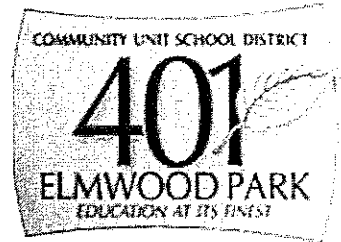


EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS



Joanne Mourikes Rice, Principal

January 13, 2012

Happy New Year! I hope all enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with our families and relax over the winter break. Here at the ECC we have resumed our school year with energy and excitement.

On Tuesday, January 24th, please join us at 11:00 a.m. in our All Purpose room for our monthly PTO meeting. We will learn more about the Armand's Pizza Super Bowl Fundraiser, and hear the report from Tanya Jarvis about the hugely successful Winter Concert raffle. Market Day orders are due January 19th for delivery January 26th. Childcare will be available for this meeting.

On Tuesday, January 31st, Ann Udell, our Parent Education Coordinator, will direct us in a parent-child math activity session, taking place for morning students from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m., and for afternoon students from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Please plan on attending this fun and educational session with your child. A flyer with more information and a registration form will be sent home next week.

Please remember there is no school on Monday, January 16th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Our school week started with balmy, spring like temperatures which turned into earnest winter weather by week's end. This cold and snowy weather means more cold weather gear and longer times for getting on and taking off coats and boots. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, and help your child practice independent dressing skills too!

Please see the back of the newsletter for information on our Toddler Classes.

From our Nurse, Mrs. Nitti:

There is an increase in the number of cases of pertussis (whooping cough) in Cook County. Students going into 6th grade through 12th grade must have the Tdap vaccine before starting school in August. Adults are also advised to get the Tdap vaccine. Anyone who has contact with infants should be vaccinated, as this illness is very serious for babies. Please talk to your doctor.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, 1/16: No School, MLK Day

Thursday, 1/19: Market Day Orders Due

Tuesday, 1/24: PTO Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, 1/26: Market Day Pick-Up, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, 1/31: Math Activity Meeting



Elmwood Park Early Childhood Center Toddler Program

The class will generally include:

- Free choice Playtime – kids will explore math, science, reading and art concepts through play
- Group time – including a story, song and group activity
- Take home activity

Program Requirements:

Children must be between the ages of **24 to 36 months** (as of 9-1-11)

- **Adults attend class with the toddler** – this could be a parent, grandparent or care-giver
- **Dist 401 medical form must be turned in to the school nurse prior to beginning class**
- priority will be given to residents of Elmwood Park
- non-residents will be permitted to enroll if space allows

Spring Session - February 22nd to May 2nd

Classes meet on **Wednesday**

Morning Class 10:20-11:20 OR Afternoon Class 12:45-1:45

Fee is **\$100 per session** due at time of registration

Registration starts Monday, January 17th.

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