

Precious Memories Reflections

January 2018



Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 1st
Happy New Year!
- ◆ January 16th
Martin Luther King Day
(Center remains open)
- ◆ January 26th
Parents Night Out
- ◆ January 9th
Magic of Music
- ◆ January 23rd
Hairdo Day

Upcoming events...

- Festival of Lanterns
- Valentine's Day
- Washington's Birthday
- Lincoln's Birthday
- President's Day



Reflecting on the Years' end, all our center happenings brought smiles, creativity, and lots of growth. The children embraced the "12 days of Christmas" and worked together spreading Holiday cheer. The center friendship wreath brought creativity and pride to the children, and brought admin such a warm feeling to see their excitement and work. Our *Elf on the Shelf*, *Pop Tart*, got lots of laughs and attention through his many special appearances. It was refreshing to watch the children seek him out upon arrival daily. Our *Peace Chains* came together on December 21, 2017. The teachers hung the chains together in the center halls uniting the children in peace. As they enjoyed picking their favorite colors and connecting them together they discussed how big and beautiful the chain would be when everyone in the center shared in its creation. We would like all of our PMP families to know what joy your children bring to all of our lives on a daily basis. It's not only care, safety, and direction we supply...it's an amazing amount of love, respect, and admiration we share with each and every child, and their families. Thank you for the festive holiday season.



Thank You

A special *THANK YOU*, to all of our families for all of the delicious goodies and wonderful gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are always greatly appreciated and brought a feeling of pride to our very special caregivers.

Before School Care for ALL Ages

As a reminder, Precious Memories Place offers before hours care for ALL AGES starting at 6:30 am- 7:00 am. There is a charge of \$10 per child or \$15 for two or more children per day. Please sign up at the office if interested to allow for appropriate staffing. We have enjoyed serving the needs of our families and community.

Curriculum Enhancements

Curriculum Enhancements are designed to add an innovative flare to conventional learning tools. When presented with passion and enthusiasm children will explore around ideas and activities that will help build a healthy approach to living and being.

January Curriculum Enhancement - Appreciation

Both feeling and expressing appreciation are important parts of life. Through appreciation children are able to relate to others' feelings and build a sense of belonging. A sense of appreciation is an essential ingredient in a happy life.

Parents Night Out- January 26th

We invite our parents to enjoy dinner, friends, a movie, or just a quiet night in to relax. Meanwhile, your children will enjoy friends, Frozen activities and dinner in a safe, familiar and encouraging environment. January 26th from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. Cost will be \$38 per preschooler and \$42 per infant/toddler. Siblings are invited to have fun at a reduced rate.

(Must have 10 children to hold PNO)

School Snow Policy

Precious Memories Place will make every effort to maintain operation during most weather conditions. In the event conditions have been labeled a State of Emergency, the center will close for the safety of our children, their families, and our staff. In keeping with this policy, Precious Memories may opt to delay the opening of the center or close earlier in the afternoon, if we feel that conditions are not safe. All school closings, delays and updates, due to extreme weather, conditions will be announced on channel 4 (NBC), and on our website: preciousmemoriespreschool.com/preciousmemoriesplace.com. We will also update center answering machines with instructions.

Holiday Toy Drive

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our families who contributed to our holiday Toy drive. Your donations and thoughtfulness made the holidays for many people that much happier. The children enjoy and grow from the concept of sharing and caring and supporting the needs of our community. Thank you again!

Reminders

- Cold weather and snow are here! Please bring in and label warm clothes for your child's cubby.
- In order for the children to go out in cold weather appropriate winter gear is needed; ie., coats, hats, mittens, and boots.
- Be sure to label everything with your child's first and last name.
- While it is tempting to leave your car running during drop off and pick up time, please refrain from doing so, for the health and safety of all the children. Also, children may not be left unattended in your car while picking up and/or dropping off
- Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT of their classroom each and every day.

Important Birthdays

January 15th 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King

January 17th 1706, Benjamin Franklin

The center will remain open on the 16th. We will spend the week honoring and learning about these 2 amazing men and the accomplishments and achievements of their lives and how they have made a difference in our world today.

Tax Receipts

Year-end tax receipts are available from the main office by request only. If you would like one, simply call the office or drop a note in the payment drop box and we will get one ready for you as soon as possible. Receipts may be picked up in the main office or in your child's mailbox, or by email. Please specify preference at time of request.

Bye Bye Hershey Kisses.....

As a 30+ year tradition comes to a close, we will be replacing our "good bye" kisses with fun choices. It was a sweet run but with the new year comes new traditions!

May this new year all your dreams turn into reality and all your efforts into great achievements.