

# The Play Schools



November 2019 Newsletter

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November evokes memories of family gatherings, precious time spent together, and homemade cooking in the kitchen. Plans are readily being made to celebrate what this holiday season represents: family and friends, sharing of precious time, and a meal together. Whatever your plans for Thanksgiving, may they include gratitude for what you have and often for what you don't have.

It is a time for us to simply state "thank you" for your loyalty and trust that you have given to us at The Play School. Some of you have been a part of The Play School for a multitude of years. We hope you understand how much we appreciate your faith in us and the support you have given to the teachers at the school over the years. Thank you for backing them; they need you and appreciate this more than you know. We must never take you for granted and continue to serve your family in a high-quality manner.

There are those that are still familiarizing themselves with The Play School family. We know it is not an easy decision to leave your precious child. That never gets old. Please know we are trying very, very hard to assist you as your family gets acclimated to our school.

Our deepest gratitude to all Play School families. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Special Events

### KANS FOR KIDS FOOD DRIVE

Throughout the month of November and December, The Play School will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishables items. We are excited to continue hosting this annual food drive. The Play School has been collecting canned goods for local families in need since 1988! All of the items donated go directly to FAMILIES RIGHT HERE IN HAMILTON COUNTY! We will have a box or two set up in the front office of the schools for donations to be dropped off. The teachers will be talking to the children about the food drive, as well as incorporating it into our Kindness Curriculum. We thank you in advance for any help you can give to the families in need and partnering with The Play School in another community service project!

Needed Items: spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, pork and beans, jelly/peanut butter, cereal, canned potatoes, dish/laundry soap, diapers (any size), canned meals, ketchup/other condiments, toilet paper, paper towels, canned fruit, boxed stuffing mix, gravy, sweet potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, green beans, dessert mixes, French fried onions.



### FRIENDSHIP FEASTS!

We will be having our annual Friendship Feasts in the classrooms on Tuesday, November 26th. Sign-up sheets will be posted on classroom doors for donations of different fruits and vegetables. As always, donations are not required, but always appreciated. Each classroom will make their friendship salad in the morning and enjoy it as a snack in the afternoon.



### WINTER BLAST CLASSROOM PARTIES!

The Play School's annual Winter Blast parties will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 3:00 pm. The children will have fun making a special craft, playing games, and eating wintery treats!



### THANK YOU

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



### Winter Coat Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated in October to the coat drive. The Play School was able to make four large donations of winter items to LOCAL families in need. We could not have done it without our families and staff. We are truly blessed with the best.



# This Year's Holiday Event from The Play Schools



Dear Play School Families,

We are very excited to announce that we are trying something new this year with our after-hours family Christmas parties! Please join us on Saturday, December 7th for a private Play School showing of Frozen 2 at the GQT Hamilton 16 theater located at the Hamilton Town Center mall. We will have our traditional holiday donuts and refreshments and will be purchasing your movie entrance tickets on us! The doors will open early at 8:30am for check-in and a chance to grab your refreshments. Our private screening will then start promptly at 9:00am. Our faculty and their loved ones have been invited as well. We are looking forward to bringing staff and Play School families together in this new community-based event we are hosting this year! We will still be holding our annual "Winter Blast" classroom parties for all the children in addition to Frozen 2. These will be on Thursday, December 19th with treats, gifts, holiday books and music, games, prizes, and more throughout the school day. We will be sure to send a lot of pictures home that day!



If you can attend our private movie screening, please RSVP to your Center Director with the number of people attending in your party by Friday, November 22nd. **This event is private and is for current Play School children and their immediate family members and faculty only.** Sorry, but friends, neighbors, cousins, aunts, etc. are not included so that we can keep this special for our Play School clients and faculty. Thank you for your understanding in this. We hope to see you all there!





## 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 2018/2019 school year, those will not roll over into the new school year. All families have two credits on their account as of Monday, August 12 for the 2019/2020 school year. Thank you!

### FALL IS HERE!

As the temperatures are changing, our classrooms are continuing to go outside and enjoy the fresh air while playing on the patio, playgrounds, or going for a walk. Please take a moment at drop off or pick up time to check your child’s cubby to make sure they have weather appropriate clothing and take any sunscreen home. Thank you.

### 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 school!

### THE PLAY SCHOOL 2019/2020 CLOSURES

- 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 in observance of 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
- Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of President’s Day/Staff Professional Development Day
- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Memorial Day
- Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ In observance of Independence Day



(All tuition remains the same.)

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

\**Hamilton Southeastern*: No School: November 27, 28, 29

\**Noblesville*: No School: November 27, 28, 29

\**Carmel Clay*: No School: November 27, 28, 29

**BE SURE TO STOP BY THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOUR SCHOOL-AGER WILL NEED FULL-DAY CARE ON NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>! ALSO, DON'T FORGET ABOUT WINTER BREAK THAT IS APPROACHING SOON!**

## Housekeeping Items (continued)

### 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
- Our Facebook Fan Page (The Play School)
- WTHR Channel 13



### VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Please take a moment to thank a veteran for the service and sacrifice they have made to protect our freedom. Thank you!



### DIETARY NEEDS / SUPPLEMENTAL MEALS

If your child has a diagnosed allergy and cannot have all the meals provided by the Play School, we would ask for a note from your child's pediatrician detailing the allergy and then we would have you provide supplemental meals on the days that we are serving an item your child is allergic to. Our licensing guidelines require us to serve what is posted on the approved menus, so we must have written documentation anytime we are altering a meal. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.


## Potty Training Tips

This is the 3rd and 4th tips of POTTY TRAINING: TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

**Potty Training Tip #3:** When a child, that has already been potty trained, suddenly has an accident in their underwear, the teachers see it as a natural part of the process. They do a quick cleanup, put the child in fresh clothes, and simply move on. At the same time, when accidents are ongoing, staff will try to figure out if they're triggered by something: the child is not feeling well, there's a big change at home, returning from a vacation, etc. Small circumstances can cause a series of setbacks. Keep in mind that this is a temporary phase and your child will go back to using the toilet. Try not to get upset for backsliding. If you think the relapse may be the result of something else, talk to your child about it and see how you can make it easier.

**Potty Training Tip #4:** Kids go crazy for stickers, prizes, or a treat! At school, we make a big deal when a child uses (or even sits on) the toilet by praising him or her and sharing the news with the other kids. Each teacher puts their own spin on reward systems, but many classrooms utilize a sticker chart of some sort. At home, establish your own reward system to keep the momentum from school going in the right direction. Make it motivational for your child and simple for you to sustain. Also consider making your reaction the big motivator. Sometimes the biggest reward is mom or dad saying, 'Great job,' with a big smile and a hug!

## What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu



**Friday, Nov. 1:** Chicken alfredo pasta with WG noodles, steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk

**Monday, Nov. 4:** Chicken nuggets, cooked carrots, country baked cinnamon apples, WG roll, milk

**Tuesday, Nov. 5:** Cheese tortellini with alfredo sauce and WG noodles, salad with light ranch, cherry tomatoes, milk

**Wednesday, Nov. 6:** WG breaded fish sticks, green beans, buttered bread, blueberries, milk

**Thursday, Nov. 7:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, pineapple tidbits, milk

**Friday, Nov. 8:** Beef and cheese burritos w/WG tortilla shell, shredded cheese, corn, pears, milk

**Monday, Nov. 11:** Homemade macaroni and cheese with WG pasta, pears, baked beans, milk

**Tuesday, Nov. 12:** Grilled turkey and cheese sandwich w/WG bread, sweet potatoes, strawberries, milk

**Wednesday, Nov. 13:** Healthy turkey goulash w/WG macaroni, steamed cauliflower, fresh melon, milk

**Thursday, Nov. 14:** Chicken breast patty, WG bun, tomatoes, lettuce salad, light ranch, milk

**Friday, Nov. 15:** Chicken and rice casserole with WG brown rice, mixed veggies, diced apricots, milk

**Monday, Nov. 18:** Turkey link, french toast stick, green beans, applesauce, milk

**Tuesday, Nov. 19:** Homemade baked ziti with WG noodles, cheese, peas, diced grapes, milk

**Wednesday, Nov. 20:** Breaded flounder fish strips, cornbread, country baked apples, sweet potato fries, milk

**Thursday, Nov. 21:** Chicken and cheese quesadilla, tomatoes, refried beans, Spanish rice, milk

**Friday, Nov. 22:** Homemade chicken and noodles w/WG noodles, mandarin oranges, cooked carrots, milk

**Monday, Nov. 25:** WG chicken pizza, pears, corn, milk

**Tuesday, Nov. 26:** Grilled turkey burger w/WG bun, peas, mandarin oranges, milk

**Wednesday, Nov. 27:** Sloppy joe sandwich w WG bun, green beans, banana, milk

**Thursday, Nov. 28:** CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

**Friday, Nov. 29:** CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

\*\*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

