



# CPS Child Care

## January Newsletter

### News from the Early Learning Center:



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Happy New Year! We are starting our new year off at the Early Learning Center with a new program and new enrollments. Our half day preschool program kicks off on January 5. Children in this program will be joining our full day preschoolers in their classroom for a portion of the morning, from 9:00am-11:30am. We are very excited about the new children and families this will allow to join our program.

Thank you for all of the wonderful gifts and goodies the staff and I received for the holidays. A big thank you also for all of the donations to our center off of the "Giving Tree." The children and staff truly appreciate the generosity of our families.

Our Siren Shelter Food Drive was a great success. Thank you to all the families

who donated food items.

There is a Parent Advisory Counsel meeting on Wednesday, January 7 at 5:30pm. We welcome any families that would like to attend. We will be discussing plans for a winter event for program families. Meetings are held at the early learning center and child care is available during the meeting times.

As a reminder, hot lunch order forms are due back during the first week of the month. This allows the teachers to make sure they are ordering the correct number of lunches and allows us to add charges to accounts in a timely manner.

We have several new staffing changes here at the early learning center. Ms. Billie Jo has joined our

program as the new Infant and Toddler Lead Teacher. She joins us from Battle Creek and we are very excited to have her in our program. She has already dove into the curriculum with lots of fresh new ideas. Please feel free to stop her to say hello as she is still learning the families in our program.

Ms. Susannah is another addition to our staff. She is joining us as a substitute teacher. She is currently a student at LCC and has already proven to be a great help to our staff.

#### Reminders:

- **No hot lunch Friday, January 16 and Monday, January 19 due K-12 school closings.**

*Have a great month!*  
Kelsey

## Infant/Toddler Room News

Happy New Year to all our families! 2009 is sure to be full of a lot of fun activities.

In January, we will be focusing on our bodies. January 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> we will be looking at healthy bodies. We will be talking about our different body parts.

January 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> we will be learning about different foods. During this time, we will bring in fruits and vegetables that may be new to the children.

January 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> we will be learning about exercise and movement. We will read books about the way we move and also the way animals move. We will

also be doing a lot of jumping, running and dancing.

January 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> we will be looking at art and learning about artists. We will also be reviewing the things we talked about throughout the month.

This month we will be sending home a tape recorder and a book to have you record your voice reading the story. This will be great for the children to hear mom and dad's voice reading their favorite story during circle time.

Look for a permission slip in your child's take home folder in order for them to taste test new fruits and veggies during

the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Return the slips to your child's teachers as soon as possible. If we do not receive a permission slip, your child will not be able to participate in the activity.

*CPS Infant/Toddler Room,  
Ms. Billie Jo, Ms. Angie, Ms. Joyce, Ms. Sam and Ms. Morgan*



## Preschool Room News

With the holidays come and gone we are all excited about the new year. For the preschoolers, January is Health Month. The children will learn about healthy bodies, exercises and the five food groups. We will be taste testing fruits, vegetables, cheeses, breads and proteins. The children will also get to set up their own exercise routine to do before group time every morning. Along with healthy bodies we will be talking about dental health and hand washing. Be sure to encourage your child to do these things at

home as well.

### Healthy Body

*This is the way we brush our teeth,  
brush our teeth, brush our teeth.*

*This is the way we brush our teeth to  
keep our bodies healthy.*

*Other verses:*

*Wash our hands  
Eat our veggies  
Take a bath  
Exercise  
Drink our milk/juice*

Reminders:

- We will be going outside everyday unless the

windchill/temp is too low. Please bring snowpants, boots, hats and gloves everyday.

- Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home. They may become lost or broken and have the potential to cause disagreements
- Extra clothes need to be restocked. Fill your child's box above their hook just in case!

*CPS Preschool Room,  
Ms. Jen and Ms. Amber*

## Before and After School News

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**  
We hope that everyone had a great holiday season. We would like to thank you for all of the gifts. We greatly appreciate your generosity. The month of December we were extremely busy doing crafts and getting ready for the holidays. We even did some holiday baking and those cookies were very yummy!! We had a great turn out on collecting items for our holiday gift baskets for the Eaton/Siren Shelter thank you for helping us make this project a success. This month we are going to be celebrating winter with all kinds of arts and craft, sensory and cooking projects like whipped snow and building igloos out of sugar cubes. Hopefully we will be able to get outdoors in the month of January.

Some other things we will be doing this month are getting ready for the planning

of Mid Winter Break & Spring Break. They will be here before we know it.

We will have the sign-up available for Mid Winter Break and Spring Break at the end of February.

Before Christmas Break we had a new addition to our school age staff. Please help us welcome Ms. Jessica. She is working with us before and after school Monday-Friday and is doing a great job.

Please let me know if you have any questions either by e-mail at [richart@charlottenet.org](mailto:richart@charlottenet.org) or call 517-541-5728.

### Reminders:

- **DON'T FORGET YOUR SWIM SUITS** We swim on Mondays from 4:15-5:00
- We have **NO SCHOOL** on Jan. 19th

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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Miss Lauren 1/1	Marisa 1/15
Taylor 1/4	Ben 1/21
Madyson 1/10	Jesalee 1/21
Dawson 1/16	Abby 1/31

*CPS Child Care School Age Staff,*

*Tracie, Danielle, Amber, Jessica and Lauren*

**"You will always be your child's favorite toy"**  
~Vicki Lansky

## Paint with Ice Cubes

**Need:** Food coloring, Water, Ice cream sticks, Coffee filters, Paper

**Directions:** Put colored water in ice cube trays, put in ice cream sticks to make the cubes easier to handle. Freeze. Let the children paint on the filters with the ice cubes. For something different let them use other textured paper and ask them what happens.

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