



# CHILDREN'S HOUSE

## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY THEMES

Chinese New Year – 1/29/25

Black History Month

Groundhog Day – 2/2/25

Ground Hog Day

Healthy Habits

Valentine's Day

Dental Health

The Heart

Presidents' Day (PS/K)

❖ Lincoln

❖ Washington

...and any other topics the children express an interest in!

*Please feel free to share any information or materials you may have relating to the above themes.*

*Staff are always looking for posters, hands-on materials or additional tidbits of information that would make a lesson at circle time more interesting or lively!*



your child's classroom for the same reason.

If you choose to participate, please bundle the un-addressed cards together (rubber band or all in one big envelope) and hand them to your child's teacher at drop off or pick up time.

Refreshments are welcomed! **Please remember our "Nut Free" policy. All food items must include a full ingredient list and must be sealed/unopened. We cannot accept any home baked/home prepared food items.** We are not able to serve items labeled, "processed in a factory that also processes nuts" or anything similar. We also cannot serve food items containing artificial sweeteners.



The children like fresh fruits and veggies with dip as well as some of the more "sweet" items.



**2/17 Closed Presidents' Day**

Have a nice long weekend!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/14 Valentine's Day Party**

Our party will be held on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Children are welcome to exchange Valentine cards.

**We ask that if families choose to participate in a valentine card exchange that cards be sent to the center signed, but *not addressed to a specific child.***

This makes it *so much* easier for the staff, takes less time to distribute and prevents hurt feelings because every child in the class will receive a card from those who choose to participate.

We prefer cards not be sent to children *not* in

**The big question: MORE WINTER OR EARLY SPRING?**



Punxsutawney Phil is the official ground hog for Ground Hog's day!

The question is... Will he see his shadow on February 2<sup>nd</sup>?





## INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS...

MOST of us are pretty happy about the relative lack of significant snowfall this year so far; but we're not out of the woods yet!

We will do our best to keep the parking lot and sidewalk clear of snow and sanded or salted when icy.

Please let us know if you feel the lot or sidewalk need attention. **It is also a good idea to avoid the ramp on icy days.** The area at the end of the ramp can become thick with ice because of the drainage from the overhang. We are careful to salt this area, but it doesn't always go through the layers of ice.

On icy days, expectant mothers are welcome to park along the front of the building (in front of the downstairs classroom window in handicapped parking spot – **NOT ALONG THE SIDEWALK, PLEASE**) to shorten the walk to and from the building.

**All other parents are prohibited from parking in front of the downstairs classroom and the sidewalk and should not park along the playground fence or in front of the patio area either.**

The spot in front of the downstairs classroom is specially designated for handicapped parking. Please **only** park in this spot if you are an **expectant mom coming in on an icy day** and you plan to drop off or pick up quickly **OR** if you have a **current handicap placard displayed**.

## DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



Over the past couple months several parents donated items to the center. We've received some really nice toys and some children's clothing too. We appreciate *everyone's* generosity!

What we are still in need of at this time is scrap paper for use in the classrooms and some winter outdoor items that we can share with children

who might not have their winter gear at the center. Hats, boots, snow pants and mittens would be very welcomed. Recycled paper with one side clear would be perfect for our purposes.

Some additional items we could always use are old towels and wash cloths. You might imagine with the cleaning tasks we do around here that the towels and "rags" we use to clean up art projects and messy lunches are always in the wash!

If you have any items to donate, feel free to hand them to your child's teacher at drop off or pick up. *Thanks!!*

## EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS & TREATMENT PLANS (IHCP's) MUST REMAIN CURRENT



All children who have any type of emergency medication and/or individual health care plans at the center must keep these medications and documents *current*. **Treatment plans expire annually.** Both the document and the medication need to have a small photo attached. Photos are not required for NON-emergency medications.

Every child currently enrolled should be all set with photos but may need to get an updated form from the physician's office. Please ask your child's teacher to confirm for you and document expiration dates. The staff cannot administer outdated medications and cannot administer medication at all with an outdated plan, so we all really need to stay ahead of expiration dates on forms and on medications.

If your child is diagnosed with asthma, seizure disorder a severe allergy or any type of potentially life-threatening condition and a new treatment plan and medication are needed, please attach a small photo to the medication box and/or plan. Always be careful to avoid covering important information on the medication. If you aren't sure – just clip the picture to the form and we will attach it – sizing it on the copier if necessary. This is an *extra measure* to ensure that the *right child* receives the *right medication* in the event of an emergency.

**Our policy is to exclude children from care if medication or forms needed to administer emergency medication are missing or outdated.** We try very hard to be flexible and understanding when possible for physicals and lead tests updates, but it is extremely important to have all we need to care for a child with a potentially life-threatening condition. *Thank you!*

