

Children's Center Info



where it all begins...

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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!

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!

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.

For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

Margaret Mead

Winter Break!

Winter break for the Children's Center, Inc. is December 25, 2017—January 7, 2018. Parents interested in Winter Camp may sign-up in the main office by Friday, **December 13th**. **You must have a current AFC approval letter and zero balance on co-pays, tuition, and registration fees.** Winter camp hours will be from 7:00am—4:00pm. We will be closed the following days: Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd. Parents who sign up will receive an approval letter from the main office, which must be presented in order to attend.

Thanksgiving Potluck

Special thanks to all parents, guardians, and friends who brought food and came out to our Thanksgiving Potluck. The event was a huge success there was more than enough food for everyone. Thank you very much for your participation.

Staff Development Day

THIS MONTH ONLY! Staff Development Day will be changed to **Friday, December 22nd**. The **school will close at 4pm** on this date. All late fees apply at 4:01pm. We are thanking all parents in advance for your cooperation. Late parents will be charged a late fee due at the time of pick-up or upon returning to school.

Holiday Program

Thursday, December 21st the Children's Center/Academy will conduct our 15th annual Holiday Program. This event will take place at 11am, and will only last 1 hour. Please feel free to join us for this joyous occasion. This is a No-Uniform Day. Please dress to impress for the program.

Christmas Grab Bag/ Party

Friday, December 22nd will be our Christmas party. We are asking every child to bring an unisex grab bag gift (no less than \$5.00). If every child brings a gift, then every child will receive a gift. Please turn in all gifts by Monday, December 18th. The gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree. Personal gifts are welcomed to send treats. Please see your child's teacher for items needed. This is a no-uniform day.

Help Someone this Season

If you know a family that is in need of help this Christmas, please let us know. This family should be a family without any other resource of help, (i.e. Section 8, low income housing, etc.). Please submit your nomination to the main office.

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. Please do not call the school requesting these numbers.

Parent Meeting

The Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21st beginning at 5pm. All parents are asked to come out and be involved, your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

What's Happening Next....

December 2017

Date	Event
11th	Hearing and Vision (HS Only)
18th	Grab Bag Gifts due! \$5.00 unisex gift.
21st	THIS MONTH ONLY! Parent Meeting, 5:00pm, Refreshments will be served!
21st	Holiday Program 11am.
22nd	THIS MONTH ONLY! Staff Development/ 4pm pick-up for all students
27- Jan 8th,	Winter Camp 7:00-4pm
25-26 1st- 2nd	School Closed for Christmas and New Year's.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Health: Why is childhood obesity considered a health problem?

Doctors and scientists are concerned about the rise of obesity in childhood and youth because obesity may lead to the following health problems:

- Heart disease caused by:
 - High cholesterol and/or high blood pressure
- Type 2 diabetes
- Asthma
- Sleep apnea
- Social discrimination

Safety: Keeping children safe is an important job for parents. You want your child to respect and trust others, but you also need to teach your child to be careful. Following are some simple rules and ways that you can start a conversation with your child about different safety issues –

- If you aren't sure, ask me.
- If an adult asks you to do something that you are not sure is okay, always ask me first. "I won't get mad at you for asking."
- No secrets.
- Certain body parts are private.
- If we get separated, find a security guard or police officer.
- When you take your child to a crowded place, look around and point out the person who is there to help if you do become separated.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Get smart about antibiotics.

Antibiotics can cure bacterial infections, but not viral infections. The common cold and the flu are viral infections, so avoid using antibiotics if you have one of these. Using antibiotics when they are not needed causes some bacteria to become resistant to the antibiotic, therefore stronger and harder to kill. Please see your doctor or nurse to find out if you and/or your child's illness are bacterial or viral.

Wash your hands.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It's best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. If that's not possible, use alcohol-based hand rubs.

Safety:

Test and replace batteries.

Check or replace carbon monoxide batteries twice a year....when you change the time on your clocks each spring and each fall. Replace smoke alarm alkaline batteries at least once a year. Test alarms every month to ensure they work properly.

Keep food safe.

Food is center stage during the holidays. Make sure to keep it safe by following basic food safety steps. Clean hands and surfaces often. Separate foods to avoid cross-contamination. Cook to proper temperatures. Chill promptly.



Black History Facts 365

On December 1, 1955

Rosa Parks refused to change seats on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus. On December 5, blacks began a boycott of the bus system, which continued until shortly after December 13, 1956, when the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed bus segregation in the city.

December 25, 1951

While sleeping in their bed, a bomb kills Harry T. Moore, a dedicated and passionate leader of the Florida NAACP, and his wife Harriette after Moore calls on the resignation of an infamous sheriff who took the lives of two black men in his custody accused of raping a white woman.

College Facts 365

23 percent of full-time undergrads, who are 24 or younger, work 20 hours or more a week. This percentage should be higher. Statistics show that working during college is a good thing; contrary to what most students and parents believe. Working students are forced to organize their time, set aside time to study, and prioritize their lives around their work hours. And an added bonus is scoring some cash for college expenses.

Happy Birthday

- Jewell Cook
- Zariyah Gardner
- Justin Hanson
- Antwan Jackson
- Faith A Marshall
- Keraun Martin
- Nathan McKinney
- Eyanna Smith
- Tyren Stewart
- Kourtney Walton
- Anthony Washington
- Brian Washington



Staff Birthday's

Kristina Hatcher—12/11

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