

# The Play Schools

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January 2020 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events!

- ◆ We will be **OPEN** on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are open for Martin Luther King Day!
- ◆ All Staff Professional Development Day- We will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020!
- ◆ Picture Days:  
Legacy - March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Saxony - March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Arbor - March 19<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for a wonderful 2019! We are looking forward to an amazing 2020 with all of you! Our sincerest thank you for allowing us to serve your family.



## 2020 GOALS

Each New Year, we like to take the opportunity to reflect on the prior year and set goals to continuously improve our schools and the quality of care we provide for the children. We want to share our goals for 2020 with you. This year we will be focusing our attention on the following goals:



Continue to provide classroom environments that are fun, exciting, and inviting yet offer a new learning experience each day. Classroom environments will be a safe place for children; free from bullying, negativity, and judgement. We will continue to implement the Kindness Curriculum and focus on social-emotional development in addition to meeting the Indiana Early Childhood Foundations.



Adopt and implement the newest Early Childhood Education trends into our programs, thus providing the best learning opportunities for the children's various learning styles. We are expanding our schools in order to offer more learning opportunities for the children.



Continue to hire, train, and retain dedicated teachers and support staff. We will demand high-quality and excellence from all staff. Scholarships for advancement in the field of Early Childhood Education will continue to be offered for teachers, as well as generous benefits and incentives for all staff.



In an effort to make improvements to the overall quality of our programs, we will continue to re-evaluate our programs. We want to give The Play School children and their families our best and want to earn and maintain the trust you put in us. We understand we are on a short and precious journey with the children while they are in our care. We want to show our deepest respect and appreciation for allowing us to care for your child(ren).

## Brightwheel

### TAX STATEMENTS

End of the year tax statements can be accessed via Brightwheel. In the payments tab, there will be an orange payments button. If you click on the orange button, you will have the option to view all payments from a specified date range. Enter the date range needed and your statement will be generated. Each child will have their own statement. There is not a family statement. If you have any questions, please reach out to your center director. Thank you!

### VACATION CREDITS

Vacation credits can only be issued on Brightwheel on Fridays of the week prior to vacation. Brightwheel will send out the initial invoice showing a payment due for the week. Your center director will put vacation credits in on Friday and you will see another invoice showing no payment is due.

## 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 2018/2019 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.

### 2019 DONATIONS

We would like to thank everyone who donated items throughout 2019. 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 2019!

### 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!

### 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!

### THE PLAY SCHOOL 2020 CLOSURES

- 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
- Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Labor Day
- Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ In observance of Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Closing at 3pm in observance of New Year's Eve

(All tuition remains the same)

## HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS (continued)

### 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. On behalf of our family and faculty, we wish you all the best in 2020!

### 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)



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

*\*Hamilton Southeastern:* No School: January 20

*\*Noblesville:* No School: January 20

*\*Carmel Clay:* No School: January 20

### DIETARY NEEDS / SUPPLEMENTAL MEALS

If your child has a diagnosed allergy and cannot have all the meals provided by the Play School, we require 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.

### LEAVE A REVIEW

Between now and February 28th we are asking that parents go online and leave a review of your Play School experience on Yelp and/or Google. We respect how precious your time is so in exchange for any reviews that you publish online we will enter your name into a drawing as a "thank you" for your efforts. The winner of the drawing will receive a \$100 tuition credit in the month of March. Please submit a copy of your published review(s) to [Amanda@theplayschools.com](mailto:Amanda@theplayschools.com) to be entered. \*We must be able to see your review publicly. You can leave reviews on multiple sites to receive extra entries. Should you find yourself unable to give us a great review, I sincerely hope you feel comfortable in approaching any of us owners or your Director on how we can improve so that we are offering you the best experience possible at The Play School. Serving your family is incredibly important to us and we don't take this duty lightly. Thank you in advance should you choose to participate.





## WINTER BLAST PARTIES AT SAXONY!



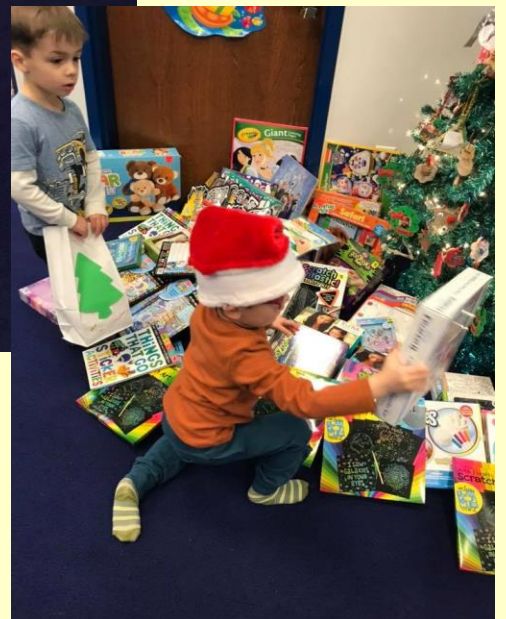


## WINTER BLAST PARTIES AT ARBOR VILLAGE!





## WINTER BLAST PARTIES AT LEGACY!





## What's Cooking?

### Our Lunch Menu

**Wednesday, Jan. 1:** Closed

**Thursday, Jan. 2:** WG Spaghetti, Peas, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 3:** Beef and Cheese Burritos w/WG tortilla, Corn, Pears, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 6:** WG Breaded and Baked Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cornbread, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 7:** Chicken Soft Taco, Banana, Corn, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 8:** Cheesy Meatball Bake w/WG Penne, Peas, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 9:** Homemade Turkey and Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 10:** WG Fish Sticks, Buttered Bread, Diced Carrots, Pears, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 13:** Turkey Sausage Pizza w/WG Crust, Corn, Peaches, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Homemade Tater Tot Casserole, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Homemade Chicken Alfredo w/WG Pasta, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 16:** Homemade Chicken Alfredo, WG pasta, chicken/sauce, steamed broccoli, diced pineapple, milk

**Friday, Jan. 17:** Meatball Subs w/WG Bun, Cheese Slice, Mandaring Oranges, Diced Carrots, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 20:** Breakfast for Lunch! Turkey Link, Hash Browns, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 21:** Grilled Cheeseburger w/WG Bun, Cherry Tomatoes, Lettuce Salad, Light Ranch, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 22:** Open Faced Pizza Burger on English Muffin, Mixed Vegetables, Diced Grapes, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 23:** WG Breaded and Baked Chicken Nuggets, WG Roll, Corn, Diced Mangos, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 24:** Homemade Chicken and Rice, brown rice, mixed veggies, pears, milk

**Monday, Jan. 27:** Ravioli, WG pasta, meat sauce, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 28:** WG Breaded and Baked Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Corn, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 29:** Homemade Beef Soft Taco on WG Tortilla, Mixed Veggies, Banana, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 30:** Chicken Parmesan, Buttered Noodles, Peas, Diced Grapes, Milk

**Friday, Jan 31:** Homemade Chicken and WG Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Banana, 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**

