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HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION DAYCARE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2012!

The Hephzibah day care staff wishes our children and their families a healthy, harmonious and happy 2012!



SCHOOL RESUMES

The Oak Park Schools will resume classes on Monday, January 9th.

JANUARY HOLIDAYS

Please remember that Hephzibah will be **CLOSED** on:

- Monday, January 2nd – New Year's Day holiday
- Monday, January 16th – in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

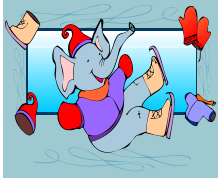


2012 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Hephzibah's Day Care program will begin accepting Kindergarten applications for enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year on February 1st. Please share this information with your neighbors and friends. Applications for enrollment can be found online at hephzibahhome.org, at Hephzibah, 1144 Lake St., 5th floor, or call Annette Anderson, Administrative Assistant, at (708) 649-7093. Please note that space is limited. Thank you!

There are no additional school holidays (Institute Day) planned for the month of January.

ICE SKATING



Ice Skating on Fridays at Ridgeland Common, for those children that are registered, will resume on Friday, January 13th and continue through February 17th.

Please remember to pick up your skater at Ridgeland Common at Lake and Ridgeland before 6:00 p.m.!

THANK YOU!



...to all of our families and staff who donated so generously to Hephzibah through the Bring a Gift Party, the Whole Foods Holiday Tree, or through a personal or corporate donation. Your generosity provided for smiles, laughter and lasting holiday memories for many children. We also appreciate your generosity to CHANGE FOR ELLA and the Oak Park Food Pantry. We collected \$750 for Ella Casten, and delivered 12 boxes of food to the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



- *Saturday, March 17th - Hephzibah Day Care's Annual Talent Show
- *Late Winter/Spring Evening, T.B.A. - Day Care PARENT BOARD

Please watch your site's Parent Sign-out areas for dates and details!



SUMMER PROGRAM 2012 UPDATE

Hephzibah's summer 2012 day care program will once again be at Longfellow School, 715 S. Highland. The program will be in operation from Monday, June 11th through Friday, August 10th, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration forms for our summer and fall programs will be included in the March issue of the 'Get Hep' newsletter, which will be mailed to your home address, and will also be available on-line. Please watch for the registration form!

SNOW DAYS/INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

In the event of inclement weather (extremely snowy weather, blizzards, extremely cold weather, etc.), Hephzibah's policy regarding the closing of our sites is the same as that of the Oak Park Schools. If District #97 schools are closed due to inclement weather, Hephzibah will also be closed. School cancellation announcements will be made on:

- RADIO

WMAQ (670) WLS-FM (94.7)
WGN (720) WBBM-FM (96)
WBBM (780) WCLR-FM (102)
WLS (890) WFYR-FM (103.5)



- TELEVISION

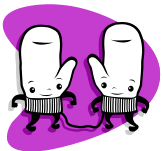
WGN TV Channel 9
WFLD TV Channel 32



DRESS WARMLY FOR THE WINTER!



As a part of our daily schedule, we do offer the children a choice of 15-20 minutes of outside play. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather - with a hat, scarf, winter jacket, gloves/mittens, snow pants, and boots. Labeling of your child's clothing can be helpful.



Thank you for your cooperation.

SNOWBALL POLICY



To help insure the safety of our children and staff, we remind our children, staff and parents each winter season that Hephzibah does not allow the throwing of snowballs.

Although we encourage outdoor play when dressed appropriately in the winter, we do wish to limit our snow "people", snow angels, snow

snow play to sculpting huts or igloos, etc.



Thank you!

Zen Proverb - No snowflake ever falls in the wrong place.

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Keep on Moving

Regular exercise is critical to keeping kids healthy in body and spirit, especially when school is out. Check out the following seasonal activities to keep your kids active and happy:

- Building snow sculptures
- Indoor obstacle course
- Freestyle dancing
- Ice skating
- Active video games
- Hula-hoop or ball-dribbling contests

