

# January 2017

Creative Care



Dear Families,

I hope everybody had a great holiday and for those of you who took a vacation week, I hope it was full of fun and relaxation! We're all looking forward to the new year here at the center.

As a reminder, I will be on vacation the first week of the month. Ms. Sara B will be in charge that week, if you have any concerns please see her. Since she will be out of the classroom, Ms. Megan will be joining us in the infant room for the week while she is on winter break from Bloomsburg.

There has been a few staffing changes during the Christmas week here at the center. Ms. April has accepted another job opportunity starting January 3rd. We will greatly miss her here at Creative Care and hope that she will stop by to visit! We have not found a replacement yet for her, so for the first few weeks either Ms. Sara or myself will be working with the school-agers. If any school-age parents have any suggestions for afterschool projects or activities please let us know. Ms. Sarah T will be returning as the Pre-K

teacher. Ms. Nicole is stepping down as a full-time teacher due to health concerns, but she will still be here in the afternoons helping out in toddlers! We have also hired a part-time closer, Ms. Arlene. Ms. Arlene will be starting on January 3rd, she works full time as a math professor at Reading Area Community College.

Please make sure your child has appropriate outer wear for **1 hour** of outdoor play in both the morning and afternoon. Keystone Stars requires us to take the children outdoors between the temperatures of 25 & 90.

Be sure to sign your child(ren) in and out each day on the attendance kiosk. Your pin is your initials and last 4 digits of your cell phone. For example, ck7009

In the case of inclement weather make sure you keep an eye on NBC10 or our facebook page for school closings during the winter months

Hope you all have a great New Year, see you all next year!

*-Cody Koneski*  
Center Director

Happy Birthday

Jonah 1/5

Cecilia 1/22

Phoenix 1/23

## Dates to Remember

Closed 1/2

PV/SF Closed— MLK Jr Day 1/16

Parent's Night Out 1/20

Crazy Hat Day 1/27

## Reminders

- ♥ Please make sure your child has 2 pairs of extra clothes at ALL times. (seasonal appropriate)
- ♥ Please label all of your child's belongings. This way there is less of a chance of them becoming lost.
- ♥ Weekly payments are due on Monday of each week. Monthly payments are due on the first Monday. A \$5 late fee will be applied for any late payment.

## Health & Safety

## Winter Weather Safety for Kids

- ♥ **Think layers.** Put several layers of clothing on your child and make sure their head, neck and hands are covered. Dress babies and young children in one more layer than an adult would wear.
- ♥ **Beware clothing hazards.** Scarves and hood strings can strangle smaller children so use other clothing to keep them warm.
- ♥ **Check in on warmth.** Tell children to come inside if they get wet or if they're cold. Then keep watching them and checking in. They may prefer to continue playing outside even if they are wet or cold.
- ♥ **Teach technique.** It takes time to master fun winter activities like sledding, so make sure children know how to do the activity safely.
- ♥ **Prevent nosebleeds.** If your child suffers from minor winter nosebleeds, use a cold air humidifier in their room. Saline nose drops can help keep their nose moist.
- ♥ **Keep them hydrated.** In drier winter air kids lose more water through their breath. Keep them drinking and try giving them warm drinks and soup.
- ♥ **Watch for danger signs.** Signs of frostbite are pale, grey or blistered skin on the fingers, ears, nose, and toes. If you think your child has frostbite bring the child indoors and put the affected area in warm (not hot) water. Signs of hypothermia are shivering, slurred speech, and unusual clumsiness. If you think your child has hypothermia call 9-1-1 immediately.

## Community Events

### Greater Phila. Pet Expo

- ♥ January 13-15
- ♥ Greater Philadelphia Expo Center  
Oaks, PA

### Tiaras & Ties Father Daughter Dance

- ♥ January 21
- ♥ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- ♥ Elmwood Park Zoo
- ♥ Member cost: \$20/pair
- ♥ Non-member cost: \$25/pair  
\$10 additional daughters