

TINY TOTS and LITTLE TYKES inc.

February 2018 Preschool News



DEAR PARENTS

Happy February! February is a busy month. It is Black History and Dental Health month. There is also Groundhog's Day, President's Day, and Valentine's Day to celebrate. **Also, please see the second page for the next family event.**

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VALENTINE PARTIES

Our Valentine parties are scheduled for Tuesday & Wednesday, February 13th & 14th. We'll celebrate the day by playing games and sharing our valentines. Please have your child bring 16 valentines for the Monday/Wednesday group party and 15 for the Tuesday/Thursday group party. PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPES! Just help your child sign their name on the back of the valentines. If you would like to send trinkets or stickers that day, you may. We prefer that you DO NOT SEND candy to pass out. We will have some fun treats here!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

On Wednesday, February 14th registration opens for the 2018-2019 preschool program for children who are currently enrolled at Tiny Tots. This is your chance to sign your child up before enrollment opens to the public!

Please complete the attached Preschool registration form along with payment and return to the office. You will notice that we are offering a 5 day per week preschool option and new rates as well for this fall.

There are scholarship applications (*from the Early Learning Scholarships Pathway 1*) available in the office for families who meet the income eligibility requirements. Families must have a child between the ages of three to four as of September 1 of the current year, and must meet other eligibility requirements outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165. Pathway 1 scholarships "follow the child" and are awarded to the family for up to 12 months.

Effective March 5th, 2018 new childcare rates go into effect. Notices were given out last week. See office if you need additional copies.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

This month our book orders are due on **Wednesday, February 14th**. Please write a separate check to Tiny Tots for these items.

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FAMILY EVENT

Come and decorate a cookie with your child on **Monday, February 12th** anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.



BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

We will be having a *Butter Braid* fundraiser beginning on **Friday, February 23rd** and ending on **Wednesday, March 14th**. These are delicious and are great for Spring celebrations! We will be sending out more information about the fundraiser as we get closer to the date. There will be a \$25.00 tuition credit for the top seller.

Also, the delivery date is set for Wednesday, March 28th.

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RESOURCE EVENTS

We will be having a **S.T.E.M. event on February 6th & 7th** during preschool hours. They will be doing an interactive activity of big box mazes.

February is Dental Health Month.

The classrooms will incorporate activities and lessons on caring for our teeth.



Also we will have a local hygienist come and talk to the children about dental care on **Friday, February 23rd**.



TYKES CORNER

February is National Dental Health Month. The following website, *Mouth Healthy*, is a great resource on dental health for children and adults. Click on the following link to be taken to the website: mouthhealthy.org. For some fun activities for children such as printable pages, stories, and videos about dental care, click the following link to be taken to the *Mouth Healthy for Kids* page: mouthhealthykids.org.

Please see the attached sheet called "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking." This sheet has some great sentences that teaches us how, even when we don't realize it, we are making an impression.

Also, check out the Parent Education topic for this month on our website: "*Why a Child's Social-Emotional Skills are So Important .*"