

## TRUCKSVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

DATES TO  
REMEMBER

- Feb. 5— PEG Meeting  
9:45
- Feb. 9 & 10—Purple Days
- Feb. 11 & 12—Valentine  
Exchange
- Feb. 12—Corbi's Fundraiser  
Due Today
- Feb. 15 & 16—NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 17—Reading Event Begins  
to benefit SPCA
- Weeks of Feb. 17 & 22—  
Doctor/Nurse Visitors  
and Dental Visitors
- Feb. 18—Daffodil Orders Due
- Feb. 22-26—Scholastic  
Bookfair
- Feb. 24—Mom, Dad, & Me  
Night
- Mar. 3 & 4—Parent/Teacher  
Conferences
- Mar. 5— NO SCHOOL

PARENT/TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

(Sharing Information, Growing Together)

We will be having Parent/Teacher Conferences  
March 3 & 4

There is no school on those days.

Your child's teacher will be sending home a note with  
your scheduled date and time.

Childcare will not be provided so please make  
arrangements for your preschooler and siblings.

Conferences are a "valuable positive experience".  
It's a time to share significant accomplishments in  
your child's life!!!

Based upon their careful observation and assessment, your  
teacher will review your child's progress along the  
continuum of early childhood standards.

Should there be an area of concern, we will work with you  
for the success of the child. We do hope you will make  
every attempt to attend your conference.

*"Because a program uses playful ways to build children's  
success does not mean the curriculum is not rigorous or  
academic. It means that it is just right for what's best for  
three, four, and five year old children."*

Young Children (NAEYC)

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### \*\*SPECIAL REMINDER\*\*

For Safety reasons, please do not send Valentine or Birthday Treat Bags to school. This includes candy, lollipops, etc. attached to or included in Valentines.

We have many children involved in carpools and are picked up by babysitters, grandparents, etc. who are not always aware of food allergies. Many children also have younger siblings. We will provide a special snack on our Valentine Exchange Days. Please note the special dates on your calendar.

### THANK YOU

Thank You to all who helped with **Eye Screening**. Eye Screening Helpers included: Star Gubbiotti, Kristin Pitarra, Amy Lepore, Cathy Ridout, Sandi O'Donnell, Marie Carver, Joanne Dutko, Kristine Nocito, Cindy Solensky, Andrea Karcutskie and all who signed on as alternates.

We will be asking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help with distribution of **Daffodils** on Tuesday, March 16. Please contact the office if you can help.

The deadline for Daffodil Orders is Thursday, Feb. 18!

### HEALTH VISITORS

We need:

- Dentists/Dental Hygienists
- Doctors/Nurses

For the **Weeks of Feb. 17 & Feb. 22**

During the month of February we "emphasize" developing and maintaining healthy bodies through good nutrition, exercise, and adequate rest. Mrs. Adams will guide the children through a short and fun aerobic workout. Also we need doctors and nurses to speak with the children about the importance of good health habits and how doctors and nurses help us to stay healthy and care for us when we are ill. During this month we will also talk about the importance of taking care of our teeth. We need dentists or dental hygienists to discuss this very important topic. Please let the Office know if you can help as soon as possible.

### UPDATE on CLOSING PROGRAM

The Closing Program in May will be held as scheduled on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be school on May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Our staff will be sure to have some fun activities prepared for the children on those days!

### MOM, DAD, & ME NIGHT

Mark your calendars for the evening of **February 24<sup>th</sup>**! You and your preschooler will have the unique opportunity to *participate* (not observe) in hands-on activities in our classrooms together.

Our format will change a bit this year to allow you more time together in your child's own classroom. A science experiment and "make your own" snack, big hits from past Mom, Dad & Me Nights, will still be included in the evening.

Our goal is to share with you our practice of "*Developmentally Appropriate*" learning and demonstrate how we apply this practice in our everyday classroom. Most importantly, the idea that learning should be fun! More information and details will be available soon.

## OUR SPRING READING EVENT: "READING FOR TREATS"

This event will benefit the SPCA. From February 17 through March 12 you and your child can help raise money to purchase supplies for our local SPCA.

Here's how this will work: Attached to this newsletter are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

After you and your child have read a book together, you will print the name of the book and list an "act of kindness or kind words" that occurred in the story (if present) on the bone or paw. Just a brief description will do. For example: Sally said "please" when asking for ice cream.

The \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ will then be taped onto the "Kindness Trail" beginning outside

Room 2 near the bottom of the bulletin board

and continuing as far as the number of books read. Each \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

equals one penny \_\_\_\_\_ which can then be placed in the plastic water bottle outside the Education Center Office.

HAPPY READING!

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## COCO'S CORNER (Also known as Learning Lab)

### THANK YOU to our January Learning Lab Helpers:

Sandi O'Donnell, Lisa Eggleston,  
Amy Lepore, and Cindy Solensky

*A Special Invite to be a Learning Lab  
Helper goes to parents of our 3's &  
Y4's. This is a great opportunity for you  
to see what your child will be doing next  
year in the 4/5 Year Old Program!*

Last month in Learning Lab besides meeting Countasaurus (a new counting friend) our 4/5 Year Olds were introduced to someone else.

We discovered Coco, our resident string puppet, lives with his mother and she had to go out of town on a business trip. Coco, therefore, went to stay with his father for awhile. Papa Lorenzo, as he's called, wanted to visit Learning Lab, so he dropped by for a couple of weeks.

This reenactment of a real-life situation allowed teachers and children to discuss single parent families and related issues. Hopefully, the role-playing was not only helpful for children who might be living with just Mom or Dad but also to everyone, helping them realize there is much diversity in today's families.

Papa Lorenzo was a big hit, helping us to count, write stories, create pictures, play games, and sing. He even filled in one week when Coco was away with a cold (stressing the importance of keeping our germs at home and getting plenty of rest when we're feeling "under the weather".) Probably thinking he had "hung" around long enough, Papa Lorenzo has now said "good-bye". We will have more surprise visitors to Learning Lab in the coming months.

# PEG NEWS

Holidays are over, but that does not mean that we are slowing down. In fact things are going to speed up!

Our goal of replacing the playground surface from wood mulch to recycled tire rubber chips and replacing the aging wooden playground units could soon become a reality.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to make the our fundraisers successful. We have raised \$1,261 from the Mum Sale, \$900 from the Sunday Sundae Auction, \$600 from the Kripsy Creme Donut Sale, \$1,000 from the Pasties & PotPies Sale, and \$700 from the Michael Moore Candy Sale. We have about \$4,800 to put towards the playground. Although this is a nice start and we truly appreciate all the help from families, volunteers and school staff, this is only a fraction of what we will eventually need.

Upcoming fundraisers will include a **Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale**. These pizzas come in all different sizes and flavors. There are even kits to make pizza with colored crust to entice the children. So please check out the flyers and see if anything appeals to you.

To beat the winter blues and cabin fever, a **Luau Social** is planned for **Saturday, March 27**, from 4:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pull out your most tropical shirt and join us for some great beach music, limbo, etc. . Admission of a \$1.00 will be charged per person.

During the Luau, *Smenciles*, a great item for children learning to write, will be on sale. *Smenciles* are pencils made from recycled newspaper that are scented to smell like berries, watermelon, bubble gum and more.

We will also be selling balloons. These will be purchased and then at the end of the school year, filled with helium and released. Thinking "green", the balloons will be biodegradable.

We know with busy schedules, time is limited. But we hope you will help us finish off the year with a bang!

We will be meeting again at  
**9:45 a.m. on February 5,**  
to follow-up with the preparations for these two upcoming fundraisers and events.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

We will host a **Scholastic Book Fair** the week of **February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**. Displays will be set up on table tops in our foyer for you to shop. A flyer will also be sent home the previous week featuring books that will be available. These will be different books than those that come home in our monthly flyers, with titles for age's birth thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

We are very excited about this opportunity to provide quality books for sale to our school, and at the same time earn Scholastic Dollars to purchase new materials for our classrooms. Class Wish Lists will be posted if you would like to purchase a book for your child's classroom. The book fair will also be available for you to shop on *Mom, Dad & Me Night* with your child.