

December Newsletter - Ford Heights

Director's Desk



Janet Parker, Site Director

'Tis the season to be joyful as well as thankful during this time of the year. The Ford Heights team would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I cannot believe that we are so quickly approaching a new year, which will bring its adventures and challenges.

Our classrooms are learning about Project Approach. In this approach, children guides their learning based on their particular interests in the classroom. They can also extend their learning experience by taking material outside the classroom and into field experiences. I cannot wait to see what our children will come up with and how they will investigate and explore as they learn in many different ways. Please stop by your child's classroom and experience what they have been learning.

Change of clothes: The weather is changing so quickly—please bring an extra change of clothing for your child during the new season: Pants, socks, underwear, and a long-sleeve shirt. As the weather permits, children will continue to go outdoors for gross motor activities two times per day according to the classroom schedule.

What's new at Ford Heights Early Learning Center?

Congratulations to the 2019-20 Parent Committee Officers/Policy Council Representatives at the Ford Heights Early Learning Center:

Chair: Alesia Miller

Vice-Chair: Tiana Keyes

Secretary: Kasia Charleston

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday | 12/10/19 | Parent Committee Meeting & IDEA workshop (9 a.m.)

Friday | 12/13/19 | Closed for children

Thursday | 12/19/19 | Family Fun Night

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

Thursday | 1/2/20 | Classes resume



★ **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.