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Winter break for the Children's Center, Inc. is December 24, 2018—January 7, 2019. Parents interested in Winter Camp may sign-up in the main office by Friday, **December 14th**. 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 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st. Par-

ents 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 21st**. 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 20th the Children's Center/Academy will conduct our 16th 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. Please dress to impress for the program.

Christmas Grab Bag/ Party

Friday, December 21st 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 17th. 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

It 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.



The Children's Center would like to welcome Jamir McKinney, son of Ms. Tamika, born Nov. 27th, 5lb 10oz. to our CCI family.

Make the Connection!

ChildrensCenterChicago.org Follow us on Facebook

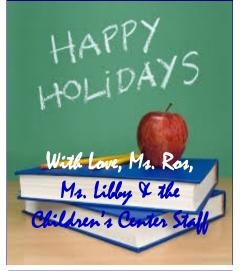
Keep up with important school information, deadlines, school closings and more!



Refer a friend and earn some ends! You read right, for every new family you refer you will earn \$100 towards your tuition or \$100 Visa gift card. See main office for more details.

ELto our/team!

Ms. Perkins—Baby Genius



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

What's Happening Next December 2018

Date	Event
7	Wear your Christmas Hat Day
11	Heating and Vision (HS Only)
15	Pancakes and Pajamas with Santa @ 10am
17	Grab Bag Gifts due! \$5.00 unisex gift.
20	THIS MONTH ONLY! Parent Meeting, 5:00pm, Refreshments will be served!
20	Holiday Program 11am.
21	THIS MONTH ONLY! Staff Develop- ment/ 4pm pick-up for all students
26-28 Jan1-4	Winter Camp begins.
24-25 31-1	School Closed for Christmas and New Year's.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Autumn Health Hazards to Avoid - As the weather begins to change we should all get prepared for the cold coming forth. Here are a few tips to prepare for winter

- Wear warm clothing, i.e. hats, scarfs, gloves, heavier coats or jacket and layer clothing
- Test all smoke alarms and carbon dioxide ٠ alarms. Please make sure batteries have been replaced (if needed) or purchase a new unit if necessary.
- Stoc k up on canned goods, dry foods, water, flash lights and blankets. Blizzards are expected to occur during winter months.

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead. Prepare your home and cars. Prepare for power outages and outdoor activity. Check on older adults

NUTRITION:

Here are some reasons to limit children's caffeine intake-

٠ Children who consume one or more 12 oz. soft drinks a day are 60% more likely to be obese

Caffeine can make heart problems or nervous disorders worse, and some children might not know that they're at risk

EDUCATION:

The Perfect Toy is YOU- Don't underestimate your role. It's you who put up the mobile, turned it on, and encouraged your baby to follow. It's you who first showed your baby how to stack those blocks; when you sit side-by-side with your children and paint, color, or read a story, you give them the attention they need to build their self-esteem and feel loved and secure. Toys are a tool to help kids develop, but it is parents who nurture that growth!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Chicago Job Resources - Jobsinchicaqo.com

Ex-Offender Re-entry initiatives: For more information, please feel free to explore current job opportunities at: www.cityofChicago.org/careerworks



Hot Chocolate

INGREDIENTS:

syrup 1/4 cup water

1/4 cup maple

- 3 cups Horizon Organic Whole Milk
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract DIRECTIONS
- 1. Combine maple syrup and water in a medium sized sauce pan over mediumlow heat - whisk till combined.
- 2. Add in milk and cocoa powder and whisk until hot.
- 3. Remove from heat and add in vanilla extract.
- 4. Now quickly whip up some whipped cream.

Pour hot chocolate into mugs, whipped cream on top and marshmallows and ENDOU! Remember to embrace any spills and just have fun together.

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

Legend Bell Joanna M Brown Jewell Cook Angelo E DaSilva jr Zariyah Gardner Allani L Hale

Justin Hanson Antwan Jackson Tommie J Jones III Faith A Marshall Keraun Martin



Nathan McKinney Eyanna Smith Cailee M Sole Jacob R Walker Kourtney Walton Anthony Washington

Staff Birthday's

Kristina Hatcher—12/11