

# Milestones Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

February 2010



## Kelly Mertes-Director; Beth Straubel-Asst. Director Director's Corner

\*We hope you are enjoying the wintery months with some outdoor activities or staying warm and cozy inside with your family.

\*Pre-K, Pre-K (B) and school age families don't forget about the drive for the troops we are having at the center!

\*With Valentine's Day coming quickly grab a heart and write what you and your child love about his/her teachers or classrooms. We'll post them for everyone to read! Hearts will be available in the front hallway on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*We will be ordering t-shirts again this month. All families will receive an order form in their parent box. Check out the display in the front hall to see what color and style options there are!

\*Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> is vision and hearing screening. All children ages 3-5 who have yet to enter kindergarten will be screened. This is a free service provided by Kent County. If your child doesn't attend Milestones on Friday's you are welcome to bring him/her to the center around 9am to have their screening done.

\*Kindergarten round up is coming! Check with your neighborhood elementary if you have a kindergarten bound child (5 by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2010)

\*As always if you have questions or concerns please let us know immediately.  
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### Upcoming Events

Friday 2-5-10  
Vision & Hearing  
Screening

Saturday 2-13-10  
@ 1pm  
Sweetheart Splash  
(Downtown  
Rockford)

Sunday 2-14-10  
Valentine's Day

## Employee of the Month

Miss Katie

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Milestones. You excel at creating a warm, creative and exciting learning environment for all the children in your classroom.

Staff Nominated

Overheard in the Kindergarten Room:

Tyler had brought a car from home to school. He became worried about what he would do with it during the Christmas program. Miss Sarah suggested he put the car in his pocket for safe keeping at this Tyler responded enthusiastically: "Yeah, it would be like having a garage in my pants!"

### Parent Tip Ways to show your kids you love them:

1. Spend some alone time with your child.
2. Nurture self esteem by praising good behavior.
3. Celebrate everyday accomplishments.
4. Teach children to think positive by being a positive thinker yourself.
5. Get out the photo album and look at baby pictures of your children.
6. Read "one more book" even if it's late!

Ideas taken from  
Ladies Home  
Journal.



### Infant News

The Infant Room has been a very busy place. We want to welcome Jake, Landen and Emma who is visiting a few days from the Cascade center. We have also said good bye to Savannah and Kyle as they move up to Miss Amber's room. Abigail will be 1 on February 8<sup>th</sup>!

The infant room decorated the front entry bulletin board this month with the cute baby faces on hearts, check it out!

-Ms. Kelly, Ms. Cheri, Ms. Becky & Ms. Michelle

### Younger Toddler News

During the month of February our Young Toddler classroom will learn about Groundhog Day. We will make a groundhog and see if he sees his shadow or not on Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also learn about fire safety. We will sing a few firefighter songs and pretend we are firefighters in our big fire truck!

-Ms. Amber, Ms. Becca, Ms. Robyn



### February Birthdays

Parker Y. 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Mason S. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Miss Angela 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Bryan H. 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Miss Amber B. 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Abigail L. 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Miss Joanna 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Amanda S. 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Tatum K. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Sydney W. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Katherine S. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Emma S. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Morgan A. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Miss Sarah 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Miss Stephanie 22<sup>rd</sup>  
 Abigail W. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Michael A. 27<sup>th</sup>

### Older Toddler News

January has gone by so fast. In the older toddler room we had fun talking about: New Years, Winter Animals, Martin Luther King Jr. and Winter Sports. In February we will be talking about Groundhogs, Dinosaurs, Valentines Day, Summer Fun and Fairy Tales. We would like to welcome the following children to our classroom Nathan Warner, Olivia Hosford, Bailey Lotz and Thomas Hilbert.

We will be having our Valentine's Party on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We would like to wish Miss Stephanie a happy birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Ms. Becca, Ms. Devon, -Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Kristina & Ms. Rachael

### Early Preschool News

Valentine's Day is around the corner. We will be having a party, so keep an eye out for the notice. This month we will be talking about feelings, Valentine's Day, dental health and about our bodies. Also, we want to say we will miss Owen and Elena, but would like to welcome Kayla to our room!

-Ms. Melissa, Ms. Christi, Ms. Laura & Ms. Joanna

## Preschool News

January was a cold but fun month! We had a great time getting outside on the days that we were able to! In February the preschool class will be having great time learning about Groundhogs, Valentine's Day, Pets and Dental Hygiene. Look for more information to come about a fieldtrip at the end of the month and our class Valentine's Party!

Ms. Nicole, Ms. Kari & Ms. Desirae

## Pre-K News

Hopefully we are half way through winter and Mr. Ground Hog does not see his shadow. February is Dental Health Month so we will be talking about taking a care of our teeth. Our themes for the month of February are:

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>: Ground Hog Day, letter Q

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Day, letter R

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>: Post Office, letter S

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>: Dentist/Health Nutrition, letter T

We have a fieldtrip planned to go to the Belmont Post Office. We will be having a Valentine's Day Party and visiting Dr. English's dental office.

We would like to welcome Sam W. and Rowan S. to Pre-K the first of February.

The children are looking forward to going sledding again this month if we get some fresh snow. Be sure to check the monthly calendar for upcoming events.

Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Darcy & Ms. Amber

## AM Preschool/Pre-K B

February is dental health month so we will be learning how to take care of our teeth. We are hoping to visit a dentist office as well. Along with dental hygiene we will be exploring the themes of feelings, the post office, Valentine's Day and the Chinese New Year. If anyone has envelopes they would be able to donate we would love them! Any size or color would be great; we need all we can get for our "post office".

-Ms. Katie, Ms. Desirae & Ms. Kelsey

## Kindergarten Enrichment

Happy Valentine's Day! As the first month of the year came to a close we celebrated and learned about the upcoming winter Olympics in Vancouver! During the month of February we will learn about ground hogs day and the history behind it, 100 day, Dental Health as it is Dental Health month and talk about the president and past as we learn about president's day. We will also of course be celebrating Valentine's Day. There is a signup sheet posted outside the classroom if you would like to bring in a treat for the class. We would also like to welcome Zach, Sam and Haley to our classroom! J

-Ms. Jenny, Ms. Angela & Ms. Leah

## New Students



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Jake R. ~ Infants  
Landen P. ~ Infants  
Emma W. ~ Infants  
Hunter W. ~ Infants  
Austin ~ Preschool  
Hailey B. ~ Pre-K

## New Staff (February)

Cheryl B. Sub  
Kae H. Sub

We're on the Web!  
[www.milestonescdc.com](http://www.milestonescdc.com)

## REMINDERS AND NOTES: CREDIT TOWARD TUITION FOR REFFERALS!!



TUITION EXPRESS IS NOW AVAILABLE. NEVER GET A LATE FEE!!! THERE WILL BE A \$5 MONTHLY PROCESSING CHARGE FOR CREDIT CARD CHARGES AND CHECKING ACCOUNT WITHDRAWLS. MANY FAMILIES ARE USING IT AND IS A GREAT CONVENIENCE FOR THEM.

BETH WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFF ON TUESDAYS AND KELLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFF ON THURSDAYS THROUGH WINTER/SPRING 2010.

Please remember to pay your tuition on time. Tuition is due by **TUESDAY** at NOON or the **FIRST** day of the week your child attends the center. A \$20 late fee will be added to your account if payment is not made on time.

Thanks!

Reminder any returned checks will require us to charge you a \$30 fee.  
**Brrr...it's cold out! Remember to bring in hats, mittens, boots, snow pants & extra pants and shirts!**