



## Friday Memo

January 27, 2012

Caryn's Schedule (Subject to change based on meetings)

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
9:00-5:00	8:30-4:30	10:30-6:30	9:30-5:30	7:30-3:30

### Director's Corner:

On the morning after our parent council meeting, I wanted to talk about how I value the importance of parent involvement and how much it affects the well-being of a center. Every time we have a meeting, I am always so pleased by the turnout and proud of how much we get accomplished. It makes me feel good to be both the director and a parent here at the center because my children will reap the benefits of this community too.

1. Parent involvement helps make us stronger in many ways because we stand together and make a driving force for change. We brainstorm ways to increase enrollment and generate revenue for our programs.
2. Parent involvement allows us opportunities to get to know our fellow parents that have children here and care about the same causes. We work together to solve parent concerns.
3. Parent involvement allows us opportunities to network and share ideas and resources. We all have talents and experiences that we contribute to the group.
4. Parent involvement allows you to see all the steps that go into our daily program and why we cherish your help. It takes a village to get it all done.

We are very lucky here at MCC Bethesda-Lynbrook because we have so many people who care and give of their time and money to help make our center great. So thanks to all of you- no matter how you choose to give your time, and know that you are appreciated.

### Center Updates:

- Summer Adventures early bird registration begins on February 1. We only have 26 spots available weekly so sign up as fast as you can. Last year we filled up quickly. Returning staff: Jayne Stoner, Jackie Sigalas and Lauren Hoover have already committed to be on staff this summer. (agreement attached)
- We have a great parent education workshop coming up on 2/23/12 from 6:00-7:30 PM-Nutritionist, Kelly Dorfman will be coming and talking about- "What's Eating Your Child." She will look at the connections between behaviors and

food. Babysitting and pizza provided for a small fee (\$10/child). A flyer is attached so if you are able to print one out and hang it up around town that would be great.

- Free vision screening was a big success. All children passed the screening. Thanks to the Prevention of Blindness Society for offering us this free service.
- HELP! Our lost and found pile is getting out of control! Be sure to do a sweep in your child's room to see if any of the items belong to your child.
- **Friendly Reminder: Our outdoor policy states we will go outside unless it is raining or less than 15 degrees with wind chill. Please be sure all kids come to school with coats, gloves, hats and any seasonal gear they need to keep them warm and dry. On no school days for breaks or snow, we will play outside extra long, weather permitting. When it snows, they should also bring a change of clothes because they will get wet. You may also feel free to send them with sleds or other snow toys, but keep in mind that children riding sleds will need to wear a helmet. Be sure to send in a helmet from home if possible.**

**Important Center Wide Events:**

- **2/20/12 Closed for Staff Professional Day**
- **2/23/12 Parent education workshop 6:00-7:30 PM-Kelly Dorfman- "What's Eating Your Child." Babysitting and pizza provided for a small fee (\$10/child)**
- **3/2/11 Dr. Seuss B-day Celebration**
- **3/22/12 Spring Fling 5:30-7:30 PM**
- **4/26/12 Parent Education Workshop 6:00-7:30, presented by P.E.P. - "Anger Management." Babysitting- and pizza provided for a small fee (\$10/child)**
- **5/24/12 Parent Council Meeting 5:30-6:30 PM Pizza provided for kids of the parents that attend the meeting**
- **6/7/12 End of the Year Celebration 5:30-7:30 PM**

**Field Trips:** 1/31, 2/14, 2/28 Kittens 2/3, 2/24 Astros and Pandas

**In the Community:**

**January 1 - January 31 - Story time at the Playseum -Hear stories & sing songs. Be With Me Playseum, 7000 Wisconsin Ave. Mon.-Fri., 11am. \$6. 301/807-8028.**

**January 1 - January 31 - Spanish, French & English Classes -Language Fundamentals, 4823 Fairmont Ave., Suite A. Call for dates & times. Ages 3-15. \$229/10 weeks. 301/312-8847.**

**January 4 - January 29 - Live Performance -*Mouse on the Move*. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave. Call for dates & times. Ages 3-5. \$10. 301/280-160.**

**January 13 - February 19 - Live Performance -*Peter and the Wolf*. The Puppet Co., 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Fri., 10 & 11:30am; Sat. & Sun., 11:30am & 1pm. Ages 5+. \$10. 301/634-5380.**

**January 20 - February 1 - Live Performance -*The Snowy Day*. Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. 10:30am, 11am, 2:30pm. \$4:30pm. Ages 3+. \$17. 301/634-2270.**

**January 31 - Music Classes -*The Magic of Music* develops social skills, cognition, fine motor control & more. The International School of Music, 10450 Auto Park Ave. Call for times. Ages 3-5. \$312. 301/365-5888.**

Have a great weekend!

MCC Bethesda/Lynbrook Staff