

Parma Kids Newsletter

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We love to share with you!

Parmakids.com is updated regularly with classroom calendars, our newsletters, registration paperwork, events, and other important information. Our Facebook page, Parma Kids, is also updated regularly with special events, pictures, and other information. Check us out and feel free to share your pictures of Parma Kids with us too!

February Monthly Preschool Units

2 year olds will learn about winter. We will learn about winter clothing with matching activities. Weather permitting; we will try to go outside to play in the snow on February 26th and 27th. We need parent volunteers to help with the kids getting dressed on these dates. Please let Mrs. Hogue or Ms. Sue know if you are interested. The twos will celebrate Valentine's Day February 13th and 14th.

3 year olds will study food groups and healthy living this month. Our stories and crafts will feature this theme. Our Valentine's Party will be on the 13th and 14th. We would love a visit from anyone in the medical profession this month. See Ms. Bethanee if you are interested.

4 year olds & UPK will read and learn about famous Americans. We will "meet" Abraham Lincoln, Betsy Ross, Helen Keller and George Washington to name a few. We will continue our project we started in January. We have chosen a topic, picked books to read and "read" pictures to discover facts about our topic. Pictures have been made and we are labeling now. We are ready to start parent conferences. Please talk with Pam to set up a time best for you.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be celebrated in each class. We ask that 2's and 3's bring one card per child, with no names on envelopes. 3's may try to write at least one letter of their name if it isn't too stressful. 4's are encouraged to write their own names to sign the cards. Parents of 4's are encouraged to write the name of the child the card is going to so the students can read it easier and match it to their Valentine bag.

Winter Updates

Remember preschool is closed when Hilton Schools are closed. Please remember to bring shoes on the days your child wears boots. Boots leave water on the floor that we can fall on. We try to go outside when the weather is not bitter, so we ask that children have, coats, gloves, and hats to enjoy playing outside.

No Preschool

Monday, February 18 – Friday, February 22nd is mid-winter break. There will be no preschool or UPK that week. Day Care will still be available. Please let us know if you anticipate needing care ASAP so we can staff our program appropriately.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We offer parent teacher conferences during the month of February for all parents. During the month of January teachers gathered a variety of children's work samples and observations to share with you. This is a good time for you to ask questions or address any concerns you may have about your child. Please schedule contact your child's teacher to set up a time.

Registration for Fall 2019 is open Monday, February 11th

We offer a discounted registration fee of \$30 for all current students. The discount rate is offered through April 1, 2019. After April 1st, the registration fee will be \$40. All new students pay \$40 registration.

School Age Registration

Parma Kids has school age programs available throughout the year. We are open from 6am to 6pm, offer a light breakfast, parents must pack a peanut and tree nut free lunch if children are here for lunch, and snacks are provided in the afternoon. There are discounted prices for a full week and siblings. Mrs. Karissa is our school age teacher and plans activities, outings, games, and reading/homework time for school age children. If you are looking for a safe fun place for your school age child during the year or this summer, we currently have openings.

Extra Days

It is a great time to add an extra day or afternoon. Our enhanced day care program encourages each child to learn through play! They will participate in their age appropriate preschool class in the morning, after class they have lunch, a period of rest, and then a structured activity. If your child is preparing for kindergarten, adding an afternoon is a good way of preparing them for the all-day classes next school year! See Caryn for availability.

Kindergarten Registration

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 1st following that start of the school year in September are eligible to attend kindergarten. Kindergarten in the Hilton School District (HSD) is full day. HSD office will mail registration information letters to all eligible district families. If you do not receive a letter by mid-March, please call 392.1000 ext.7031. You will need your child's original birth certificate, proof of residency, immunizations, and custody papers if applicable.

Payments/Discount

Please remember payments are due for preschool only students by the 5th of each month. Daycare students are due Tuesday morning the week of care. After that time, a late fee of \$20 will be added to your account. We would also like to offer a discount to parents paying in advance. If you pay four weeks in advance as a daycare family, a 10% discount will be credited to your child's account. If you are a preschool only family, if you pay the remainder of your child's year a 10% discount will be applied to the payment.

Fundraisers

Niagara Chocolate is available for Easter. The sale has started and runs from Feb. 12th through March 5th. Our goal is to sell \$2000 of Niagara Chocolate. If each family sells \$75 of chocolate, we will surpass our goal. The profit from this fundraiser is going towards purchasing new equipment for our Gym, so it can be enjoyed by all of our students. Orders will be available for pick up here at school before Easter.

Child Care Tax Receipt

Child Care Tax receipts for 2018 are available and many have been sent home. If you have not received yours, please see Caryn or Pam in the office.

Our church offers a Kids Club program each Wednesday night. This month we will be off for February 13th and February 20th due to vacations and families traveling. Kids club will be held February 6th and 27th from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. There is no cost, but snacks can be donated. Each night we have a Bible Story, craft, game and snack.