



CPS Child Care

December Newsletter

News from the Early Learning Center:



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Happy Holidays! December is always a busy month and tends to fly by. Both age groups here at the Early Learning Center have lots of fun winter and holiday projects going on.

Now that we've got some accumulation of snow on the ground, please make sure your children come prepared to play outdoors while at school. All children should have snow pants or waterproof pants, boots, jackets, hats and mittens. It is always a good idea to pack extra socks and mittens, as these items don't always dry out before it's time to play outdoors again. Also, please make sure your child's extra clothes are appropriate for winter.

Thank you to all families for keeping up with account balances and payments. We do appreciate your efforts in helping make sure

our program is successful.

For those families who haven't yet heard, our entire child care program will be moving into the Weymouth Elementary building over the 2009 summer months. We will be joining the School Age program as well as several other early childhood programs under one roof. We are very excited about the move and as we get closer to setting a moving date, we will keep you informed.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Siren Shelter Food Drive. The drive will continue through Dec. 11. There are baskets located in each classroom for donations of non-perishable food items. In these economic times we are all struggling but we truly appreciate all the help your family can

give this holiday season.

Look for announcements in the community regarding the arrival of a new preschool program here at the Early Learning Center on January 5. In addition to our ongoing full day preschool program, we will be launching a new half-day preschool. It is for families who are looking for a great educational experience for their children, but do not need full day care. The program will operate out of our current preschool classroom and join our current program for a portion of the morning. We are excited to be able to offer the great opportunities and experiences available here at CPS Child Care to a more broad range of families within the community.

Congratulations to Infant/Toddler

Early Learning Center News, cont.

teacher Ms. Morgan who had a baby girl on Monday, December 1, 2008. Ms. Morgan will be on maternity leave for approximately 6 weeks. We wish her and her new baby all the luck in the world and look forward to her return!

Important Information:

- **Child Care Closed Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25.**
- **Child Care will close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

December 31.

- **Child Care is closed Thursday, January 1.**

Look for sign-up sheets in your child's classroom to help us determine how many children we can expect in attendance during the holiday weeks. Remember, you are responsible for your child's tuition unless the center is closed or with prior approval of a vacation coupon.

Reminders:

**No hot lunch December 22-
January 2 due to
Charlotte Public
School's Holiday Break**

Have a great holiday season!

Kelsey

“Children are great imitators- so give them something great to imitate!”

Infant/Toddler Room News

Madilyn O. has been learning lots of new phrases. She says “Yeah,” “Uh-oh,” and “Oh no!” She loves going outside with the toddlers in the snow.

Hannah is our newest toddler and is adjusting very well. She has a wonderful personality and likes to play with the “big kids.”

Sara likes exploring everything in the room and is very curious about new people.

Madelyn E. has been speaking a ton! “Uh oh” and “All done” are her favorite phrases. She also has said goodbye to her bottle.

Grace is now going potty on the “big girl potty” more frequently. She is learning a lot of new words and her vocabulary is growing everyday.

Elliana is learning to share and take turns with the toys she likes to play with.

Ryce is becoming more vocal and is starting to stand up for himself when he wants something.

Olivia is starting to use the potty and likes taking the little walk to the potty down the hall.

Warren has started walking! He's growing so fast and can keep up with the toddlers.

Caleb is now rolling over! He's been squealing up a storm. He loves playing on the floor and interacting with the toddlers.

Zachary is adjusting very well to our classroom. He is very energetic and loves playing with his friends. He is learning everyone's name.

Reid is very talkative. He likes going outside and playing in the snow with his friends.

Colton is a new friend this month. He's constantly working

on his crawling and floor activities. He loves to bounce and interact with teachers and new friends. Welcome Colton and family!

Happy Birthday:

Warren Jansen is ONE YEAR OLD on December 30!

CPS Infant/Toddler Staff

Ms. Morgan, Ms. Angie, Ms. Sam, Ms. Joyce



Preschool Room News

With Fall and Thanksgiving over, it's time to look ahead to the winter months and holiday season. The children will be talking about families and what makes each one special. We also will be focusing on snow, holidays around the world and Christmas. The children will be decorating the room with all sorts of holiday art projects. We also will have a holiday tree set up in the block area. Everyday the children will make an ornament or garland to hang on the tree.

We will be having a Holi-

day party where the children will get to open the donated gifts from our wish list. Then we will be having treats, including cookies we decorate earlier in the day. We would love for you to join us or bring in a goody for the party, so watch for a sign-up sheet. We are looking forward to a great holiday season!

Reminders:

- All hats, gloves, boots, snowpants and coats need to be labeled with names
- Please leave all toys other than naptime animals home
- Replace your child's extra

Clothes with long sleeves and pants.

"Peppermint Stick Song"
Oh I took a lick of my peppermint stick
And I thought it tasted yummy.
Oh it used to hang on my Christmas tree
But I like it better in my tummy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Owen- December 17

CPS Preschool Room,
Ms. Jen and Ms. Amber

Before and After School News

This holiday season has gotten off to a great start. We started with craft projects for the Thanksgiving holiday. Now we are going to be showing our Christmas spirit in many ways. We will do a lot of Christmas crafts and cooking projects over the next month. For example, we will be making gifts for those we love as well as making paper to wrap them in. Christmas just isn't Christmas without cookies so we will be making several different kinds and perhaps Santa will get some!

Also this month, we are doing a community project with the kids. Now through December 11 we are collecting toiletries and household items to donate to families of the Eaton Siren Shelter. These items will be put into a basket and given to families in need in the Eaton

County area. There are drop off baskets at each site. Look for the tags at each site to see what we are looking for. Thank you for contributing to our holiday community service project. Please let me know if you have any questions either by e-mail at richart@charlottenet.org or call 517-541-5728.

Look for our Christmas break sign up sheet at both sites and be sure to sign up if you need care on any of the days we are open over the holiday break.

Reminders:

- We are closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1
- We will close at 4:00pm on New Year's Eve
- We swim on Mondays from 4:15-5:00

- Christmas break is Dec. 22-Jan. 2

Please have your child leave all toys and electronics at home so they don't get lost or broken. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kyle	12/1
Shayleigh	12/15
Brandi	12/18

CPS Child Care School Age Staff,

Tracie, Danielle, Amber, and Lauren

**"Children are like wet cement- whatever falls on them leaves an impression."
 - Dr. Ginott**

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Winter Snow Recipe

Materials: Soap flakes, water, liquid starch, and white powdered tempera.

Description: Mix soap flakes with water into a thick paste. Let children mix with a hand beater. Add a small amount of liquid starch and tempera. Let children create designs by painting with this mixture.



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