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PROGRAM NOTES

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Feb 2-Evening Staff Training

April 2 Center Closed

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Notes from the Director

Cindy Cevette

Dear Families and Friends,

Every year in March, the center focuses on curriculum and activities we call "Celebrate Me, Celebrate You!". This month long look at diversity helps children learn about many cultures, traditions, and similarities and differences in the world around them.

We are very excited to welcome many guests into the center during the month as they offer a variety of experiences to the children. The children will also participate in a Hop-a-thon on March 18th to support children with muscular dystrophy to raise awareness of varied abilities.

Please feel free to speak to your child's teacher if there is something you feel you can add to the experiences this month.

We will conclude this with a "**Celebrate Me, Celebrate You**" **potluck dinner on March 25th**. We look forward to seeing you all there! More information will follow.

The fund raising committee has made a decision to cancel the 2010 Spring fundraising event but is planning some alternative revenue generating activities in it's place. In it's place the committee is planning to hold an on-line auction with several of the great donations that we had received, two raffles and a Spring Sub and Salad Lunch sale.

The committee will be sending out more information about each of these so keep an eye out for emails and mail box flyers! We are counting on the support of all of our families, staff and board members to ensure success in meeting our fund raising goals!

Best regards,

Cindy Cevette

Executive Director



Notes from the Tater Tots

The Infant Center is looking forward to March coming in like a lion and out like a lamb! Along with welcoming spring, we are excited to start seeing green growing outside and the return of birds as we are out on our walks. We will be doing lots of projects with green in our room as well.

This month is ***Celebrate me, Celebrate you*** at the center. We will welcome you to discuss with us anything you are willing to come in and share with the children during this time. We will be having a Potluck Dinner on **March 25th** to celebrate as well.

Notes from the Gumdrop Room

March is finally here! We are hoping for some warm weather, so that we can spend more time playing outside in the fresh air.

During March, our curriculum theme will be "***Celebrate me, celebrate you***". We will be doing many activities focused on diversity and learning about ourselves and other. Some activities we have planned are a friendship quilt, friendship

We will be saying a sad good-bye to Harris and his family as he moves up to Gumdrop room. We will miss them very much! We welcome Jordan and her family to our room, we are enjoying getting to know all of them. We are also excited to announce that Anna Smith (Johannes' mom) has agreed to be our new room parent!

Dates to remember this month are:

March 14th Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 20th First Day of Spring!

from Velvet, Barb, Sarah, Linda & Jessie

Please help us welcome Sarah Abel to the Infant Team. She will be the new support teacher working from 7-11 am each day. Sarah is very excited about getting to know everyone!

Happy Birthday to Shannon our Office Manager on March 26th!

Please remember that we try to get outside everyday and that your child needs appropriate clothing for layering in their cubby.

Notes from the Lollipop Room

Welcome March! This month, we will focus on a ***Celebrate me, Celebrate you*** theme. March will be filled with a variety of diverse activities. We will compare how we are alike and how we are different by looking at our eyes and hair colors. We will also color and paint using



multicultural skin tone crayons, markers, and paints. Some other

collage, eye and hair color charts, and a friend book.

Later in the month, we will be making pizza, and we will be asking each child their favorite toppings.

The Gumdrops would like to welcome Harris and his family as he will be moving up from the Infant Center. We would like also to say goodbye to Alex, Anna, Lauren,

activities include food and people collages, exploring creative art through a variety of music, yarn creations and making a couple new snacks.

We hope all of our families will come and join us for some fun and dinner at our potluck on March 25th.

If any Lollipop parents, would like to

from Lisa, April & Tammy

and their families as they will be moving up to the Teddy Bear room.

The Gumdrops would like also to wish Alex (20th) and Lauren (30th) a Happy 3rd birthday.

Reminder: ***Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing each day for the weather.***

from Kristy, Nikki & Andrea

share any cultural activities, please make arrangements with one of the teachers. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to Nikki on March 6th! We would like to congratulate Andrea and her husband, Jamie on their first pregnancy!

Until the April showers, keep warm and enjoy the snow!

Notes from the Teddy Bear Room

Hello, Teddy Bear families and welcome to the month of March!

The Teddy Bear children have enjoyed playing in the recent snowfall. Parents, please be sure to bring your child's snow pants, boots, mitten and hat as we do go outside on a daily basis.

We have settled in our temporary classroom nicely and the children seem to like the larger space.

For the month of March, our curriculum theme will be focus on ***Celebrate you, Celebrate me!*** During this month, we will celebrate each person and explore everyone's culture! Our goal is to invite many parents and visitors to our center for children to meet.

The Teddy Bear would like to say a special good-bye to Meredith and her family. We

from Ann, Pam, & Kavita

would also like to wish Meredith a Happy 4th Birthday



Notes from the Tiger Room



Happy spring to everyone! The Tigers are waiting to see the first signs of Spring.

During the month of March, our curriculum theme will be "***Celebrate me, Celebrate you***". It revolves around exploring our similarities and differences. We will have some visitors coming in to the Center.

Some activities we will be doing include painting blindfolded, making a classroom mural as well as classroom art quilt. We will also be sponge painting with multicultural paint, make a height/weight chart and a take home project to do with our families.

We are encouraging families to come in and share your traditions. It could be favorite book, cooking project, music/dancing or sharing with us what you do at your job. If

from Julie, Deb C. & Deb D.

interested in coming in, please speak with a Tiger teacher. We would be very happy to have you!

We would like to wish Jacob a Happy 5th Birthday on March 25th.

Until next time...set those clocks ahead for daylight savings time.



Notes from the Health Manager

The March "Celebrate Me, Celebrate You" observance will bring many special activities and visitors into the Center as we learn more about ourselves, our differing abilities, and each other. One of my favorite activities will be the **Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Hop-A-Thon** which is part of our disability awareness curriculum. The purpose of our collaboration with the MDA is to introduce curriculum to the children that explores abilities and disabilities, and ends with the opportunity to help others in need

by participating in the "Hop-A-Thon". You will soon receive a pledge packet in your child's mailbox to help with this event. Simply collect donations for the MDA from friends and family, based on how many times you think your child will hop in two minutes. By-the-way—our kids (even the toddlers) have been known to jump 200 to 300 times in that short, two-minute time period. Be kind to yourselves, family and friends



From Sandy Nevius

by keeping this in mind as you collect pledge contributions.

I would like to take this time to thank our wonderful teachers for their time and commitment to the March "Celebrate Me, Celebrate You" curriculum, the Hop-A-Thon, and for help in arranging for special visitors to the Center.

I hope to see everyone at the Potluck Dinner on Thursday, March 25th!



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Special Notes

Congratulations. . .

to our most recent *Essential Piece* awards recipient— Wendy Mettler and thank you to the family who took a moment to nominate her for this recognition award!

Jessie Ayers, Linda Pryslopski and Velvet Richards were all recipients of Employee Incentive Bonuses last month. A co-worker recognized them for their outstanding commitment to teamwork! Keep up the good work ladies!

Marcy Swan has been a temporary Support teacher in the Tiger Room for the past 12 months. She has recently accepted a permanent position with a new child care provider and is leaving the center on March 5th. We wish Marcy the very best in her new en-

deavor and we also thank her for her commitment to her work with the Tiger Room and the Center!

Please join us in welcoming **Sarah Abel** as the new Support Teacher in the Infant Room. Sarah has a great deal of experience working in both early childhood and customer service. We are excited to welcome her to our Center!

Sarah will work in the Infant Room 7-9:45 am each day then will cover classrooms for meetings until 11 am.

Kathleen Kime is a new substitute to the center! Kathleen come to us from the South and brings with her a wealth of experience in early childhood. We are very excited to have her join our pool of substitutes. They have such an important role in providing loving, nurturing care at a moments notice. Please be sure to give Kathleen a warm welcome when you see her around the center!