

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT INFO.

SNOWY MORNINGS...Due to dangerous road conditions on snowy or icy mornings our opening time may be delayed until 7:30 a.m.

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 16th	ELC Closed
Thurs., January 19 th	HS & Language Screening
Sat., January 28 th	Open house for new families 9-11 a.m.
Mon., January 30 th	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 very grateful for the gift cards, and Christmas cards.

COLORADO SHINES

During the month of February, we will have our next Colorado Shines rating. Three of our five classrooms will be rated by staff from The Office of Early Childhood who will be using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, or (ECERS-3). The entire program will also be rated in the following areas: Workforce and Professional Development, Family Partnerships, Leadership Management, and Administration, Learning Environment, and Child Health. We received four out of five stars on our last rating. I would like our program to stay at the same star level or increase in stars. More information on the rating will be coming soon.

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 successes throughout their school year and later in life.
- A study of adults who had once participated in high quality preschool program 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 generally 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 19th, 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 28th 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 2023-2024, please have them give Dawn or I a call.

CONFERENCES

Mid-year conferences will be held on Friday, February 17th from 7:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Your child's teacher will send a sign-up genius out mid-January.

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

Ms. Kellie