



Building Blocks

A Publication for Family Child Care Providers of the
Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Child Care Association Inc.

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Our Free Referral Line (630) 668-1123

www.wgecca.com referralwgecca@gmail.com

Monthly Meetings: We will have a "social time" before our monthly meeting beginning at 6:30 PM. Please come early and network so we can start our meetings on time. Start time is 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. If you have any ideas or contacts for our monthly presentations or Let's Talk It Up meetings please share with Jan Munday or Carolynn Perpich. Thank you.

Tonight's Meeting: Networking on Facebook Presenter: Josh McFadden

Tuesday, September 15: Art Activities and Creations Presenters: Sandy Stich and Jan Munday

Location: Jan Munday's Home - 3 S 631 West Ave, Warrenville, IL 60555 (630-393-7485)

Description: Come and join us for an evening of creating various die cut shapes, letters, numbers, and other curriculum crafts to use in your program. We will provide the machine and you will need to bring the materials (paper, cloth, sandpaper, burlap, form etc.) and your creative ideas to share with other providers. There will be social time from 6:30 - 7:00 and then the meeting will begin at 7 sharp! This is a night of sharing and TALKING!

Monday, October @ 6:45pm: "Let's Talk It Up" Food For Thought Host: Carolynn Perpich

Location: Carolynn's Home: 3S359 4th Street, Warrenville, IL 60555

RSVP by Thursday, October 1st by email discoveryplay1@gmail.com or phone (630) 430-1064

Description: Food is always a challenge with kids, who are often picky eaters, and what child wants to eat vegetables? I want to delve into planning healthy meals with a hands on approach, which is why I have two assignments for this next meeting. I would like each of you to:

(1) Bring a simple healthy dish that you serve in your daycare; **you only need to bring enough for everyone to just have a taste.** The food you bring can be a main entree, side, snack, etc., ANYTHING you make that provides healthy nutrients to hungry children.

(2)Email me a copy of your recipe and I will print enough copies for the meeting.

Along with your healthy meal item, please come prepared to share other ideas or tips for promoting healthy menu choices. Think outside the box; let's not bring a platter of raw vegetables.

Tuesday, October 20: Understanding and Using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

Presenter: Michele Savino, YWCA Community Engagement Specialist

Description: This session will provide information on how to utilize the online Ages & Stages Developmental Screening tool in your program to evaluate the developmental progress for all children in your program. It will give you access to a website to have the screening tool scored by experts, as well as a no cost venue to store all your screening data. The Ages & Stages Questionnaire is an approved developmental screening tool to use toward best practices in your child care business and can assist you in reaching quality programming through ExceleRate.

Tues, Nov. 17: I AM a Professional! Creating & developing professional strategies for a life-long career.

Presenter: Kristen Walley, Rasmussen College

Description: Explore professionalism through research; using personal situations to develop strategies for professional growth. Define professionalism, what it looks like in your daily role, and what it really means in action. Create action plans and set goals to keep your career moving forward in the early education field.

President's Notes:



Welcome to our August 2015 Newsletter!

Thank you all for coming tonight to the kick off pot luck dinner for our 2015-2016 year. We have a lot of good quality meetings planned for the year. Please make sure that you see Carol Tadavich and fill out the member information form sometime this evening.

I hope that everyone had a great summer. Mine was busy with work and softball/baseball for my son and daughter. We did manage to get away for our week in the WI Dells where we spend time with close family friends. The men drive the boat and get dizzy, the kids tube and knee board, and the women sit on a raft floating in the water and just relax.

School starts tomorrow for my children and I hope that everyone else that has school age children are ready for the New School Year. I'm ready for my children to be back on a schedule.

I would like to thank Josh & Jurgita McFadden for taking on the role of Social Media Chair. They will be running both the WGECCA Facebook pages. We have a public page for anyone to look at and they have created a private page for just us to network with. If you have any questions about Facebook please see Josh or Jurgita this evening. They have information to share.

If anyone has any suggestions for meeting topics please contact Jan Munday. She still has a few meetings open in the spring. We are always looking for volunteers so if you have some time and a special area of interest let us know.

Annette

Referral Line: All providers who want to be on the referral line must attend one meeting per quarter. If any of your information changes, please send an email with those changes to referralwgecca@gmail.com.

In addition, if you do not fill out the form with your openings at the meeting you need to please send an email with the number of openings and ages you have. If we do not hear from you the assumption is you have no current openings.

May - 9 calls: 6 under 2, 4 toddler/preschool, 2 school age, 1 not recorded

June - 14 calls: 7 under 2, 5 toddler/preschool, 1 school age, 3 not recorded

July - 14 calls: 13 under 2, 7 toddler/preschool, 0 school age, 1 not recorded

Treasurer's Report for August 2015: Checking: \$768.13 Deposit (puzzles): \$81.00
Expenses: Phone \$13.28 New Phone: \$53.60 Non-Profit Registration: \$10.00

If anyone has questions about the WGECCA board and how it operates, please send any questions to Annette at arcail@comcast.net. Thanks so much. Annette

Next CPR/First Aid class:

November 21, 2015

CPR and First Aid Procedures

- * Cost \$45 w/o book \$60 w/ book
- * Good for 2 years
- * Reimbursable from YWCA
- * Send check to reserve your spot
- * Sign up at least 2 weeks before
- * Cancellation must be made 2 weeks prior for refund
- * Minimum 5 people and Maximum of 10 in each class
- ◆ Send Check made out to Doug Cail,
4440 Basswood Drive, Lisle IL 60532

Important CPR Class Day Reminders

* Arrive by 7:45AM @4440 Basswood Drive Lisle

◆ **If you arrive after 8:05AM you will be turned away and no refund will be given**

* CPR/First Aid cards will be given at completion of course and is needed for DCFS. If you lose the card a \$5 replacement fee will be charged payable to Doug Cail. Your certificate from WGECCA is used for your continuing education only and is not accepted by DCFS for CPR/First Aid class requirements.

* Any questions please contact Annette Cail at (630) 963-8734

Melissa & Doug Fundraiser:



Our next order is due **Friday, October 23, 2015 to Annette by noon.**

Please check your emails for the link to download the Melissa and Doug catalog as a PDF file to your computer.

In addition, in that email is the Price/Order Form that needs to be filled out and sent back to Annette. **Please only use this form for your orders.** If you have any questions

Membership Chair: Membership dues are due in August or September. Please fill out the membership form and make checks payable to: Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Family Childcare Association Amount: \$40
After October 1st, 2015, the membership dues will increase to \$45



August

Andrea Waters-Rutkowski 8/12
Adeline Richards 8/14
Nikki Ali 8/21
Patty Fagan 8/22
Kathleen Pelafas 8/27
Tammy Wilson 8/28
Jaqueline Merker 8/31

October

Jolaine Hood 10/2
Dolores Hopkins 10/20
Tracy Colangelo 10/23
Sandra Scheffler 10/27
Cathy Alcantara 10/29

Our Mission: Our focus is on children and childcare providers irrespective of race, color, religion, national origin or sex. We are dedicated to build and maintain a professional base from which providers can reach out and gain support as well as recognition for their chosen profession through networking and education.