

## Director's Desk



**Elise Cole-Rogers, Site Director**

December is a time of excitement with the New Year approaching. Dolton Early Learning Program would like to thank you for sharing your children with us. Employees work hard every day to bring quality service to your children and you. We are grateful for the partnership between our families and our Staff (Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Family Engagement Specialist(s), Parent Educator(s), Cook, Program Aide(s), Maintenance, and Management in support of your child's education. This partnership truly is the foundation of our program.

We hope that in the hustle, bustle, and stress of this time of year, you will join us in taking the time to appreciate the children in our lives. Life bring us many challenges, but if we allow ourselves to view the world through the eyes of our children, they will bring us joy and teach us lessons about ourselves and about the possibilities in life.

### Reminders

- Please remember to stock your child's cubby for the changing weather conditions. We will be going outside if weather permits. It's helpful for children to have snow pants, hats, scarfs, mittens, and boots.
- We wish your family a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!
- December is a very exciting month ahead. Please remember to put some dates on your calendar as we have some exciting activities in store for you! Please pay close attention to the program calendar for closed dates and other events.

### UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Thursday | 12/12/19** | Dolton Parent Meeting & Healthy Plate/IDEA workshops (9 a.m.)

**Friday | 12/13/19** | Professional Development (school closed to children)

**Thursday | 12/19/19** | Family Fun Day (Activity TBA)

**December 23, 2019 — January 1, 2020 – Winter Break (closed)**



★ **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](http://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.