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# The Celebration Times

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 2**  
 School Resumes &  
 Mid-year evaluations go  
 out

**Friday, January 13**  
 Prayer Day  
 8:15-9:30am

**Monday, January 16**  
 School Closed for  
 Martin Luther King Jr.  
 Day

**Tuesday, January 17**  
 "Chat with the  
 Teachers" Night  
 6:00-7:00pm

**Monday, February 20**  
 School Closed for  
 President's Day

**Tuesday, February 21**  
 Parent Night  
 Kindergarten Readiness  
 6:00-7:00pm

January 2012

## Director's Scoop

As a director, I have many opportunities to meet and talk with other professionals in the field of early education. Throughout the years, the common frustration amongst Early Ed professors/colleges, Early Ed advocacy organizations, directors, and teachers is the inability for those of us in this field to adequately convey to others, the need for play in early education environments. The perception is that if children are playing, they are not learning; and vice versa, if they are sitting at a table with pencil and paper, they are learning. However, research not only disputes this theory, it continually provides evidence that play is the academics of young children. So I am always grateful when new research surfaces that supports the development of young children. With the mounting pressure of increased expectations of children in kindergarten, it's no wonder that parents worry about whether their

children are going to be prepared.

Below is a quote from the latest issue of Scientific American Mind (November/December 2011) that I know will help put anxious parents at ease as they wonder if their child is learning enough:

"Scientists are baffled, says Alison Gopnik, a professor of psychology at University of California-Berkeley. The more serious science we do, the more it comes out that very young children are not designed to do focused, goal-oriented behavior that we think of as appropriate for older children, but are, to a phenomenal degree, very sophisticated about learning from things and people around them." The article goes on to quote another study by David Grissmer, at the University of Virginia's Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, "Running around in circles,

playing with blocks and climbing on a jungle gym may seem like exercise or goofing off to an adult, but several studies have shown that children infer a basic sense of physics through these activities. The possession of fine-motor skills learned through activities such as drawing and cutting, which coordinate finger movement with visual perception - **is one of the strongest predictors of academic success**".

As parents, what we really want are children who are confident, happy, critical thinkers, able to make friends, to listen and attend to instruction from a teacher, and to develop strong character. This is best accomplished when we honor their development by stretching them but not over-taxing them. After all, childhood is so brief, and once its gone, its gone.

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## Birthdays

4 Lola J.  
 5 Thuy-Tien T.  
 11 Jake H.  
 12 Hailey M.  
 13 Claire B.  
 16 Izabella A.

18 Ms. Jen  
 22 Kaitlin W.  
 23 Xavier B.  
 23 Matthew L.  
 27 Maddux L.  
 28 Dayton K.

28 Kaycee K.  
 29 Ariana D.  
 29 Caitlin L.  
 29 Bradley W.  
 30 Cassidy S.  
 31 Caitlin L.



## Babysitting Night Prayer Day

### Do you need a night out away from the kids?

Ms. Denise and Ms. Denise will be hosting Babysitting Night on January 13th from 6:00pm-10:00pm. The cost is \$20/per child and includes dinner.

Please sign up at the front desk.

### Got Prayer? Are you in need of prayer?

If you would like someone to pray for you, your family, job, children, finances, or anything else the chapel will be open on Friday, January 13th

There will be a few teachers available to pray with

you or you can pray by yourself. The chapel will be open from 8:15 am-9:30 am. Come in at any time.



## Thank You

We would like to say a special thanks to all the families that helped make this year's Christmas program a success. We appreciate your help decorating the classrooms, providing sugar cookies, and praying for the event.

Your hard work helped over 800 people share in the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

The staff and families of Celebration ROCK!.

We are so thankful for each one of you.

## Chat Night

Come for an *informal* meeting to talk with your child's teachers and discuss anything that is on your heart and mind.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 17th

**Time:** 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

**Where:** Your child's classroom

### Important Reminder for Parents:

**Please do not talk on your cell phone while at the school.**

**Thank you!**



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been helping CCPS support the Celebration Children's Home and the Fisherman School in Montrouis, Haiti. During this holiday season, we successfully were able to pay the entire year

## Haiti Update!!!!

salaries for the Haitian teachers as well as sponsor many children for school from your generous donations. It is amazing to see how fast God can work!! Our next project will be rebuilding the Haitian school and giving them a kitchen so that the

children will have that guaranteed meal each day. We would love to have you join us on our next trip. Please feel free to stop by anytime and talk with Ms. Julie about this opportunity.....it will be life changing for you!!

## How well do you know Celebration's Staff?

Do you think you know Celebration's Staff? Here is a contest to find out. Our teachers and Admin Staff have shared something special about themselves. See if you can guess who said what. Write their name next to the corresponding number on the Quiz Answers form. Detach the form and give it to the front desk. The person with the most correct answers will receive a \$10.00 Starbucks gift certificate. If there is a tie, those names will be put in a hat and one winner will be drawn. Good luck and have fun!

- 1. I was the Portuguese Queen at the Holy Rosary Festival.
- 2. I had a pet chinchilla.

3. I have a dog named Dude.

4. I won the "Hottest Lips" contest.

5. I teach catechism.

6. I have run 6 1/2 marathons.

7. I went to an all-girl Catholic school.

8. I sang in a country/rock band.

9. My dad is a preacher.

10. I spent the entire day in Disneyland with Prince Aladdin as my tour guide.

11. I cut my twin sister's hair to look like a boy.

12. I would like to own a small bookstore!

13. I can eat at Taco Bell

everyday, every meal and be perfectly happy.

14. I play the clarinet.

15. I used to live on the property that the school is on now.

16. I taught High School English.

17. I have been on the "Price is Right" show.

18. I was a cheerleader for 7 years.

19. I grew up in Illinois.

20. I served drinks to Ed McMahon and Huey Lewis.

21. I taught traffic school.

22. I was an International Specialist.

23. I met my husband while working at Baskin Robbins.

24. My dream is to swim with dolphins.

25. I was a gymnast all thru High School.

**Joan, Janell,  
Meredith**

**Monique, Loretta,  
Tammi**

**Debby L, Karen,  
Yvonne**

**Tina H., Ofelia,  
Bennett**

**Marci, Jen, Denise  
R, Denise O.**

**Paula, Debbie V.**

**Tina D., Jamie,  
Amy, Terri, Julie**

**Lana & Jessica**

### Quiz Answers



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>January Snack</h1>						
1	2 1/2 c Cereal or 1 Cereal Bar  2 squares Gra- ham Crackers/ Milk 1/2 c Baked beans/Milk	3 1/2 Bagel & Cream Cheese  Fresh Fruit/Milk  1 cheese stick/ Juice	4 1-2 Waffles  1/2 c Pears / Milk  1 slice Ham/2 crackers/Milk	5 1-2 Waffles  1/2 c Cheerios/ Milk  1/2 c Apple- sauce/Milk	6 Eggs/Sausage or Ham 1/2 c Wheat thins/Cream Cheese/Milk  1/2 c Veggie Soup/Milk	7
8	9 1/2 c Cereal or 1 Cereal Bar  1/2 c veggie chips/ranch dip/ milk 1/2 c Mac n Cheese/juice	10 1/2 Bagel & Cream Cheese  Fresh Fruit/Milk  1/2 c Rice and veggies/Milk	11 1-2 Waffles  1/2 c Kix/Milk  1 Gogurt/Juice	12 1-2 Waf- fles  1/2 c Ck Noodle Soup/Milk  1/2 c pineapple chunks/Milk	13 Eggs/ Sausage or Ham  1/2 turkey roll- up/milk  1 slice pizza/ juice	14
15	16  Closed	17 1/2 Bagel & Cream Cheese  Fresh Fruit/Milk  1/2 c Goldfish crackers/Milk	18 1-2 Waf- fles  1/2 c Chili/2 crackers/Milk  1 Cereal Bar / Milk	19 1-2 Waffles  1/2 c Pita Chips/Hummus/ Milk  1/2 banana/Milk	20 Eggs/ Sausage or Ham  1/2 c peaches/ Milk  1 Mini Bagel/ Jam/Milk	21
22	23 1/2 c Cereal or 1 Cereal Bar 1/2 c Carrots/ Ranch dip/Milk  1 Cheese Stick/ Juice	24 1/2 Bagel & Cream Cheese  Fresh Fruit/Milk  2 chicken nug- gets/Milk	25 1-2 Waf- fles  1/2 c Cheese chunks/Juice  1/2 c Pears/Milk	26 1-2 Waf- fles  1 Cereal Bar / Milk  1 slice turkey/ 2 crackers/ milk	27 Eggs/ Sausage or Ham  "Left-over's"	28
29	30 1/2 c Cereal or 1 Cereal Bar  1 slice ham/ 2 crackers/milk  1/2 mandarin oranges/milk	31 1/2 Bagel & Cream Cheese  Fresh Fruit/Milk  1/2 c chicken noodle soup/ milk	*This menu is subject to change			