

# Children's Center Info



where it all begins...

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## Make the Connection!

[ChildrensCenterChicago.org](http://ChildrensCenterChicago.org)

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!!



*The time is always  
right to do what is  
right!*

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome everyone back and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are excited to bring you awesome new things this year. Please make sure your contact information is up to date. You can give your child's teacher the updated information.

## Special Thanks

Special thanks to all parents, guardians, and friends who participated in the Christmas grab bag, as well as those who gave gifts to our staff. We really appreciate all the wonderful presents, thanks so much.

## Holiday Program

Thank you to all parents who came out and support our children at our annual Holiday program. Your participation was truly appreciated.

## Pizza Party

We will have our monthly Pizza party fundraiser Friday, January 20th. As a reminder the money is due on Tuesday, January 17th. 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 were 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.



We are thrilled to announce that we are launching a new and exciting program called HiMama!

### What is the HiMama program?

HiMama will be used by our educators to record activities and updates throughout the day. Everything from naps to snacks, it will provide you with a complete history of your child's experience in our program with photos stored safely and securely in a journal format.

Whether it be at work, home or on the go through HiMama's mobile apps, you'll receive real-time updates on your child's activities to your email and smartphone.

# What's Happening Next....

## January 2017

Date	Event
9	School reopens (6:00am)
16	SCHOOL CLOSED—In observance of Dr. Martin L King Birthday!
17	Pizza Party Money Due! \$5.00
19	Staff development: Early Pick-up 4:30pm
20	Pizza Party
26	Parent Meeting beginning at 5pm. Refreshments will be served.
27	UIC Men's Basketball Field Trip \$10 money due on the 20th.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

#### Make Your House Healthy and Safe

Young children spend up to 90% of their time indoors which is why a healthy home environment is so critical and yet many hazards are not obvious.

#### Guard Against Scalding

You probably know that your young child can drown in the bathtub, but your child is just as likely to get seriously burned. A baby or toddler who is exposed to 140 degrees F water can be scalded in less than five seconds, so make sure your hot-water heater is set to 120 degrees F and always test the water temperature yourself before placing your child in the bathtub.

#### Be Prepared for Fire

Kids ages 5 years and younger are twice more likely to die in a residential fire than older children or adults because it's harder for them to escape on their own. It's critical to have a smoke alarm on every floor including the basement as well as outside and inside every bedroom. Remember to test them monthly. You should also have one multipurpose fire extinguisher for every 600 square feet of living space.

#### Ban Bugs Safely

Mice, cockroaches, ants, and other pests are annoying, but they're usually not nearly as big a health threat as the toxins that get rid of them. Pesticides contaminate the air children breathe and the floor they play on and increase the risk of developing neurological problems and cancer. Sealing off crevices in your floors and walls, weather-stripping doors and windows, and keeping your kitchen clean.

and free of food particles. If you use pesticides, buy the smallest amount needed and choose gels or baits instead of sprays.

### NUTRITION:

#### Is Your Child Over-Caffeinated?

Help your child limit caffeine. If your child acts jittery or anxious, or has trouble sleeping, reducing caffeine intake is a smart idea. Because coffee, tea, and soft drinks contribute more caffeine to the diet than other foods and beverages, limiting these beverages is a good place to start. If it's energy your child is seeking, getting to bed earlier or taking a short nap is more productive than consuming caffeine which offers perk for a short time but then may interfere with sleep later than evening.

### EDUCATION:

Getting the Most Out of Parent-Teacher Conferences

#### Recommendation:

*Have an open-mind*

If your child is having problems, whether it is academic, behavioral, or social, you and your child's teacher both want the same, a positive outcome

Do ask questions, but also listen. The conference is an important time to work together for an honest assessment of your child's progress and developing a realistic action plan.

#### Job/Training Opportunities

Local Driving (J.B. Hunt) \$52,000/year  
Paid salary while attending CDL school  
Call 1.800.207.6097  
Train & hire military personnel, veterans

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Offers FREE Job Training, Placement for those looking for a new career  
[www.workforceboard.org](http://www.workforceboard.org)

### UIC Men's Basketball—Field Trip

Join the Children's Center, Inc. on Friday, January 27, 2017 as we will be cheering for the UIC Men's Basketball team as they take on Kentucky! This is a family event, all are welcomed. The cost of the tickets are \$10 per person. Which will cover the ticket and transportation to and from the event. Bring the whole family, money is due by January, 20th.

# Black History Facts 365

January 6, 2003

Mamie Till Mobley, mother of lynched Emmett Till dies at age 81. Her insistence that her son's casket remain open helped spur the civil rights movement.

January 13, 2002

Charity Earley, first black commissioned officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and commander of the only battalion of black women who served overseas during WWII, died.

January 14, 1975

William T. Coleman is named Secretary of Transportation by President Gerald R. Ford. He is the second African American to hold a Cabinet level position.

## WELCOME to our family!

The Children's Center would like to welcome to our family...

Ms. Tasia son, Cortez Paytes,  
born Nov 28, 2016 - 8lbs. 21 inches

Ms. China son, Jordan Stephens,  
born Dec. 22, 2016 -7lbs 21 1/2 inches

## Happy Birthday

Moore, Layla  
Keymya Morrow  
Charnell Stevenson  
Lyric Wise  
Skylarr Cobbs  
Alexander Brantley  
Jocelyn Hill  
Zion B Hill  
Ayden Chandler  
Mariah Rowry

## Staff Birthday's

Jazmine Berry-Banks  
Marissa Terry  
Alissa Coffey



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