



PCHC Spotlight

December 2009

Happy Holidays!

We are thankful and grateful!

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Thanks to all those families who generously donated items for the Day Center for the Homeless. My husband and I took the items and they were received with appreciation. They indicated that they are in need of thermal socks, gloves and hand warmers in adult sizes. When we put up our Christmas tree, you may bring these items in and place them on the tree. There is also a need for sleeping bags. They do not have to be new, so if you have one that you are no longer using, we would be grateful to share it with the homeless during the start of colder weather.

Don't forget that it really is more blessed to give than receive!

Fire Safety Program

October was fire safety month and we practiced a fire drill and the teachers talked to the children about what to do in case of a fire. The Jacobsville Fire Station provided a program for all the children on November 18th. We appreciate them taking time out of their schedule to do this for us. Please talk with your children at home and practice a plan in case of fire at your home.

Holiday Program

This year, the entire Center will host parents on **December 16 at 4 pm for our holiday program**. Come prepared to enjoy the many talents of our children from infants through school age. Bring your cameras and video cameras! It should be fun! Additional information will be sent home from each room in preparation for the holiday program. Stay tuned!

Thanksgiving Feast

Thanks to all the parents who participated in our Thanksgiving Feast! We appreciate your generosity for the dessert that was supplied by parents. We had a wonderful time with lots of food – Thanks to Ms. Kathy for preparing such delicious food.

As always, we look forward to serving you and your children! Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous, happy, and safe Holiday Season!

Ms. Pat
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Advance Tuition Payment

As of January 1, 2010, you may pay 6 months tuition and receive a 5% discount or 12 months tuition and receive 10% discount. Please see the office to arrange your discount.

PCHC accepts credit card payments for tuition. You may pay by Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Credit card payments are processed on Mondays

Referral Program

PCHC offers a \$50 credit to current families who refer new families to the Center. Contact Ms. Pat for detailed information about the program

December Birthdays!

Congratulations to:

Viviana Smart – Dec 11
 Sarah Underwood – Dec 15
 Kathryn Barrett – Dec 17
 Ethan Viers – Dec 19
 Rachel McDermott – Dec 23
 Adam Taifouri – Dec 23



Classroom Updates

News from our Incredible Infants

My! How our babies are growing and developing! Adam is a year old, and he is starting to stand on his own. It won't be long before he takes off walking. Gregory is crawling and getting around everywhere. Amiaya is sitting up and scooting a little. It won't be long before they begin pulling up on things! They are all tasting and learning to eat new foods. Yum! Yum!

Parents please remember our holiday program is December 16th at 4pm, and the babies will be participating. We will be making angel art during the month. It has been a pleasure working with working with your child this year. Happy Holidays

Ms. Pam

News from our Terrific Toddlers

December will be a busy month. We will be making Santa Claus Beards and Reindeer Prints as well as reading books and singing Christmas songs. Our holiday program will be on December 16th @ 4:00pm. We hope you can attend.

As the weather gets colder, we will continue to go outside whenever the weather permits. Please send coats, hats, and mittens to keep your child warm.

Ms. Shannon

News from our Terrific Twos

This month our Terrific Two's will focus on Fun with *My Senses*, as well as celebrating the Holiday Season. Our unit provides our class with the opportunity to learn more about their eyes, ears, noses, mouth, hands, as well as their body. To help them learn more about *The World Around Them* we will be including sensory activities to enhance our understanding of the senses.

Our class will also focus on the gift of giving by creating lots of fun art projects such as: candy canes, reindeer faces, gingerbread men and many more. Happy Holidays!!!

Ms. Sarah & Ms. Tia

News from our Cosmic Threes

The Cosmic kids weekly themes for the month of December will be as follows: Dinosaurs, Transportation, Winter, Christmas around the World and looking forward to the New Year. We would like to welcome Emma and Matthew to our universe. The Cosmic kids are moving right along with learning sign language, Yoga, etc.

We start off our circle time every morning with Yoga, and the children love it! Each child takes a turn to be creative and lead Yoga. Parents, please continue to review your child's name, phone number, address, colors, and shapes. It is really paying off.

If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like for your child to learn, please let us know. We would like your input. Have a safe and happy December.

Ms. Kim & Ms. Jackie

News from our Fabulous Fours

This month we will be continuing to work on our handwriting, phonics, and social awareness, as well as focusing on the alphabet and numbers. The children are really starting to improve these skills. Our weekly themes for the month of December will be geared towards gathering a better understanding of time, weather, and the seasons. We also have planned some wonderful holiday crafts and activities.

As always, we hope to be as helpful as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to share. Thanks so much and Happy Holidays.

Ms. Alicia and Ms. Mandi

News from our Sensational School Agers

Yeah! We have just ended a great first quarter of the school year. The children are well rounded and working hard towards continuing the good start. We welcome your suggestions for resources and if you have any questions about your child's progress, please see Ms. Mac or Ms. Amber. We still try to get outside as much as possible and the children should dress appropriately.

Our Holiday Program will be held on December 16th at 4:00pm. Please come to see the children sing a favorite Christmas song. There will be no homework on this day.

Our Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd. There will be more details later and a sign up for food. During the break, the students will participate in holiday crafts, holiday bingo, and holiday trivia. As Ms. Mac will be away the week of Christmas, Ms. Amber will be planning the activities!

Anne Arundel County Schools are closed the following days for the holidays: December 24-Jan 5. The additional charge for before and after students is \$12 and for those in before OR after care is \$22. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Ms. Mac and Ms. Amber



PARENT EDUCATION TIDBITS

It Is Better To Give Than To Receive

December puts us all in the holiday spirit with lots of food, shopping, family and fellowship! Each year brings new challenges, new opportunities, and new resolutions. This year has been an especially financially difficult time for many people – some are without food, some without jobs, and some lost their homes. As the year comes to a close, let us remember those who are less fortunate than we are. Let us remind each other to think of and help those who are in need. Let us teach our children that it is more important to give than to receive. There are millions of people who will not be able to celebrate this festive season solely because they cannot afford to do so. Let us brighten their holiday season by donating something special. Here are ten ways you can donate:

1. **Angel Trees:** purchase an item on an angel tree at your school, a local business, or place of worship.
2. Donate through the **Toys for Tots program** and put a smile on a child's face.
3. **Canned foods:** Less fortunate families always need food and this season is no different. Donate at work, school, or at a local business.
4. Our **troops** overseas need your support this holiday season – find an organization or church that will be sending donations overseas to our troops.
5. **Animal Shelters** need your donations to support our furry friends – donate food, money, treats or adopt one and give them a loving home!
6. **Neighbors and friends:** some of our neighbors and friends are in need but are sometimes embarrassed to ask for help. Donate anonymously to neighbors and friends – leave a basket on their porch, mail an envelope containing a gift card for the grocery store or other directly to them, purchase gifts for their children.
7. **Donate your time:** help someone in need – an elderly person, a nursing home, a single mother might need a babysitter so she can have a break, a homeless shelter, a women's shelter or go caroling at a senior center.
8. **Shopping:** Shop from retailers who will donate to a charity.
9. **Donate a coat:** December through March is cold – donate an old coat to a less fortunate family who may not be able to afford to get a coat to keep warm this winter.
10. When all else fails **ask around** – someone knows someone who needs something.

Remember that you will never receive a gift that makes you happier than the gift of giving!

Have a generous holiday season!

Florence Freeman, MBA
President/CEO

Upcoming Events

Here are some important deadlines and dates to remember:

Holiday Program (Infants through school age)	Dec 16 at 4:00 pm
Public School Christmas/Winter break School age children can attend PCHC	Dec 24-Jan 4
PCHC closes at 3 pm	Dec 24
PCHC closed on Christmas Day	Dec 25
PCHC Closed at 3 pm	Dec 31
PCHC Closed on New Year's Day	Jan 1, 2010
Tuition due weekly	Mondays
Late fee applied weekly	Wednesday Morning

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