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PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

NEWSLETTER

March, 1979

General Notices

With the arrival of warmer weather, we will be going outside daily (except for inclement weather) on short trips around the island and to the playground. Please make sure that your child comes to day care dressed appropriately for the weather. Every child really needs a complete change of clothes to keep at day care. Please return extra clothes the next day if your child does come home in the spare set.

We need everyone's cooperation in using the In-Out book when bringing or picking up your child. There are three columns - 1) name of the child/children; 2) name of person bringing the child in; 3) name of person taking the child home. Please take the time to do this (and ask people taking care of your child) as it helps resolve questions of who took a child home if the question arises. This procedure is reviewed by the auditors. Thank you for helping us.

Each child should have a blanket, quilt, etc., at day care to use for naptime. Please check and see if your child has one; if not, please send something in immediately. These are kept in each child's cubby until needed.

Please remember that the staff must have a note from the health center to administer your child's medicine. A piece of tape with your child's name on the medicine bottle will also save confusion. Thank you.

Our swimming program continues each Wednesday morning at the Y.W.C.A. with the University Day Care Program. A staff person can take 2 children alone or 4 children if a parent volunteer comes along. We still need volunteers who can go on the 9:35 boat and return on the 12:00. Please call the center and tell us what day you could come with us. Our thanks to wayne wilson, Sue Scandlen, Jeanie Dinsmore and wally Green for coming with us recently.

Angie hopes that the younger children can go back to her house by April 1st-we'll let you know. Thank you parents for bringing the children to the Center. It has been a good experience for all concerned.

Please remember that your child must come to day care at least 15 hours/week to maintain a slot. If your child is not coming on a given day, please tell us the day before

or call in the morning. We need to keep track for our records as well as having a concerned interest in your child.

We are still looking for valuable junk of all descriptions for our art center. Bring in whatever you have that could be recycled by the children. Material scraps would be great for some upcoming projects. We also desperately need some more mens' shirts for the painting area.

Program News

During recent weeks, concentrated work with basic shapes has been our focus. We have drawn, cut out and pasted shapes; made shape pictures; as well as doing recognition activities indoors and out.

We are beginning a concentrated study of nutrition and personal hygiene. We are going to talk about things we do at home and day care-dressing, eating, brushing teeth, etc. John is going to help us find out what foods are important to eat and why. The kindergarten children will begin doing some readiness activities with Beth in the mornings.

I will be conducting a parent survey and evaluation over the next few weeks with the help of the board. Be thinking of specific questions and comments you wish to share with us. A board member will be in contact with you soon. This survey will be used in conjunction with a staff questionnaire to help me assess the goals everyone has for the center. I need your cooperation in this - take the time to answer fully the questions we'll have for you. This is your chance to share all your thoughts with us. As I design the program with the staff, I want to know that parents are talking with board members, Tracey and myself about their immediate concerns. We are trying to establish better communication between parents, board and staff.

I am very pleased to be working here in the center. You are fortunate to have your current staff - they are a pleasant blend of different personalities and devoted in their concern for the developmental care of your children.

My schedule at the center is usually:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday --- 7:15 - 12:15 &
Tuesday --- 12:30 - 5 or 8 p.m.

Tuesday evenings would be a good time for conferences,
as needed and as schedules allow.

Beth LeBlanc

Board News

During February vacation, Day Care hosted a dance for the sixth-ninth graders. Although it wasn't a "great" fund raiser for the Center, the kids and chaparones had a good time.

The board and staff are planning an open House in the Center for Monday, April 2nd. There will be a pot luck supper. You'll be getting more information soon.

RECIPE We will be including a recipe from John every month that he made recently for us at the Center.

FISH STICKS (makes 12)

½ lb. fish (any kind-fried, baked, boiled)
1 onion-medium size, dried, sauteed
2 cups mashed potatoes (3 or 4 potatoes boiled,
with milk and butter)
Parsley
Salt & Pepper to taste
1 egg
corn meal

Mix all ingredients together except corn meal.
Shape in sticks; roll in cornmeal; bake in hot
oven 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pam & Steve Turbousky on the birth of Andrew. Congratulations also to Linda Tuttle on the birth of Andrea.