

DREAMS UNLIMITED

NEWSLETTER

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Guess what? There is 24 days until Christmas and the children are very excited!!

Christmas Party

On December 3, 1-3pm Dreams Unlimited will be having its sixth Christmas party at Three Oaks High School. The children have been practicing hard. I'm asking that all school age children to be at Three Oaks for 12 O'clock to do a rehearsal on stage. Following the performance there will be Christmas activities for the whole family and our silent auction (fundraiser for our playground). Also, if you would like to bring something to add to our sharing table (food or beverage) you are more than welcome.

Cubbies in Chaos

With all of the extra gear for outside play it has been very challenging for the staff and I to assist the children in keeping their belongings orderly. So.....I am asking for your help. It is my hope that if you are able to do the following both you and I will be able to find your child's belongings when we want them.

1) Label all of your child's belongings, 2) place 1 coat, 1 pair of outdoor footwear, 1 pair of indoor footwear, and 1 pair of snow pants in the cubby, 3) place hat and mittens in your child's coat, 4) place any extra shoes, mittens (**please bring an extra pair of mittens and socks**), snow pants, etc. in your child's backpack (please do not place your child's belongings in a plastic bag), 5) place your child's backpack along the wall with the others.

Themes

For the month of December we will be focusing on Celebrations Around the World and New Years.

Virtue of the Month

We will be focusing on the virtues peace and generosity this month. To practice the act of generosity the children age 0-12 years will draw names among each other to be someone's secret Santa. Your child will pick a gently used toy from home and wrap it. Please make sure it is a small gift that would not have cost a lot of money. The purpose of this is for each child to be a full participant in giving something of their own to someone else. Please have the gift in on Monday, Dec. 19th and the gift exchange will occur on Wednesday Dec. 21st. To go along with the secret Santa your child is asked to bring a can good to donate to the local food bank.

Parent Questionnaire

Attached to this newsletter you will find a short Questionnaire. If you could fill it out it would be greatly appreciated. This questionnaire will help us to continue to bring quality care and education to your child and quality service to you. To keep your questionnaire anonymous a purple box will be set on top of the milk can by the entrance.

Vacation Time

I want to let everyone know that I will be on vacation December 28, 29, and 30..

Christmas Break

During the Christmas break the school age children will be having theme days. Please keep an eye out for the posting on the front door.

Toothbrushes

The toothbrushes are in rough shape. Please bring a toothbrush if your child is 0-4 years of age.

Scholastic Book Orders

Please find the book order forms attached to the newsletter. The orders are due Tuesday Dec. 6th. This should be enough time to get them back before Christmas.

Dreams Unlimited Christmas Calendars

We will be ordering calendars again this year. For those who did not receive one last year the calendar consists of pictures of the children enrolled at the centre. The price of a calendar is \$15. An order form and a sample of last year's calendar will be posted by the entrance if you and your family would like to order some. All proceeds will go towards our playground fundraising.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 3 - Christmas Party

Dec. 19 - Secret Santa/Food Bank

Dec. 26 & 27 -Closed for Christmas and Boxing Day

Jan. 2 - Closed for New Years Day

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends.

Elizabeth