



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

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CHANGES FOR ECC IN 2016

As many of you may already know, the Alton CUSD #11 Board of Education has been faced with making some difficult decisions in response to the continuing education funding issues faced by all school districts in the State of Illinois.

One of those difficult decisions is the closing of the Early Childhood Center starting with the 2016 school year. The Early Childhood Program will still exist, but it will no longer be housed in its own facility. Instead, our classrooms at the Godfrey site location will be placed into three primary buildings— Lewis and Clark, Eunice Smith, and Lovejoy. Each of these schools will serve PreK-1st grade students. Our High School site will continue to operate at Alton High.

The Early Childhood Program will continue to provide the same preschool program. We will just be located in four different buildings throughout the District. We are currently working on plans for this transition, and we will keep you posted on the changes and what this will mean for your child as plans are finalized. I will continue to oversee the program at all 4 locations, and I would be happy to speak with you if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS :

March 7

No School- Casimir Pulaski

March 10

Spring Dance

6-7 PM at North Elementary

March 15

Papa John's Fundraiser

March 24

No School

Parent/Child Activity

9-11 AM

Godfrey Site

March 25-28

No School- Spring Break

March 29

School Resumes

March 30

Spring Pictures

April 19

Papa John's Fundraiser

Our Mission

The mission of the Early Childhood Center is to establish a strong foundation for lifelong learning in partnership with our families and community.

Spring Dance

Thursday, March 10, 2016

6-7 PM

North Elementary School – Gym



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We invite all children enrolled at the Early Childhood Center and their families to join us for a night of fun, friendship and dancing!

Bring your camera to capture some great photo booth snapshots.

We will be collecting change at the dance to support kids with cancer.

SPRING PICTURES



Lifetouch Portraits will be here on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 to take Spring Pictures of our students. All students will have their picture taken, but it is optional if you wish to purchase any of the pic-

tures. Information and order forms will be sent home with students in the next couple of weeks. Students may decide to wear special clothes for picture day, but please remember that regular classroom ac-

tivities will take place which includes going outside to play and participating in art activities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Spring Break:

The Alton School District/Early Childhood Center will have Spring Break from March 25-28th. Students will return to school on March 29th. Also, The March Parent/Child Activity will be on Thursday, March 24th at the ECC Godfrey Site from 9-11 AM. This means we will not have our regular preschool program on March 24th and there will not be any bus transportation on this day.

Screening for New Students:

On Friday, April 22nd, we will be offering a screening/parent interview day for potential new students for the 2016-17 school year. We encourage you to tell your friends, neighbors, and family members with children ages 3-5 about our program and upcoming screening. We would like for all preschool aged children within the Alton School District to be screened. Students must complete the screening process before they will be considered for enrollment, and this will be the last screening of the year. Students screened after this school year will not start school until after Labor Day 2016. Please call the ECC office to get more information and schedule a screening appointment before they fill-up.



Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders:

For the safety and security of all students and staff, we ask that everyone arriving before scheduled drop-off and pick-up times wait in the library or hallway outside the office until the designated times to go to the classroom for drop-off and pick-up. Also, remember that parents can pull their car into the bus line for student drop-off, and you don't even have to park and get out of the car. However, all parents must come into the building to pick-up children and sign them out in the office. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Drop-off
Pick-up

8:35 AM/12:35 PM
10:55 AM/2:55 PM

