S. in Elementary Education

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THE PLAY SCHOOL AT SAXONY

INFANTS:

Barb Woodring - HS Diploma, Nanny Certificate
 Melissa Bailey - B.S. in Elementary Education
 Amy Martin - B.S. in Child Development, Pursuing Master's in Elementary Education
 Lisa Garrison - Associate degree in Early Childhood Education

TODDLERS:

Kathy Couch - HS Diploma
 Beth Scheible - Pursuing CDA
 Sam Maultbay - HS Diploma
 Frehley Mehaffey - CDA

TWOS:

Edi Putelis - HS Diploma
 Heather Matthews - CDA
 Mallissa Cooper - B.A. in Family/Children Science
 Marina Garrison - Pursuing CDA
 Ranae Raquet - Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
 Meghan Knuckles - B.S. in Early Childhood Education

PRESCHOOL 3s:

Peggy Schuster - Pursuing CDA
 Hailey Balgoyen - Associate degree in Early Childhood Education, B.S. in Child and Family Development
 Brittany Garrison - Master's Early Childhood Education

PRE-K 3/4s:

Vanessa McBride - CDA
 Sharonetta Gadd - Pursuing CDA

PRE-K 4/5s:

Kara Spencer - B.S. in Elementary Education
 Jenna McCosky - B.A. in General Studies

SUPPORT STAFF:

Bobbie Todd - HS Diploma
 Don Sneed - Regional Chef

CHEF:

Qua Hamlin - HS Diploma

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Sarah Ritter - B.S. in Elementary Education

CENTER DIRECTOR:

Krista Roberts - Associate degree in Early Childhood Education

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THE PLAY SCHOOL AT ARBOR VILLAGE

INFANTS:

Pam Smith - CDA
Carol Ice - B.S. in Elementary Education
Amanda Lewis - CDA
Darby Smith - B.S. in Sport and Exercise Psychology

TODDLERS:

Liz Davis - CDA
Natalie Jensen - B.S. in Psychology
Tarryn Padget - CDA, Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
Jodie Chambers - CDA

TWOS:

Sanje Rajapakse - Associate degree in Early Childhood Education, Pursuing CDA
Kierstan Goins - B.S. General Studies, Psychology
Aliya Burris - B.S. in Educational Studies with concentration in Early Childhood
Ouahiba - B.A. in Education

PRESCHOOL 3s:

Tammy Gardner - CDA
Lindsay Koop - CDA, Associate degree in Early Childhood Education

PRE-K 4s:

Rachael Olson - B.S. in Early Childhood Education
Patrick Ruddy - CDA

PRE-K 5s:

Abby Wietbrock - B.A. in Elementary Education
Gabriela Amador - B.S. in Elementary Education

SUPPORT STAFF:

Sharon Becker - HS Diploma
Daysha Beck - Pursuing B.A. in Communications
Don Sneed - Regional Chef

CHEF:

Brittany Poindexter - HS Diploma

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Sarah Ritter - B.S. in Elementary Education

CENTER DIRECTOR:

Monique Sharifi - B.A. in Psychology

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



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