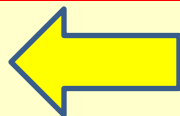


★ ★ The Play School's STAR NEWS ★ ★

"read our important announcement on page 3 regarding our new permanent business hours."



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Brain Food:

Monthly Basics:

	Numbers:	Letters:	Color:	Shape:	Opposites:	Sign:
Toddlers:	Review	Review	Review	Review	Sunny/Cloud	Sunny
Preschool:	Review	Review	Review	Review	Sunny/Cloud	Sunny

The Play School's 4th of July Bike & Trike Week

Monday 6/29	Tuesday 6/30	Wednesday 7/1	Thursday 7/2	Friday 7/3
Bike/Trike & Helmet Show & Share!	Bike Washing Day! (please make sure your child has extra clothes)	Patriotic Bike/Trike Decorating Day!	The Play School Patriotic Bike Parade!	CLOSED in observance of Independence Day
We will be celebrating all week with popsicle parties, lemonade stands, and baked goods!				

*Please have your child(ren) WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE to school all week!

*Parents, please help by sending in decorations for your child's bike or trike to make the parade extra unique, special and fun!

*We will be taking \$1 donations to go towards buying new outdoor bikes and trikes for the school's playgrounds.

*Please drop off your child's riding vehicle to the closed off school parking lot



Why Are Motor Skills Important?

According to pathways.org, "Motor skills are used every day throughout our lives. They help us move and do everything from lifting heavy items to typing on a keyboard. Motor skills and motor control begin developing after birth and will progress as children grow.

Having good motor control also helps children explore the world around them, which can help with many other areas of development.

Motor skills are broken up into two categories: **gross motor skills** and **fine motor skills**. Mastering both are important for children's growth and independence.

Gross motor skills are movements related to large muscles such as legs, arms, and trunk."

HOURS OF OPERATION

Effective Monday August 3, 2020, The Play School's hours of operation will be 7AM to 6PM. Our program is open eleven hours a day and we are committed to every hour of that day to be safe, healthy, joyful, and meaningful for your child. We apologize in advance if this causes any family personal turmoil to your daily work schedule or routine. We simply feel it is best for our facility and our philosophy on young children. Thank you for your understanding.

ALLERGIES / FOOD SUBSTITUTIONS

If your child has allergies or a special diet requirement, we are requesting your help in supplying your little one with a variety of safe substitutions. Please provide a mix of supplemental foods/snacks. It is our desire that you would oversee what the right substitutions are to keep it individualized to their needs.

The food sent from home should be labeled and stored in the class refrigerator/cabinet as a safe alternative for what is served at school.

MEDICATION

We are not doctors and prefer to limit dispensing medications to children as much as possible. In the instance that we do need to administer medication both a doctor's note and a parent authorization note must be on file for that current week. Please remember to pick up any medication from the office after use, as we will be disposing of all expired medication.

IMPORTANT INFO (continued)

2020/2021 SUPPLY FEES

Although The Play Schools are open year round, our calendar school year is from August to August. Each August, which marks the beginning of a new school year, we collect a Registration/Supply fee for each child enrolled at The Play School. This money is 100% allocated back into the school to cover the replenishment of classroom supplies, school projects and building improvements, technology goals, teachers' salaries/benefits/education, and more. Supply fees are due Monday, August 3rd. You will receive a separate invoice for the registration fee through Brightwheel. Thank you again for your support of our schools. We are incredibly grateful to have you a part of The Play School family.

Two Weeks Notice

The Play School requires a written two-week notice to withdraw your family from our school. If proper written notice is not provided, you will be charged for these final two weeks of tuition in accordance with your enrollment contract. Vacation weeks cannot be used towards the two-week notice.

CREDIT

Just a reminder that your two weeks of vacation credits will renew in August. If you have unused credits from the 2020/2021 school year, they will not roll over into the new school year. All families will have two credits on their account starting August 3rd for the 2020/2021 school year. There are vacation request slips located in the front office of each school; we do ask for a two week notice for any vacation credits used. Thank you!

WHAT IS THE LEGACY FAMILY CENTER?

The Legacy Family Center was inspired by your child. We went straight to the little experts to know exactly what they were looking for in this new facility. We investigated the specifics of what each child needed in a group setting to ensure a diverse experience. This is what we learned...

- Children LOVE and NEED space (don't we all?)
- They need a variety to learn about making choices
- Children thrive off an opportunity to explore, create, think and reflect
- A quiet time to imagine promotes brain development
- Movement is important for their bodies to grow and be healthy
- Children should be introduced to life skills at an early age to promote independence and confidence.
- Self Esteem is a gift we give our children that carries them through their lifetime.
- Resilience is a skill that is needed for life success, and we hope to promote that kind of attitude by reminding them that it really is ok that we sometimes burn the toast.
- We learn through trial and error.

It is our sincere hope that this is what you find here in our center.

The Legacy Family Center is a place we hope to share with our Play School families in the evenings, on weekends, and holidays. After the community gets well again, we intend to share this space with all of you through rentals for birthday parties, family reunions, sports games, graduation parties, holiday gatherings, and so much more. It truly is our desire to allow this to be a space that you can use in your own life in addition to the time your child spends in the center during the school week.

The Family Center holds a full basketball court, drop down batting cages, full-size volleyball accommodations, and a disco ball.

The Star-Cade is for playing retro games.

The "Locker Room" for lots of art projects, choosing their centers, Legos, and more.

The Café for cooking classes such as homemade smoothies, fruit pizzas, and homemade bread!

Thank you for allowing your young girls and boys to be a part of the Play School. To watch them sharing and helping, and building relationships is a vital part of promoting kindness and respect. We know that it starts now, here with us, where we must create an environment where bullying is simply not tolerated., where children feel safe and are challenged. God bless you parents, on the most important job in the entire world! Please know we will do our best for the love of your life, your child. Your unique and very special child is loved and valued here at The Play School.

Grateful and blessed beyond words,
Rita Hafner, Founder.

THE FUTURE OF THE PLAY SCHOOL

*The Arbor Village Family Center in Fishers will be breaking ground shortly on their very own sports court addition.

*The Saxony Village Family Center in Fishers is in negotiations for a neighboring land acquisition in order to secure their addition as well.

THE LEGACY FAMILY CENTER



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

As a friendly reminder we are closed on Friday, July 3rd but have normal business hours prior to our closure. If your child will be out for a day or two surrounding the holiday, we are incredibly grateful for this helpful communication. It allows us to give some extra time off to our hard-working, deserving faculty, so thank you for the information in advance!



If your child or someone you know attends elementary school and needs after school care, please have them contact us with their school and specific needs. We are looking forward to things returning to normal and we want to be prepared to help meet the needs of those families who rely on us for a fun, safe after school plan!

Saxony Village currently plans to service Thorpe Creek, Fall Creek, Brook School, Sand Creek, and Durbin.

Arbor Village currently plans to service Hoosier Rd, Sand Creek, Brooks School, and Geist Elementary

Legacy currently plans to service Prairie Trace and Noble Crossing.

All routes are subject to change based on need. If you are interested in schools not listed, please do not hesitate to reach out as we may be able to add the school you need.

“A child can teach an adult three things: to be happy for no reason, to always be busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires” -Paulo Coelho

CLEANING & SANITATION



As many families are coming back or new families starting, we want to reiterate all we have been, and will continue to do, to keep your children, family, and our faculty safe.

The Play School has always been on high alert regarding sanitation and cleanliness. Our level of cleanliness is not a response to the pandemic, as it is just a part of our daily routine. We have learned some new best practices, and they are here to stay as we value the importance of a clean and safe center. Weekends have always been used to deep clean, carpet shampoo, deep mop, and air out the building. The staff is constantly ensuring that a load of soft fabrics/toys/cleaning cloths are running in the washing machine. "Wipe down" and "Scrub Down" are actions and verbiage our teachers are familiar with. A variety of cleaning tactics are incorporated into the entirety of our school day.

We promise you this, we have always been conscious of the responsibility to provide a clean and safe environment for all children and faculty. These are actions we have always required and demanded from all of us that are responsible for the children and their health.

HANDWASHING just continues to be a part of our daily routine and on the forefront of what is a best practice for all teachers and students. Our high standard of frequent handwashing is not something we take lightly, and we cannot imagine not having the standard practice followed rigorously in this setting of precious lives.

It is understood that one cannot help but be concerned about a group setting at this time, we cannot blame you for feeling this way. While we cannot promise you that no one will ever become ill, we can tell you from our hearts that we are doing our absolute best, every single day, to keep your child healthy and safe. It is our responsibility to be committed to this now and always.



FEATURED STAR FAMILY



The Barr Family has been with The Play School at Arbor Village for 7 years. Megan and Nolan have entrusted us with the care of their 3 boys Brian 7, Cullen 4, McClain 2. We are also thrilled over the announcement of baby number 4 starting with us in November.

The Barr Family has been generous in continuing to pay even after their COVID credits ran out. Their thoughtfulness showed when they brought the teachers O'hana donuts and ice cream during Teacher appreciation week. Most importantly, we want to say thank you to them for their loyalty to our school over the last 7 years.

We are blessed with so many incredible families here at The Play School and we are thankful to have the privilege to serve you all.



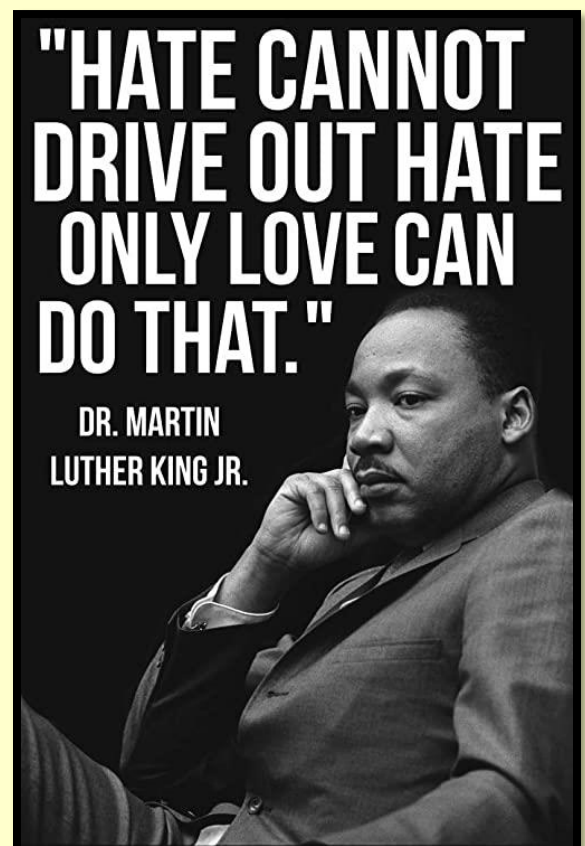
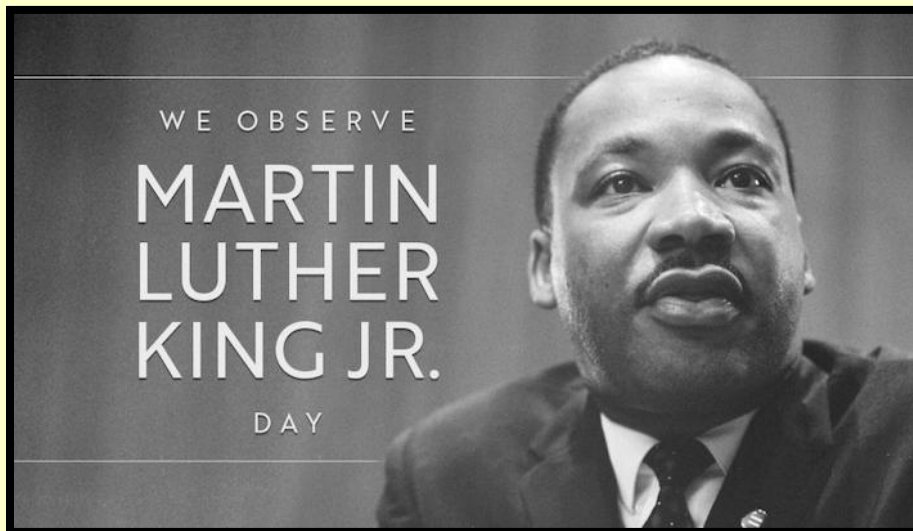
EVENTS



July 3rd- Closed for
Independence Day

July 4th- Independence Day

In the 2021 School Year we will be honoring the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. by observing MLK Day as a school closure.



Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza, Pears, Corn, and Milk	30 Swedish Meatballs & Pasta, Peas, Strawberries, and Milk	1 Submarine Turkey Sandwich, Cheese, Apple Slices, Lettuce, Tomato, Light Mayo, and Milk	2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Warm Cinnamon Apples, and Milk	3 Homemade Launchable, Ham Slices, Mozzarella Stick, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Salad, Crackers and Milk
6 Whole Grain Breaded Cod Filet, Applesauce, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Whole Grain Roll, and Milk	7 Chicken Egg Roll, Veggie Fried Rice, Edamame, Blueberries, and Milk	8 Beef & Cheese Burrito, Corn, Watermelon, and Milk	9 Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Diced Grapes, Cornbread, and Milk	10 Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce, Pears, Mixed Veggies, and Milk
13 Homemade Mac & Cheese, Pears, Baked Beans, and Milk	14 BBQ Chicken Sliders, Cinnamon Apples, Green Beans, and Milk	15 Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Peaches, and Milk	16 Deli Pin Wheels, Turkey, Cheese, Diced Grapes, Carrot Sticks, Light Mayo, Ranch, and Milk	17 Cod Nuggets, Wild Rice, Strawberries, Steamed Broccoli, and Milk
20 Sausage Link, Mandarin Oranges, Mixed Veggies, French Toast, Sugar Free Syrup, and Milk	21 Panko Crusted Alaskan Fish, Applesauce, Steamed Cauliflower, Bread, Cheese, and Milk	22 Homemade Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Diced Apricots, Green Beans, and Milk	23 Tuna Noodle casserole, Peas, Diced Grapes, and Milk	24 Grilled Turkey Sandwich, Cheese, Peaches, Sweet Potato Fries, Bread, and Milk.

The July snack menu will include the following homemade and whole grain items:

- Fresh Baked Muffins
- Veggie Pizza
- Homemade Granola Bars

We will also continue to serve many of the children's favorites including carrots, hummus, cucumber slices, whole grain crackers, fresh fruit, and so much more.

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