

December Newsletter - Chicago Heights

Director's Desk

Crystal Powell, Site Director



Greetings families and friends—fall is here and winter is approaching! For the month of December we are so excited to have an offsite field trip to see *The Beauty and the Beast* with Alphabet Productions.

Parents, thank you so much for participating in our Family Fun Events—I encourage you to continue to participate in the events that we have planned for our center. Parents are encouraged to participate in the classroom events and should bring any talents or expertise that you may have such as, cooking, crafting, singing or dancing.

The weather has changed and we want to ensure that children are dressed accordingly. Also remember to keep a change of clothing in your child's locker accidents do happen were they might have to change their clothes.

Also, please be mindful when parking during pick up and drop off. We have a parking lot designated just for you. Please do not park in front of the building as we must keep the bus zone clear for arrival and departures. Also if you are parked in front of the building, you may get ticketed by the Prairie State Police.

Friendly reminder—the “Coffee Café” is open from 8:45 - 10:15am, please come out and utilize it.

Also please check in with our Family Engagement Staff (Janice and Judith) for resources, including WIC services.

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday | 12/5/19 | Parent Committee Meeting & IDEA workshop @ 9am

Friday | 12/13/19 | Closed to Children

Monday | 12/16/19 | Beauty and Beast - AlphaBet Productions

Tuesday | 12/17/19 | Beauty and Beast - AlphaBet Productions

Tuesday | 12/18/19 | Parent and Child Breakfast @ 9:00 am

December 23, 2019 — January 1, 2020 - Closed to Children



★ **Wendi Walker,**
Young, Nutrition/Transportation Coordinator

Nutrition

Here is a nutritious recipe for the upcoming Holiday Season! Sliced apples and apricot jam glaze on top make this a great cake for special occasions.

Ingredients:

- 10 tablespoon butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 3/4 cup flour (sifted)
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon rind (grated)
- 2 apples (medium, pared, cored, sliced)
- 2 teaspoon sugar
- 8 tablespoon apricot jam (1/2 cup)



Directions:

1. Beat butter with sugar until creamy.
2. Add eggs one at a time, beating until well-blended.
3. Add flour, baking powder, and lemon rind, beat 4 minutes.
4. Pour into greased 9-inch spring-form pan.
5. Arrange the apples on the batter, sprinkle with 2 teaspoons sugar.
6. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.
7. Remove from pan, brush apples with jam, and cool.

Enjoy!

★ **Catalina Torres, Parent Involvement Coordinator**

Resources

FED EX is now hiring starting at \$15.25 hr. For more information, text FXGFlyer to 3301 or go to www.GroundWarehouseJob.fedex.com to find locations and opportunities.

South Suburban Cook County American Job Center

Harvey IDES Harvey Office
16845 Halsted St
Harvey, IL

Orientation Monday and Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m.

FREE services for job seekers include: Career coaching; professional Resume Building; Job Readiness Training; On-the-Job Training; Funding for Occupational Training; Job Training Assistance and Paid Job Experience.

Start a new career at Prairie State – Accredited institution and registered apprenticeship program. Earn your CDL-A in 22 days with no out of pocket costs. Employment Opportunities with KLLM Transport Services and FFE – Paid Driver Training and Internship. Class starts every Monday. Call 708-300-3345 for more information.

CEDA LIHEAP (Energy Program) is open now. LIHEAP assists with one-time sum amount towards your electric and/or gas bill if you qualify. Call 800-571-2332 for information on locations, eligibility and registration dates.