

Children's Center Info



where it all begins...

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Spring Break!

This year Spring Break is March 26th - March 30th. Spring Break hours for daycare children will be from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will be **closed Friday, March 30th** in observance of Good Friday. Parents who are in need of child care for that week are asked to **sign up in the main office by Friday, March 9th**. 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 22nd 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 15th 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 16th. As a reminder the money is due on Tuesday, February 13th. 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. Year end statements will be emailed out by January 8th. Please do not call the school requesting these numbers. **You received a detail email on how to access your year-end statement through the myprocare.com website.**

Get Your Tickets Now!

Help us create a night to remember for your special Princess. Friday, February 16, 2018, the Children's Center, Inc. will be hosting their 3rd 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 the office if you have additional questions.

Due to budget cuts and low enrollment, effective **September 1, 2018** the Children's Center, Academy will no longer service full day 1st—3rd grade. We will assist parents in finding a school suitable for your child to attend. **We will continue to offer FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN, Before and After School and full day services during the summer months and when school is out, to children up to age 12.**

Beginning in February, Children's Center, Inc. is going **GREEN!** We are proud to introduce ProCare Kid Reports! Join our online family to get real-time access to Daily Activities and events, communicate to your child's teachers and enjoy Tales from your child day! Please make sure that we have your correct email and current cell number on file.

You can update your information on MyProcure.com. Our transition will begin Monday, February

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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!!

President's Day
February 19th

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

Marcus Garvey

Daddy
Daughter
Dance

BREAKING
NEWS

GOING
GREEN

What's Happening Next....

February 2018

Date	Event
9	HS Dental Van for New Enrollees and missed appointments
13	Pizza Party Money Due! \$5.00
15	Staff development: Early Pick-up 4:00pm
16	Pizza Party / Daddy Daughter Dance
19	School Closed in observance of Presidents Day!
22	Cultural Program 11am—12noon Parent Meeting begins at 5pm. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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Black History Facts 365

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 9, 1995

Bernard Harris, African-American astronaut, takes spacewalk.

College Facts 365

There are 4 HBCU medical schools; their names are Meharry Medical College (TN), Morehouse School of Medicine (GA), Charles R. Drew School of Medicine and Science (CA), and Howard University School of Medicine (DC). Xavier University of Louisiana is #1 nationally in placing African-Americans into medical school. Howard University is #1 in graduating PhDs.

Happy Birthday

William R Brown
Bilromm Coleman Jr.

Anyah Collins
Aria Hill

Kinsley S. Lyons
Montana Norvell
Layla Wilson
Jocelyn Witherspoon

Staff Birthday's

Ms. Wideman - 2/13
Ms. Brown —2/27



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