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PARENTS Please call!

If your child is going to be absent or arriving to school after 9am, you must call and let us know! **ALL** children, even those running late must arrive by 9:30am. Failure to call will result in denial of service.

Make the Connection!

ChildrensCenterChicago.org

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

Registration Fees

As a reminder, the annual non-refundable registration fee is due by August 31st. Registration fees are \$75 for childcare students and \$125 for Academy students. Payment arrangements can be made if needed.

A change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things."

—Barack Obama

Fundraiser

Back by Popular Demand!! The Children's Center, Inc. will be selling Affy Tapple's . The fundraising sheets have already been distributed. If you haven't received your sheet please pick one up from the main office. All money must be turned in by Thursday, October 19, 2017. Affy Tapple's will arrive Friday, October 27, 2017, just in time for Hallelujah day!

All parents are expected to participate in all school fundraiser's. Parents are required to contribute \$250.00 annually per family (\$125 for the Fall semester and \$125 for the Spring semester). Annual contributions can be obtained through our bake sells, candy sells, and other posted events. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Current Information

Physicals, Dental exams, Emergency Sheet, Enrollment Form, Early/Head Start Packet, and 2017-2018 CACFP Household Eligibility Application. Please check to make sure all paperwork is updated in the office. Also please make sure that you are clocking your children in and out daily.

Field Trip

Get ready for bushels of fun! Head Start and Academy will be going to the Apple Orchard tour on Thursday, October 19, 2017 09:00 AM. The cost of the trip is \$10 a bag lunch is required. The bus will leave the school at 8am. Children will enjoy a hay ride, pick apples and learn about farm life.

Staff Development Day

Staff Development Day will be held, Thursday, October 19th. The school will close at 4:00pm, all late fees will apply at 4:01pm sharp! Late fee at 4:01pm is \$10.00 following an additional dollar per minute thereafter. We are thanking all parents in advance for your cooperation.

Tuition Due

REMINDER!!! All tuition, and co-payments must be brought to date immediately. Students who are behind more than two weeks will be unable to return to class. Tuition is due every Monday and on the 1st of the month for those who pay a monthly co-payment. When paying on back tuition, please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing. If you are unsure what you owe, please see Ms. Joi in the office.

Action For Children News

In an effort to assure quality uninterrupted service, all parents must submit a copy of your completed redetermination application and supporting documentation to the main office **2 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF EXPIRATION**. Action for Children is a month behind on all paperwork; therefore failure to turn in needed documentation WILL cause your childcare to be interrupted. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to see or call Ms. Joi at the number listed above.

Hallelujah Day!

Here at the Children's Center we **DO NOT** celebrate Halloween, however, we do acknowledge that children enjoy dressing up in costumes. Therefore, children are allowed to wear positive costumes on October 31th. Some examples of positive costumes include but are not limited to; princess, doctor, angel, fairy, construction worker and super hero's. Scary and negative costumes are not allowed. If you are not sure about a costume, please see the main office. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!**

What's Happening Next.... October 2017 Read - A- Loud

October 2017	
Date	Event
1st	TUITION DUE! All late fees Apply!
9th	Columbus Day, SCHOOL CLOSED
16th	Pizza Party Fundraiser Money Due!
19th	Affy Tapple Fundraiser Money Due!
19th	Staff Development/ 4pm pick-up for all students
19th	Field Trip to the Apple Orchard \$10. Bag Lunch Needed
20th	Pizza Party!!!
26th	Parent Meeting & Elections! IT'S TIME FOR OUR PARENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS!
31st	Hallelujah Day! Positive Costumes only, Healthy Snacks Encouraged.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health: Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative, launched by the First Lady, Michelle Obama, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Sure, this is an ambitious goal. But with your help, we can do it.

I'm Moving I'm Learning is the Curriculum used at The Children's Center to help with this process, and to keep children healthy. The curriculum focus on:

- 1. Creating a healthy start for children
- 2. Empowering parents and caregivers
- 3. Providing healthy food in schools
- 4. Improving access to healthy, affordable foods
- 5. Increasing physical activity

Safety & Awareness:



Parents please remember that we are in a different era. Please encourage our children to discuss their daily activ-

ities in-route to school and back home. Safe choices are important for all our children

Bus and Pedestrian Safety:

We will be reviewing bus procedures and street crossing procedures with our Head Start children. Please be on the lookout for more information. The children will discuss these procedures in class before the Bus visit.

Read - A- Loud

Take a few minutes and read to your children every night. Make sure that you have enough time to discuss the story with your child(ren).

Point to words as you read them aloud, especially words that are repeated. Point out and name letters in alphabet books. Read rhyming books. Encourage children to give the last word in a rhyme. Help The Children's Center enrich your child's vocabulary.

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

Parent/Teacher Home Visits

Home visits will be conducted the week of October 2-6th. Thank you for your participation.

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 s short nap is more productive than consuming caffeine which offers perk for a short time but then may interfere with sleep later than evening.

Job/Training Opportunities

Check out..... www.snapajob.com Work.Illinois.gov (work4lllinois State of Illinois Employment Opportunities) Work-from-Home Employment. www.homeofficecareers.com (online workers needed now immediate position placement)

Facts 365

#DidYouKnow Thurgood Marshall was the first African American ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court. He was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, and served on the Supreme Court from 1967 to 1991.

#DidYouKnow George Washington Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastics, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.

#DidYouKnow The black population of the United States in 1870 was 4.8 million; in 2007, the number of black residents of the United States, including those of more than one race, was 40.7 million.

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The first college to graduate women was the Oberlin College. Mary Caroline Rudd, Mary Hosford, and Elizabeth Prall graduated with AB degrees in 1841.

Happy Birthday

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