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FEBRUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Oak Park Schools are scheduled to hold the following school holidays this month:

Thursday, February 2nd - Parent-Teacher Conferences (1/2 day)

Friday, February 3rd - Parent-Teacher Conferences (1/2 day)

Monday, February 20th - Presidents' Day (full-day).



◆ 1/2 Days

- **Thursday, February 2nd & Friday, February 3rd** - Hephzibah will be providing extended day care from 11:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m. for all children who have been registered to attend. All children will attend Hephzibah's day care program at their assigned school buildings.

◆ Full day

Monday, February 20th – The Oak Park Schools will not be in session due to Presidents' Day. Hephzibah will be providing full-day care for all children registered to attend during the following hours:

Lincoln (& Irving)	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Longfellow (& Beye)	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Mann (& Holmes)	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Whittier (& Hatch)	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Please note that the Beye site will be relocating to the Longfellow site, 715 S. Highland, 383-4883; the Holmes site will be relocating to the Mann site, 921 N. Kenilworth, 386-4848; the Irving site will be relocating to the Lincoln site, 1111 S. Grove, 386-4820; and the Hatch site will be relocating to the Whittier site, 713 N. Harvey, 848-6070.

On all school holidays, please send a sack lunch & a beverage with your child. Please remember that Hephzibah is a PEANUT-FREE environment.

2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Hephzibah's Kindergarten 2012 – 2013 enrollment for younger siblings has ended. Enrollment for families not currently being served by Hephzibah begins on February 1st. Your friends and neighbors may complete an application on-line at www.hephzibahhome.org or phone Annette Anderson, Day Care Administrative Assistant, at (708) 649-7093.

ICE SKATING

Ice skating at Ridgeland Common, Lake St. and Ridgeland, will continue through **Friday, February 17th**. On the last day of ice skating the skaters may bring a small amount of spending money to purchase a concession treat. Please watch your Parent Sign-out area for a note regarding further details.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Each Hephzibah site will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14th with a party.



Any donation of treats for the party would be most welcomed and appreciated! Please remember that DCFS requires that these treats be commercially prepared and arrive unopened as packaged by the bakery or manufacturer. **Please also remember that Hephzibah is a peanut-free environment.** See your site supervisor for each site's number of children and staff. Thank you.



You are more than welcome to join us at anytime! Parent volunteers are always appreciated.

THE ECONOMY SHOP

The Economy Shop is a local thrift shop located at 103 S. Grove that sells gently used clothing, furniture, toys, household items, etc. at fantastic prices! Their upcoming sale dates are listed below. Proceeds from their sales benefit several Oak Park-River Forest non-profit agencies (one of which is Hephzibah). Visit the Economy Shop for spectacular seasonal bargains!

Thursday, February 2nd
Saturday, February 11th
Saturday, February 18th
Thursday, March 1st
Saturday, March 10th
Saturday, March 17th
Thursday, April 5th
Saturday, April 14th



Saturday, April 21st
Thursday, April 26th (4:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
Thursday, May 3rd
Saturday, May 12th
Saturday, May 19th
Thursday, June 7th
Saturday, June 16th

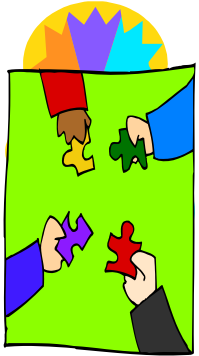


Donations are accepted at the Economy Shop at the South Boulevard door from Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, August through June. No donations on sale days, please. Your purchasing dollars benefit local charities!

STAFF TRAINING WEEK



Hephzibah traditionally closes for one week prior to the opening of the summer program in June, and again before the school year program begins for the fall at the end of August/beginning of September. We have found this time without the children to be essential for the following reasons.



- ◆ **Staff Training and Orientation:** To increase the staff/child ratio and to cover the extended program hours, we hire additional staff. Both old and new staff participate in training in activity planning, program policies and procedures, safety and first aid, supervision, etc.
- ◆ **Moving and Site Preparation:** In preparation for our move to and from our summer location equipment and supplies are inventoried, purchased, and distributed, and the site is cleaned, organized, and replenished with new materials. **We will be located at Longfellow School, 715 S. Highland**
- ◆ **, (708) 383-4883 for summer 2012. Hephzibah's summer program will begin on June 11th and operate through Friday, August 10th from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Evaluation & Recuperation:** Because of the change in focus and schedule from the school year to the summer, the staff need time to work cooperatively in evaluating the program, instituting any changes, and planning the weeks ahead. And since we do not close for winter or spring break, this time without children is particularly productive and beneficial.

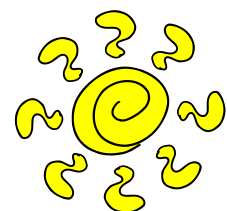
For these reasons, we will be **closed** for one week prior to the opening of the Summer Program, and at the end of the Summer Program:

Monday through Friday, June 4th - 8th
Monday through Friday, August 13th - 17th &
Monday, August 20th, Tuesday, August 21st.
Monday, September 3rd - Labor Day Holiday.

These days are based on the Oak Park District #97 school calendar, assuming that the last day of school will be June 1st, and the first day of school for 2012 - 2013 will be Wednesday, August 22nd.

SUMMER & FALL 2012 REGISTRATION

Summer & Fall Program Registration forms will be mailed out in March's 'Get Hep' newsletter. **TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM, A CURRENT DAY CARE BALANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED.**





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**SUMMER & FALL 2012
REGISTRATION - NEXT MONTH!**



**HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S
ASSOCIATION**

36TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



Saturday, March 17, 2012

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Oak Park-River Forest High School Auditorium

201 N. Scoville, Oak Park

An admission donation will be accepted at the door.

Parent Volunteers will be needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact your site supervisor. Thank you!