

Children's Center Info



where it all begins...

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Keep up with important school information, deadlines, school closings and more!

CHILDREN'S CENTER PLEDGE

I am a Children's Center scholar.
I pledge to do my best.
I pledge to show the world that my destiny is success.
I pledge to be responsible for every task given to me.
I pledge to be respectful and carry myself with dignity.
I pledge to take pride in everything I do and to be a reflection of the school's motto so that I may empower others, too.
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Your BEST!

School Closed!!!

**Presidents Day
February 20th**

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

- **Malcom X**

Spring Break!

This year Spring Break is April 10th - April 14th Please make a note that the Academy will be closed to all school aged children. Spring Break hours for daycare children will be from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm. Parents who are in need of child care for that week are asked to sign up in the main office. Children who have OUTSTANDING BALANCES and who are not signed up for that week, will not be able to attend.

Black History Program

Thursday, February 23rd the Children's Center and Academy students will conduct our annual Black History Program during lunch time. The program will begin promptly at 11:00am, parents are welcome to attend.

Staff Development

Thursday, February 17th is staff development day. The school will close at 4:00pm on this date at 4:01pm all late fees will apply. We are thanking all parents in advance for your cooperation.

Pizza Party

We will have our monthly Pizza party fundraiser Friday, February 17th. As a reminder the money is due on Tuesday, February 14th. This is a no-uniform day. The cost of the pizza party is \$5.00 per child.

Tax Season

It's tax season once again! The Children's Center EIN# is 36-3726222. This number can also be found on the Children's Center receipt. The Children's Center Outreach EIN# is 36-3770643. Please do not call the school requesting these numbers.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Get Your Tickets Now!

Help us create a night to remember for your special Princess. Friday, February 17, 2017, the Children's Center, Inc. will be hosting their 2nd Daddy/ Daughter dance. Filled with fun, food and prizes, this is an event that you don't want to miss. Tickets are **\$20 per family** and can be purchased in the main office. Please see Ms. Lisa if you have additional questions.



The Children's Center is pleased to offer **MyProcure**, a free online portal for you to access account information and easily pay tuition. MyProcure is safe, secure and created with your convenience in mind. Emails was sent out on January 8th. If you did not receive an email please check your junk mail or update your email information in the main office.



Please bring in new and gently used books to support our classroom library. For every 10 books you bring in you will receive a raffle ticket, for the opportunity to win an awesome prize. The class with the most collected books will receive lunch at Chuck-E-Cheese.

What's Happening Next...

February 2017

Date	Event
6	Book Drive Begins
7	HS Hearing and Vision Field Trip New Enrollees and Follow-ups
9	Emergency Parent Meeting Via Zoom sign up on our Facebook page @ CCI Parent Corner
14	Happy Valentine's Day! Pizza Party Money Due.
15	HS Dental Field Trip for New Enrollees and Follow-ups
16	Staff Development day, 4pm pick- up. Late Fees Apply
17	Pizza Party! / Daddy Daughter Dance, 7pm-9pm
20	School Closed! President's Day!
23	Black History Program 11-12p / Parent Meeting 5pm

EDUCATION

Read early and read often. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

Read together every day

Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

Give everything a name

Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

Say how much you enjoy reading

Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day.

Read with fun in your voice

Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. Ham it up!

Know when to stop

Put the book away for awhile if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.

NUTRITION:

Family Meal Time

Between parents' and children's busy schedules, sitting down together for an evening meal can be a challenge, but there are plenty of good reasons not to let this tradition disappear from your home.

Studies show children in families who eat together regularly tend to eat more fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. Other studies suggest that kids who sit down to regular family meals are less likely to be overweight or have eating disorders. It's the stability, communication, and time spent together that make the ritual of regular meals a habit worth ingraining in your family while your children are young.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

5 Tips to Protect Your Child from Sexual Abuse

The following five safety tips focus on practical things parents can do to protect children from sexual abuse.

1. Talk often with your child and set a tone of openness. Talking openly and directly will let your child know that it's okay to talk to you when they have questions. If your child comes to you with concerns or questions, make time to listen and talk to them.

2. Teach your child key safety principles. For instance:

- Teach children the names of their body parts so that they have the language to ask questions and express concerns about those body parts.
- If your child is uncomfortable or if someone is touching them, s/he should tell a trusted adult immediately.
- Let your children know that if someone is touching them or talking to them in ways that make them uncomfortable that it shouldn't stay a secret.

3. Empower your child should know that s/he has the right to speak up if they are uncomfortable, or if someone is touching them. It's okay to say "no" even to adults they know and family members.

4. Implement Internet safety protocols, and parental controls through platforms such as the Google Family Safety Center. Work with older children to set guidelines for who they can talk to online, and what information can be shared. For instance, be cautious when leaving status or away messages online and when using the "check-in" feature on Facebook or Foursquare.

5. Educate yourself about the warning signs of childhood sexual abuse. Know what to look for, and the best way to respond.

Black History

Facts 365

February 3, 1989

Former Saint Louis Cardinals first baseman Bill White is named president of the National League. He is the first African American to head a major sports league.

February 5, 1934

Henry "Home Run King" Aaron, baseball superstar was born.

February 9, 1995

Bernard Harris, African-American astronaut, takes spacewalk.

February 12, 1900

For a Lincoln birthday celebration, James Weldon Johnson writes the Lyrics for "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

With music by his brother, J. Rosamond, the song is first sung by 500 children in Jacksonville, Fla. It will become known as the "Negro National Anthem".

February 13, 1970

The New York Stock Exchange admits its first Black member, Joseph Searles

February 14, 1936

National Negro Congress organized at Chicago meeting attended by 817 delegates representing more than 500 organizations.

Happy Birthday

Karta Brim
Michael Buckner
Bilromm Coleman Jr.
Aniyah Collins
Jerimia Ford
Aria Hill

Jadon Hough
Damiya Lewis
Omarya Sanders
Aiden Stephens
Layla Wilson
Jocelyn Witherspoon

Staff Birthday's

Ms. Brown 2/27
Ms. Dominique 2/16
Ms. Glenisha 2/26
Ms. Widemon 2/13

