

# The Play Schools

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January 2019 Newsletter

## 30 Years of Early Childhood Education in Hamilton County

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### Upcoming Events!

- ◆ All Staff Professional Development Day- We will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019!

## 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 2019 with you, your child, and your family!

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

# 2019 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>
<b>January</b>	Animals	Smart Sleep	N, O, P	White	Diamond	11,12 toddler 6	Over/Under	Stability
<b>February</b>	Healthy Bodies Go Go Grains (Feb., Mar., Apr.)	5 Senses	Q, R, S	Pink	Heart	13,14 toddler 7	Happy/Sad	Throwing
<b>March</b>	Splish Splash Spring	Bones	T, U, V	Green	Clover	15,16 toddler 8	Wet/Dry	Catching
<b>April</b>	Earth	Energy Balance	W, X	Blue	Rectangle	17,18 toddler 9	On/Off	Striking
<b>May</b>	Transportation Power Up with Proteins (May, June, July)	Move to the Beat	Y, Z	Black	Oval	19,20 toddler 10	Stop/Go	Jump & Run
<b>June</b>	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
<b>July</b>	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
<b>August</b>	Me, My Family & My Friends Fabulous Fall Fruit and Vegetables	Family Meal	A, B	Purple	Square	0,1,2 toddler 1	Boys/Girls	Throwing
<b>September</b>	Community Helpers	Fabulous Fruits	C, D	Yellow	Triangle	3,4 toddler 2	In/Out	Catching
<b>October</b>	Fantastic Fall	Love My Veggies	E, F, G	Orange	Circle	5,6 toddler 3	Up/Down	Striking
<b>November</b>	Food Wonderful Winter Fruit and Vegetable	Perfect Portions	H, I, J	Brown	Octagon	7,8 toddler 4	Big/Little	Jump & Run
<b>December</b>	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 2018/2019 year. Unused weeks from 2017/2018 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.

### 2018 DONATIONS

We would like to thank everyone who donated items throughout 2018. 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 2018!

### 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 2019 CLOSURES

- Tuesday, January 1 ~ New Year’s Day
- Monday, February 18 ~ President’s Day (Professional Development Day)
- Monday, May 27 ~ In observance of Memorial Day
- Thursday, July 4 ~ In observance of Independence Day
- Monday, September 2 ~ In observance of Labor Day
- Thursday, November 28 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 29 ~ In observance of Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Closing early at 3:00 pm for Christmas Eve
- Wednesday, December 25 ~ In observance of Christmas
- Tuesday, December 31 ~ Closing early at 3:00 pm for New Year’s Eve
- Wednesday, 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 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 2019!

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!




We're on the Web!  
[Theplayschools.com](http://Theplayschools.com)

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

## What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu

**Tuesday, Jan. 1:** Closed for New Years!

**Wednesday, Jan. 2:** WG Breaded Fish Sticks, Mixed Vegetables, Diced Grapes, WG Roll, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 3:** WG Spaghetti Noodles with Meat Sauce, Salad with Light Ranch, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 4:** Beef and Cheese Burritos with WG Tortilla Shell, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Shredded Cheese, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 7:** WG Breaded and Baked Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Applesauce, WG Roll, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 8:** Turkey Burger with WG Roll and Cheese Slice, Banana, Steamed Broccoli, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 9:** WG Beef Spaghetti with WG Pasta, Meat & Sauce, Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 10:** Homemade White Chicken Chili, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, cornbread, milk

**Friday, Jan. 11:** Homemade Meatloaf, Buttered Bread, Pears, Diced Carrots, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 14:** Sausage Pizza with WG Crust, Corn, Peaches, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 15:** Homemade Tator Tot Casserole with Ground Beef, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 16:** Cheese Quesadillas, Pears, Peas, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 17:** Homemade Chicken Alfredo, WG Pasta, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 18:** Chicken Stir Fry with Brown Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 21:** WG Breaded and Baked Cod Filet, Asian Rice with Peas, Carrots, and Corn, Applesauce, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 22:** Grilled Cheeseburger with WG Bun, Cherry Tomatoes, Lettuce Salad with Light Ranch, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 23:** French Toast Sticks, Turkey Links, Green Beans, Diced Grapes, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 24:** WG Breaded and Baked Chicken Nuggets, WG Roll, Corn, Diced Mangos, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 25:** Homemade Chicken and Rice, Brown Rice, Mixed Veggies, Pears, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 28:** Ravioli, WG Pasta, Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 29:** WG Breaded and Baked Chicken Patty with WG Bun, Corn, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 30:** Homemade Chicken and Noodles, WG Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Banana, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 31:** Homemade Baked Ziti with WG Pasta, Beef and Cheese, Peas, Diced Grapes, 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:

- Smartcare
- WTHR Channel 13

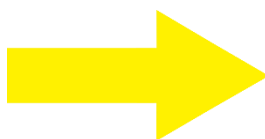


### HSE / NOBLESVILLE / CARMEL CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

\**Hamilton Southeastern*: No School: January 21st

\**Noblesville*: No School: January 21st

\**Carmel Clay*: No School: January 21st



**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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