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for Children

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BUILDING BLOCKS

For Strengthening Families

FREE EVENT!

END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITY



CPC presents the "TOE JAM PUPPET BAND" on Saturday, June 9th, from 9:30—10:30a.m. at Southeastern Regional Technical High School in Easton. It's super kids music that grown-ups will enjoy too! Big kids Tom and Vinny bring smiles, giggles, and dance along with the little ones to their unique combo of original and interactive songs and stories. The TOE JAM PUPPET BAND are regulars at the Buttonwood Zoo in New Bedford! Anyone participating in this FREE event will also get \$3.00 off the regular admission price to the Children's Museum in Easton for the day. Don't delay, call today to reserve your seat. Seats are limited!

First come, first served.

Call Karen Mitchell at 508-559-1666 x 115 to register!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 6TH, - MAY 12TH, 2007

Have you ever volunteered in your child's classroom or child care site and walked out thinking; NEVER AGAIN! You couldn't pay me enough to do that job. Well teachers do this on a daily basis without blinking an eye and all because they love children. We all know teachers don't get paid a lucrative amount of money, however; they are rich in hugs and kisses from the children.

Looking back, most of us can remember a teacher who touched our lives in a positive way. This month would be a great time to say thank you to your child's teachers. I can tell you as a past teacher the greatest gift I ever received from a parent was a note telling me how much she appreciated how I took care of her child. It didn't cost a thing. So on this week, May 6th—May 12th, maybe you can say a personal thank you or send a note or card to your child's teacher.

Submitted by: Karen Mitchell, Parent Support Educational Specialist



UpComing Workshops/Events

PLAY & LEARN

Parent Child Activity!
Facilitated by:
Parent/Child Educational
Specialists

CPC is currently offering several Preschool Play & Learns in many towns. Play & Learns are a 1 hour play group based on an educational theme and an activity that corresponds. All parents are welcome to join their local Play & Learn. Please call your local library listed below and ask for the children's librarian to reserve a seat.

Canton Library

May 2nd, 1 - 2
781-821-5027

Sharon Library

May 9th, 1 - 2
781-784-1578 x 30

Plainville Library

May 9th, 10:30—11:30
508-695-1784

Norton Library

May 16th, 10:30—11:30
508-285-0265

Holbrook Library

May 22, 1—2
781-767-3644

Dedham Library

May 23rd, 1 - 2
781-751-9283

Wrentham Fisk Library

May 23rd, 1—2
508-384-6440

ASK THE 'EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST' **(FOR PARENTS ONLY!)**

Do you have questions about your young child's behavior?
Do you feel like you have tried everything to get your children to behave?

Bring questions and issues you are struggling with in regards to your children's behavior. Join other parents to discuss how to better understand your children and brainstorm ideas and new things to try.

May 9th, 2007 6:45—8:15 pm
Boyden Public Library
10 Bird St. Foxboro

Call Nancy Swirka at 508-559-1666 x 116 to register!

ASK THE 'EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST' **(FOR PROVIDERS ONLY!)**

Bring questions and issues you are struggling with in regards to your classroom. Join other providers to discuss how to better understand your children and brainstorm ideas and new things to try.

May 17th, 2007 6:45—8:15 pm
Boyden Public Library
10 Bird St. Foxboro

Call Nancy Swirka at 508-559-1666 x 116 to register!

FUN SCIENCE FOR PRESCHOOLERS **(FOR PROVIDERS ONLY!) 1.5 eec hours**

A hands on workshop to learn about science activities for preschool children. Using the work of the "Ooey Gooley Lady" Lisa Murphy, we will explore ways to get children excited about being a scientist.

June 6th, 2007 6:45—8:15 pm
Fiske Public Library

110 Randall Rd., Wrentham

Call Nancy Swirka at 508-559-1666 x 116 to register!



Provider Notice!

Contracts will be coming out soon!

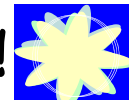
Please get them back to CPC A.S.A.P.!

Looking for local resources like art classes, playgroups, kiddie yoga, summer camps, museums and support groups

for your kids or family? There is a wonderful new website out there for parents on the Metro South Shore, It's called "Mom's & Dad's Guide." And the best part? It's created by two local moms. Check it out today!

www.momsanddadsguide.com

Parent Notice!



Early Education & Care (EEC) Update

At the March 13, 2007 EEC Board Meeting, CPC staff learned that EEC intends to continue funding Accreditation/ CDA/ Professional Development through CPC until 12/31/07. At that time it will go out for a competitive bid. This is good news for our CPC programs as we will be able to continue to support more programs through the credentialing process.

CPC is currently implementing an online billing system for all Partnerships. CPC providers with kids in care email their monthly RFR's on an excel worksheet which performs all math calculations automatically. It has reduced mistakes and increased the time for processing the RFR for payment.

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Submitted by:

Leslie Dunn

SHARE Coordinator

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N A E Y C

E Accreditation Tips
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If you're feeling frustrated with the New NAEYC process, don't forget to call them or email them for support with any questions you have that pertain to your center. 1-800-424-2460

accreditation.information@naeyc.org

Also, since this is a new process, let NAEYC know about your frustrations, troubles and problems. This will help them be aware and have the opportunity to take another look in order to make the process successful for everyone.

Remember you may also contact the CPC providers that are presently awaiting their New NAEYC visit. They have agreed to mentor others and give you a more helpful understanding of the process and the visit. Below are the names for the different CPC Partnerships:

CDS – Helen West 781-784-8700 director@stiarhebrew.org

Sachem – Lisa Longo 508-584-4422 c1318@mail.kindercare.com

Hockomock – Lori Higgins 508-528-3660 directorcp@verizon.net

SHARE – Samantha Silkes 508-230-7445 sjseclipse@aol.com

Submitted by: Carol Carver, Early Education Specialist

GARDENING "GREENTHUMB" TIPS!

Idea # 1

Create an indoor/outdoor garden around a theme.
Pizza Garden—tomatoes, peppers, onions, parsley, etc.
Fourth of July Garden—red, white and blue flowers
Scented Herb Garden—basil, mint, dill, lavender, etc.

Idea #2

Have the children trudge through a field with a pair of old socks over their shoes. Plant the socks in soil. Water and care for them and be amazed at what begins to grow!



Senator Michael Morrissey is welcomed by the children at the Kennedy Elementary School in Holbrook. The Senator read to the children in the preschool classroom.

Literacy Corner



Representative Richard Ross receives a certificate from the children at Maples Little Angels in Wrentham after reading his rendition of Dr. Seuss's New Tricks I Can Do.



