

The Play Schools

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March 2019 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events!

- ◆ Picture Day at Arbor Village on 3/12, at Saxony Village on 3/13, and at Legacy on 3/14
- ◆ Wear GREEN on Friday, March 15 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day early
- ◆ Spring Break is March 25th-April 5th for Noblesville schools and March 29-April 5th for Carmel and HSE.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Our Community Calendar service project that we will be focusing on in March is a Boxed Cereal Drive for the Grace Care Center. The 5's class and school aged students will be volunteering at The Grace Care Center on March 29th. Thank you in advance for all contributions. We appreciate our wonderful Play School families and your support to show children the importance of caring for others.

For more information, visit <http://gracechurch.us/care/care-center/>



Housekeeping Items

WHO NEEDS THE BEACH!?!

Spring Break at The Play School is going to be packed with fun and excitement! The children will be jumping at Sky Zone, playing sports at Finch Creek Fieldhouse, and participating in community service projects! If you have not returned your copy of the calendar with your signature, please do so as soon as possible. If you are heading somewhere fun for vacation, please let your center director know so we can get an early idea of classroom needs. Thank you for being a part of The Play School.



SAY CHEESE!

Spring picture days are coming soon. Children who are graduating our program and going to Kindergarten will have their graduation pictures in their caps and gowns will be done on picture day as well.

Arbor Village's picture day will be 3/12.

Saxony Village's picture day will be 3/13.

Legacy's picture day will be 3/14.

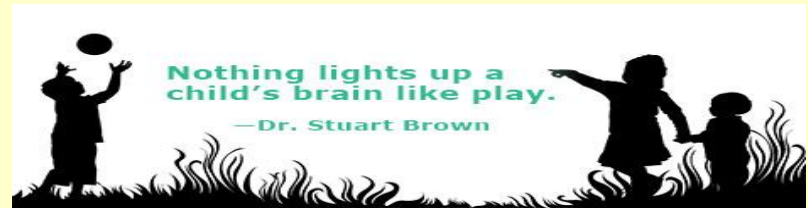
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday, March 17 this year. Help us celebrate by sending your child to school in green on Friday, March 15th!



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY:

We would like to 'Thank You' for your support and understanding regarding the closure last month for our semi-annual Staff Professional Day. The Play School staff participated in several workshops from certified trainers which allows us to continue to grow and improve when it comes to Early Childhood Education! We are very grateful to be able to provide our staff with a day full of hands-on learning experiences.



THE PLAY SCHOOL 2019 CLOSURES

- 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 - Closing early at 3:00pm 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)

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.

FRIENDSHIP PARTIES

We wish to thank all our amazing parents who donated items to our classroom parties in February. Without your help and support, our Friendship class parties would not have been quite the hit that they were. The children very much enjoyed this day!

DR. SEUSS WEEK!!

March is National Reading Month! The Play Schools is starting the month off with Dr. Seuss Week. Children, of all ages, love Dr. Seuss stories and activities. Our week at school will be packed with lots of fun for everyone!

Monday, 3/4 - Wear something red or blue for
 Tuesday, 3/5 - Wear stripes or your favorite hat
 Wednesday, 3/6 - Wear your clothes in a wacky style
 Thursday, 3/7 - Wear something green
 Friday 3/8 - PJ Day

There may even be a surprise visit from a certain cat wearing his hat! Thanks for joining in the fun!!

GRADUATION 2019!

The Play Schools is excited to start planning for the 31st class to graduate!

Graduation dates are as follows:

5/13 - Saxony Village
 5/15 - Legacy
 5/17 - Arbor Village



Times will be confirmed soon but generally ceremonies begin at 4:15pm.

Schools Out for Summer!!

Registration for our 4 Kidz Only Summer Club is open! Field trips are currently being planned and will be published soon. This summer, The Play Schools will be bowling, exploring the zoo and Children's Museum, learning new sports, and so much more. Our program's space is limited due to state licensing ratios and available spots on our Play School private buses. Due to its popularity and terrific reputation, this program consistently fills up in advance each and every summer. A deposit equal to one week's tuition is due, along with a registration form. Since the deposit is held separately in your family's Play School account and will be applied toward the first week's tuition, the only thing that will be due the first week will be field trip fees and the Summer Supply Fee. Once the initial registration period (exclusive to currently enrolled Play School families) has closed, we will open any remaining spots to the public until we have reached our summer program maximum. Please don't delay as we don't want your child to miss out on all the great activities we have planned for the summer of 2019! This is a popular program and spots will fill up fast. We are excited to see who joins in the summer of fun!



Kind is Cool!!

The Play School is excited to announce the newest addition to our curriculum! Throughout March, we will be implementing our Kindness Curriculum. We will be kicking the curriculum off with a toothpaste activity that focuses on using our kind words. Children will learn that once our words are out of our mouths, they are impossible to get back in. Just like the toothpaste can't be put back in the tube. You will also see several new things throughout the school and classrooms as well. The Kindness Dinosaur will make an appearance in the classrooms, new activities will be planned, and so much more! We are excited to help children develop their social and emotional skills through this new and exciting curriculum!

We will be taking donations of mini-tubes of toothpaste in the front offices of the schools if you would like to help the new curriculum off to a great start! As always, donations are never required, but always appreciated. Thank you for being a part of The Play School family!



A person's a person,
no matter how
small.

-Dr. Seuss



Friday, Mar. 1: WG breaded and baked fish sticks, fresh pears, sweet potatoes, milk

Monday, Mar. 4: WG breaded and baked chicken tenders, green beans, applesauce, WG roll, milk

Tuesday, Mar. 5: Turkey burgers w/cheese and WG bun, bananas, steamed broccoli, milk

Wednesday, Mar. 6: WG spaghetti w/beef and sauce, peas, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, Mar. 7: **Green eggs and ham**, mandarin oranges, **WG roll**, milk

Friday, Mar. 9: Homemade meatloaf w/ground beef, buttered bread, pears, diced carrots, milk

Monday, Mar. 12: Turkey Sausage Pizza, WG crust, Corn, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Mar. 13: Homemade tater tot casserole w/ground beef, baked beans, applesauce, milk

Wednesday, Mar. 14: Cheese quesadillas, pears, peas, milk

Thursday, Mar. 15: Homemade chicken alfredo, WG pasta, chicken/sauce, steamed broccoli, diced pineapple, milk

Friday, Mar. 16: Chicken stir fry with brown rice, stir fry veggies, mandarin oranges, mil

Monday, Mar. 19: WG breaded and baked cod filet, Asian rice with peas, carrots, and corn, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Mar. 20: Grilled cheeseburger w/beef patty and WG bun, cheese slice, cherry tomatoes, lettuce salad, light ranch, milk

Wednesday, Mar. 21: French toast sticks, turkey links, green beans, diced grapes, milk

Thursday, Mar. 22: WG breaded and baked chicken nuggets, WG roll, corn, diced mangos, milk

Friday, Mar. 23: Homemade chicken and brown rice, mixed veggies, pears, milk

Monday, Mar. 26: Ravioli, WG pasta, meat sauce, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday, Mar. 27: WG breaded and baked chicken patty w/WG bun, corn, applesauce, milk

Wednesday, Mar. 28: Homemade chicken and noodles, WG egg noodles, mixed veggies, banana, milk

Thursday, Mar. 29: Homemade baked ziti w/WG pasta, peas, diced grapes, milk

Friday, Mar. 30: WG breaded and baked fish sticks, mashed sweet potatoes, baked beans, pineapple tidbits, milk

**WG = Whole Grain

**Whole grains are automatically served for breads, pastas, waffles, crackers, etc.

**Canned fruits and vegetables are served at a minimum, replaced as much as possible with fresh fruits and vegetables



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:

- Brightwheel
- WTHR Channel 13

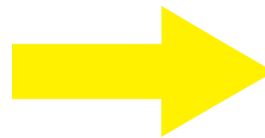


HSE / NOBLESVILLE / CARMEL CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

**Hamilton Southeastern*: Spring Break: March 29 - April 5

**Noblesville*: Spring Break: March 25 - April 5

**Carmel Clay*: Spring Break: March 29 - April 5



BE SURE TO STOP BY THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOUR SCHOOL-AGER WILL NEED FULL-DAY CARE DURING SPRING BREAK.

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