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UPCOMING DATES!

* Tuesday, December
24th CLOSED AT
3:00pm in observance
of Christmas Eve

* Wednesday,
December 25th
CLOSED in observance
of Christmas Day

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We want to wish all our Play School families and faculty a very happy holiday season! As we bring 2019 to a close, we want to thank all of you for being a part of our schools and making this a special place to be.

From our family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~Ms. Rita, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Katie / Owners



This Year's Holiday Event from The Play Schools

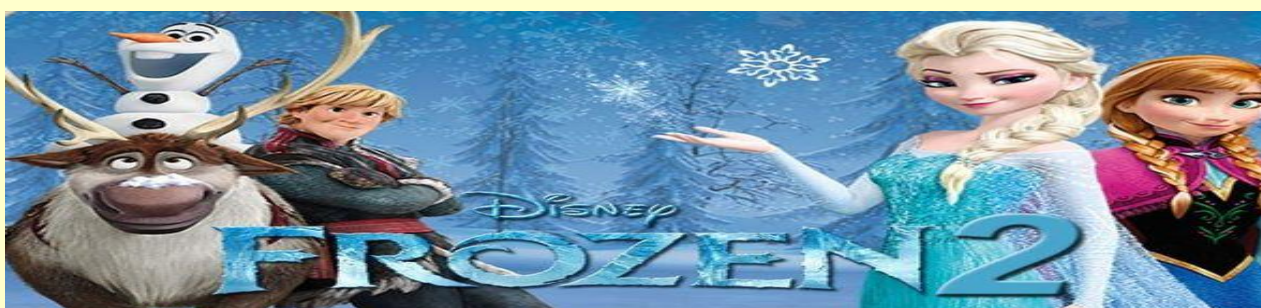


Dear Play School Families,

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 in the front entry.

The two weeks of annual vacation time started over on August 12th for all enrolled children. Therefore, all children have two weeks to use for the 2019/2020 year. Unused weeks from 2017/2018 do not roll over.

We can accept your vacation week notices for the holidays now so get them into your director before you get busy with the holiday season and forget!

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.

Winter Clothing

It’s safe to say that winter is here! With extra indoor activities planned for the winter, children can be seen painting and having fun with new sensory materials. With that being said, your child might get “messy”. Please check your child’s cubby to make sure we have an extra set (or two) of winter clothing here. It’s time to swap out the t-shirts and shorts for long sleeves and pants. Of course, we always want to make sure extra underwear is in their cubby too!

Thank you so much for your help!



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 schools!

THE PLAY SCHOOL 2019/2020 CLOSURES

- Tuesday, December 24th - 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 17th ~ In observance of President’s Day/Staff Professional Development Day
- Monday, May 25th ~ In observance of Memorial Day
- Friday, July 3rd ~ In observance of Independence Day



(All tuition remains the same.)

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS (continued)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Friendship Feast parties. The children loved prepping and preparing the fruit salad and vegetable trays to share with their friends. Classrooms could be heard talking about friendship and being thankful. Thank you again for your never ending generosity in helping make our classroom parties successful.



PJs for \$1 Day

In one day we came together at all three Play School locations to raise a total of \$1,679.78 for World Diabetes Day. The money was given to a foundation at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.



Eden says,
Thank you
for fighting
alongside
me!

KANS FOR KIDS FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your endless generosity during our annual canned food drive. We have already made several deliveries to local food pantries. We will continue to collect donations throughout the month of December.

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.



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



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.

HSE / NOBLESVILLE / CARMEL CLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

***Hamilton Southeastern:** No School: December 24th-January 3rd

***Noblesville:** No School: December 23rd - January 6th

***Carmel Clay:** No School: December 23rd- January 6th

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

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! If your child does not normally attend school on Thursdays, they may still come to the classroom party from 3pm-4pm with a parent. Please let your director know if attending. Thank you!



A YEAR IN REVIEW- 2019 AT A GLANCE



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

GROWING AND EATING OUR
OWN FRUITS AND VEGGIES



LEARNING ABOUT AND
OBSERVING BABY BIRDS

COOKING WITH MS LORI

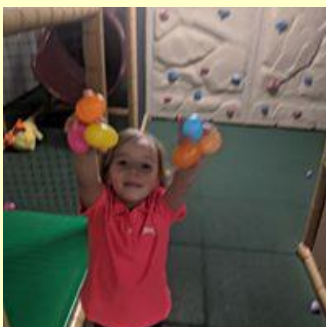


MOTHER'S DAY TEA



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA



A YEAR IN REVIEW- 2019 AT A GLANCE (continued)



DR SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

MINI 500



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
ROCKSTARS

GRADUATION



PAINTING THE OLD FENCE AT
SAXONY

OUTDOOR STORY TIME



WORLD DIABETES DAY

A YEAR IN REVIEW- 2019 AT A GLANCE (continued)



LLAMA VISIT FOR COMMUNITY
HELPER WEEK

MR. BRAD'S 10 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY



COOKING WITH CHEF MATT

FIREMAN VISIT



YOGA OUTSIDE IN THE
SUNSHINE

SOME PEOPLE MAKE THE WORLD SPECIAL JUST BY BEING IN IT

In February, The Play School celebrated one of our most special ladies. Ms. Krista, our Executive Director, (and Saxony's Center Director), celebrated her 20 year anniversary with The Play School. We are very thankful for the knowledge, love, and enthusiasm she has brought to our program over the years.



Merry Christmas from Saxony Village!



Two's Team - Ms. Renae, Ms. Marina, Ms. Meghan, Ms. Edi, and Ms. Heather



Pre-K 5's - Ms. Cynthia and Ms. Brittany



Pre-K 4's - Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Shar



Toddler's Team - Ms. Beth, Ms. Kathy, Ms. Frehley, and Ms. Sam



Infant Team - Ms. Brittany, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Lisa, Ms. Barb, Ms. Liz, and Ms. Amy



Preschool 3's - Ms. Peggy and Ms. Renee

Merry Christmas from Legacy!



Two's Team - Ms. Mallory, Ms. Sam, Ms. Ale, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Tori



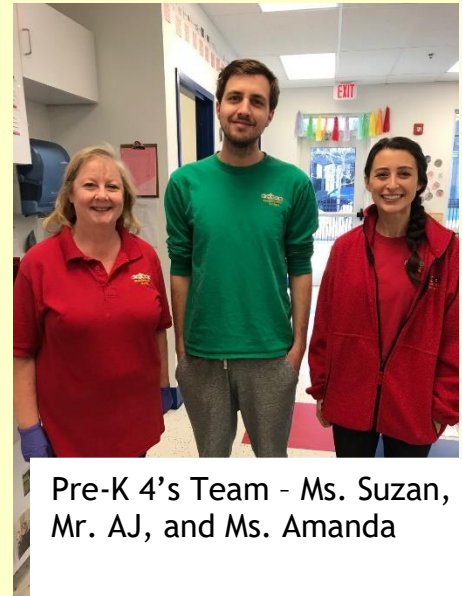
Infant Team - Ms. Suzanne, Ms. Jackie, Ms. Sharyn, Ms. Morgan, and Ms. Hailey



Young Two's Team - Ms. Mallory, Ms. Sam, Ms. Ale, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Tori



Toddler Team - Ms. Lori, Ms. Carly, Ms. Tarryn, Ms. Kate, Ms. Candice, Ms. Annette



Pre-K 4's Team - Ms. Suzan, Mr. AJ, and Ms. Amanda



Pre-K 3's Team - Ms. Julia, Ms. Chrystina, Ms. Sami, and Ms. Michelle



Pre-K 5's Team - Ms. Rosi and Ms. Anastasia



Older 2's Team - Ms. Ashlee and Ms. Ashley

Merry Christmas from Arbor Village!



Infant Team - Ms. Vicki, Ms. Angie, Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Pam



Toddler Team - Ms. Kirstein, Ms. Natalie, Ms. Marcela, and Ms. Carmen



Two's Team - Ms. Sanjee, Ms. Joslin, Ms. Hunter, and Ms. Kirstin


Preschool 3's Team- Ms. Megan and Ms. Tammy



Pre-K Team - Mr. Patrick, Ms. Rachael, Ms. Mary, Ms. Jackie, and Ms. Gabi



What's Cooking? Our Lunch Menu



Monday, December 2: Chicken Nuggets, Cooked Carrots, Country Baked Apples, WG Roll, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 3: Cheese Tortellini w/Alfredo Sauce and WG Noodles, Salad with Light Ranch, Cherry Tomatoes, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 4: WG Breaded Fish, Green Beans, Blueberries, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 5: WG Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Peas, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

Friday, Dec. 6: Beef and Cheese Burrito w/WG Tortilla shell, Ground Beef, Shredded Cheese, Corn, Pears, Milk

Monday, Dec. 9: Homemade Mac and Cheese with WG Pasta, Pears, Baked Beans, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Grilled Turkey and Cheese Sandwich, Sweet Potatoes, Strawberries, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Healthy Turkey Goulash w/WG macaroni, Shredded Cheese, Steamed Cauliflower, Fresh Melon, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 12: WG Breaded Chicken, WG Bun, Tomatoes, Lettuce Salad, Light Ranch, Milk

Friday, Dec. 13: Chicken and Brown Rice Casserole, Diced Apricots, Mixed Veggies, Milk

Monday, Dec. 16: Breakfast for Lunch! Turkey Sausage, Egg, Cheese Breakfast Taco, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Homemade Baked Ziti with WG Penne, Peas, Diced Grapes, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Breaded Flounder Fish Strips, Cornbread, Country Baked Apples, Sweet Potato Fries, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 19: Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla w/WG Tortilla, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Milk

Friday, Dec. 20: Homemade Chicken and Noodles w/WG noodles, Mandarin Oranges, Cooked Carrots, Milk

Monday, Dec. 23: WG Homemade Chicken Pizza, Pears, Corn, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Grilled Turkey Burger on WG Bun, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, American Cheese, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 25: CLOSED! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday, Dec. 26: Homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, WG Roll, Milk

Friday, Dec. 27: Chicken Alfredo w/WG Pasta, Steamed Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, Milk

Monday, Dec. 30: WG Breaded Chicken Nuggets, Cooked Carrots, WG Roll, Country Baked Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 31: Cheese Tortellini, Lettuce Salad, Cherry Tomatoes, Light Ranch, 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**