

Director's Desk



Renee Boyd-Jennings, Site Director

I would like to thank all the families who participated in the weekly Bright Promises Parent Cafe. This was a pilot program to help families deal with child development and life issues. The Cafe's were held from October 16, 2019 through November 27, 2019.

I would also like to welcome Roland Washington aboard the Harvey/South Holland Team and wish Brittany Smith well on her new promotion as Teacher. She will be transferring to our Chicago Heights location.

'Tis the season to be joyful as well as reflect on the past year! This is a good opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us. The Harvey /South Holland Early Learning team would like to wish all of our families a prosperous start to the New Year.

Remember to provide extra clothing to store in your child's locker (pants, sweater, etc.) As the weather permits, children will continue to go outdoors on a daily basis.

Parent, Family, and Community Engagement

Please submit a current copy of any medical, dental or immunizations records that have been up-dated. If you have any questions, feel free to stop by and talk with your Family Engagement Specialist.

- Mona Washington – Rooms 1, 4, & 5
708.365.1516
- Thomas Solomon - Rooms 1, 2, & 3
708.365.1515



I would like to highlight the Male/Child engagement activity at our center. The children had an opportunity to bring their father or male figure to the classroom for the morning. The father had a chance to experience their child's daily routine. Kudos to all for a successful event and special thanks to our male figures for participating.

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday | 12/4/19 | Parent Committee Meeting & IDEA Workshop (9 a.m.)

Friday | 12/13/19 | Closed for children

Wednesday | 12/18/19 | Field trip to the Museum of Science & Industry

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.