Cheryl Gage, Site Supervisor

I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. Please notice that we have combined December/January calendars. This newsletter is filled with information to ensure you of the events taking place here at the center. As 2019 comes to an end, and 2020 starts, please stop by the office and check your child(ren) pick-up/drop-off list. Make any changes as needed. We want to be prepared for early dismissals due to change of weather. In Southern Il, weather can change with in minutes.

All closings and early dismissals will be called into the local TV stations: Please be watching!

I hope each of you take some time out of your busy schedules to make wonderful memories for you and your children that last a lifetime.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mandy Wolfe, Parent Coordinator/Assist Site Supervisor

We want to make sure you stay informed about the happenings of the Center, so we are asking that you check your child’s cubbies everyday for new papers that are being sent home as well as any updates to the schedule and home time activities.

Important Dates

♦ Dec 20th-Jan 6th: Christmas Break
♦ No Parent Group Meeting
♦ No School on Dec 20th, Training Day for staff.
♦ Christmas Party on the 19th, PJ Day– Santa From the North Pole@ 9:00. He will be handing out Christmas presents to all children. Photos are welcomed. Tiffany from U of I will be here as well to set up an activity station outside the Classroom A for all parents.
Class room News:

Class A— Tanya, Mandy, Jessica; Class B— Tammy, Pam, Terri; Class C— Christy, Tonya

- **Class A**— The month of December is short but we have a lot to do. We will be studying the letters M, N, and the numbers 13, 14, and 15. The colors we will be learning of are green and blue and shapes are hearts and circles. Since December is here we will be studying of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa traditions. We will be creating a handprint wreath, a pine cone Christmas tree and Christmas card. We will be creating an Adrinka painting, a Kwanzaa shape collage and an African drum.

- **Class B**— Christmas is almost here, our Christmas party will be held on the 19th. Please see sign up sheet for snacks. We will also have Santa at 9:00 that morning. We will be learning about the holiday traditions, decorations, and celebrations. December will be a short month for us at the center so please come and visit! I also want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your child this year. I have taken a position in Metropolis and my last day will be the 20th. I hope you all have a wonderful Merry Christmas and enjoy the season.

- **Class C**— We will be learning about the holidays that are headed this way, Christmas and New Years. We will also be learning about winter and the wonderful things that come with it. We will learn about the letters of N, O, and P.

**Playground Safety**

Please send your child in appropriate shoes and clothing. We recommend tennis shoes, which allows the children to run and have fun without the worry of falling down or shoe coming off. We recommend coats to help protect against the cold weather that is on its way!

**Change of Clothing**

It is important that your child has a change of clothes here at the center. Sometimes accidents happen, and this helps the staff to be prepared. Remember to send weather appropriate clothing, as the seasons change the teachers can have on hand what is needed. Coats, long pants, long sleeves and gloves. The clothing will be labeled for your child and returned.

**Morning Drop Off/Pick Up**

Drop off in the morning begins at 8:00 a.m. Teachers are preparing their classroom for the day before this time. The sign in sheet is in each classroom, please sign your child in.

Pick up can be anytime and goes till 2:30 p.m. Any parent /guardian that will be late please call the staff.

If child will not be present for the school day, please call the center or the staff will be calling you.

**Please do not park in the front of the building.** Must keep it unblocked for emergency purposes.
**SAFETY**

Hayleigh M. Safety Corner

**Burn Safety**—It's that time of year for the holidays and travel to set in. We want to remind you of the dangers it also comes with. Whether your just traveling for the holidays or you’re the host and preparing the meals, keep in mind of what can happen.

Be aware of who's in the kitchen while your chopping and steaming food. Keep all hot pans handles turned inward to the stove so little hands don’t grab them.

Keep a fire extinguisher in close reach if grease fire happens while preparing that turkey!

Don’t have lit candles sitting around while there are many people coming and going. It could be knocked over or have a coat thrown on top of it without knowing.

In case of emergencies have a phone close at hand to call 911.

We will also be working on a evacuation plan toward the end of the year, more information will be coming out to inform you of what will take place.

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**Ingredients**

1/2 C Butter
4 C Mini Marshmallows
1 Tsp green food Coloring
1/2 tsp Almond Extract
1/2 Tsp Vanilla extract
4 C Cornflakes
1 Small Package of cinnamon red hot candies

1) Microwave Marshmallows and butter high 2 min, Stir, Microwave on High 2 more min, Stir

2) Add and mix quickly the coloring, extract, and cornflakes. Drop spoonful clumps on greased wax paper and decorate with 3 red hots each.

3) Once cool, transfer to serving/storage tray with lightly greased fingers (so it doesn't stick to you or tray)

Merry Christmas!