

# **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

## **IMPORTANT INFO.**

**SNOWY MORNINGS...**Due to dangerous road conditions on snowy or icy mornings our opening time may be delayed.

**CLOTHES...**Make sure your child has a change of clothes in their cubby. Also, please dress your children appropriately for cold/snowy days.

**HALF-DAY PROGRAM...**The half-day program hours are from 8:00-1:00. If your child is signed up for half-days, please arrive no later than 12:55 to pick them up.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon. January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thurs. & Fri. January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Sat., January 27<sup>th</sup>

Mon., January 29<sup>th</sup>

**ELC Closed**

HS & Language Screening

Open house for new families 9-11 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Family-to-Family Christmas Gift Card Program! I appreciate the time and money that was spent to make families Christmas extra special. All the families were incredibly grateful for the gift cards, and Christmas cards.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Most of children's brain development occurs before kindergarten, yet our society spends comparatively little on children during this important period. Preschool and Pre-K programs help our children prepare for a lifetime of learning.

- Almost 80 percent of brain development occurs before age five. Quality preschool programs provide children with an educational environment where they can learn and grow.
- Quality preschool programs lay the foundation for knowledge, social skills, and confidence, paving the way for success throughout their school year and later in life.
- A study of adults who had once participated in high quality preschool programs showed they were arrested less often, had fewer births out of wedlock and were less likely to use welfare than their peers.
- It has been shown that young adults who went through early childhood programs are less likely to smoke and make better personal health decisions.
- Students receiving quality early education are more likely to graduate from high school, increasing their earning potential.

## **HEARING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENING**

On Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> staff from the Marion Downs center will be coming to the ELC to provide screenings to our ELC kiddos. The screening options are the Basic Screen which includes vision, hearing and speech, the Optional Language Screening which includes the basic screen plus a screen for language development, and the Developmental Screening which includes the Basic Screen plus a screening test for cognitive development, and communication and motor skills. If you have any questions concerning the screening, please speak with your child's teacher.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

The ELC will be hosting an open house for new families on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00. In the past, we have had parents sign up to help us give tours and speak with families about their experience here at the ELC. This year we will have a staff member in each classroom to answer any questions, as well as Dawn and I giving tours. If you know of anyone who is looking for 2024-2025, please have them give Dawn or I a call.

## **CONFERENCES**

Mid-year conferences will be on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. This is one week later than the date published on the yearly calendar. Your child's teacher will send a sign-up genius out at the beginning of February.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Happy New Year!

Ms. Kellie