

March 2023

This Will Make You Smile...

March 1st is "Share A Smile Day" and our RSVP volunteers have been providing smiles for our children and staff through their volunteer commitment

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West Ohio CAP and The Area Agency on Aging 3 have collaborated through their Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) the past few months and it has been a success for all involved. We currently have 10 RSVP volunteers working at 6 of our centers. We could not be happier for the partnership and the opportunities it has presented in regards to giving the children a little extra one-on-one time, as well as our focus on language and literacy in reading to them. Janet Buchanan, one of our Education Coordinators working with the partnership with AAA3, would like to "thank you for making a difference in the life of a child".

Miss Debbie has been visiting with our Central A classroom and Miss Kathy has been visiting with our St. Matthew's classroom. They have been reading to the class and doing small group activities



"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others"



Our Market Street classroom has been learning about various musical instruments, different sports including the equipment, uniforms and rules for each



Jacqueline Fox, CEO

If you or anyone you may know is interested in joining this program to volunteer in a classroom, please contact the RSVP Program Director, Miranda van Rooyen

Phone: 419-204-4303

Email: mvanrooyen@psa3.org

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HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

If you are interested in any of our job opportunities, please complete the online application on our website & send a resume to:

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540 S Central Ave
Lima, Ohio 45804

Attn: Human Resource Coordinator

(419) 227-2586

www.wocap.org
Click on Employment
Opportunities & then select Job
Openings from the drop-down

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO KELLI WOODDELL



West Ohio CAP would like to extend our congratulations to Kelli who retired from our agency last month. Kelli began working for West Ohio CAP on March 8, 2010 employed as a Receptionist for our Central office. In May of 2016, she began her new role as an Intake Specialist and was in that position until her retirement. We are thrilled that Kelli has decided to continue working for the agency part-time and will continue her services as an Intake Specialist. We are beyond thankful for her time and dedication to our agency.

Winter Crisis Program

Running now through March 31, 2023

Schedule an appointment  419-516-0063

Vist our website at www.wocap.org for more information & to schedule online

IMPORTANT DATES



10th - Home Based Family Day
16th - Policy Council Meeting
20th - 1st Day of Spring!
22nd- Board Meeting
24th - Home Based Family Day

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all of our
staff celebrating in March

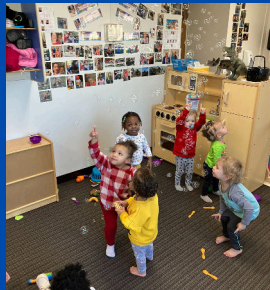
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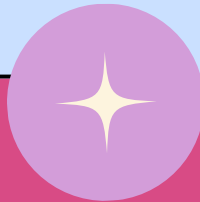
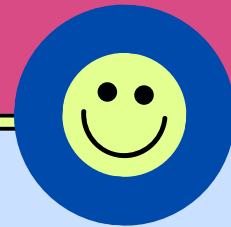
CLASSROOM RECAP



FUN ACTIVITIES

WITH CENTRAL A

Central A has been enjoying taking advantage of the warmer temps by playing outside, working on their fine motor skills with coloring & enjoying bubbles



VALUABLE LESSONS

WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

St. Matt's has been busy learning valuable skills through free play and spent a morning enjoying "Breakfast with Dudes" with a male role model in their life while constructing cars out of craft materials



All of our Head Start classrooms are always busy with fun and educational activities. Like us on Facebook so you can see all the awesome things all of our children and teachers are up to!



RAINBOW PUDDING POPS

Festive March Theme treat for everyone to enjoy!

Makes 10-12 Popsicles

Ingredients:

- 2 - large boxes (5.1 oz) instant pudding mix (light colored)
- milk
- food coloring
- Dixie Cups (5 oz.)
- popsicle sticks

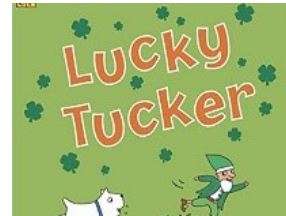
Directions:

- prepare pudding according to the directions
- let pudding stand until it has thickened a bit
- divide into 5 parts and color each part with food coloring
- layer each color of pudding into small dixie cups
- cover with tin foil. insert popsicle sticks.
- chill in refrigerator 2 hours, then place in freezer to completely freeze.
- to eat, peel off dixie cup paper and enjoy your pudding pop!

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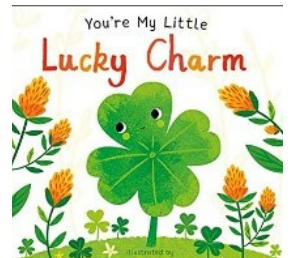
Lucky Tucker - Leslie McGuirk

After rolling in a patch of four-leaf clovers on St. Patrick's Day, Tucker the terrier goes from having nothing go his way to becoming the luckiest dog of the day



You're My Little Lucky Charm - Natalie Marshall

Four-leaf clovers and adorable leprechauns are on the run in You're My Little Lucky Charm, a rhyming story about the magic and fun of St. Patrick's Day that celebrates the special bond between a parent and child.



Enroll Your Child Today!

Application forms can be sent
to your home if you prefer



Scan Here To Apply

HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Reach us Monday-Friday, 8:00 am -5:00 pm
at any of the following:

ONLINE:
www.wocap.org

PHONE:
Angie Montgomery at 419-227-2586 Ext. 120

EMAIL:
Angie Montgomery,
amontgomery@wocap.org



EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Our goal is to prepare your child for their next stepping stone of education whether it is Head Start or Kindergarten. Regular Attendance is an important part of your child's educational, social, and emotional development. When children are absent from school they are missing out on a lot of educational and social opportunities. We would like to thank those parents who assure their child is attending school every day. In the month of January, we had 61 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

Central B
Sawyer S.
Mahkhi W.

EHS Home Based (GG)
Kolton K.
Meena S.

EHS Home Based (JJ)
Analiese G.

EHS Home Based (WW)
Phoenix B.
Emberly K.
Aahliyah R.

Lima Sr. I
A'Layah G.
Khari J.

Kingdom Daycare
Landon B.
Malaiyah B.

Little Rascals A
Brandon H. Jr,

Shawnee Infants
Braylan B.

Shawnee Terrific 2's
Gabriella B.
King L.

Shawnee Tiny Toddlers
Ava J.

Shawnee Transitional Toddlers
Natalina M.

Allen East I
Amurajhe G.
Isabella T.
Jasper T.
Evlynn W.

Central D
Angelia C.
Nai'Sha I.
La'Miyah T.

Central G
Dazaun C.
Emmett C.
Italayah C.
Za'Niyah M.
Kaydence S.

Kyion S.
Kali T.

Central H
Kyson C.
Jaiden H.
Ca'Maya H.
Serena S.

HS Home Based (KC)
Bronx B.
Illana W.

Howard A
Keillen C.
Kassidy P.

Howard B
Sebastian A-R.
Kamryn C.
Zayvion S.
Charlotte W.

Market St. II
Kaiden D.
Heiness T.
Palace T.

O'Neal A
Kayven C.

O'Neal B
Armani S-M.
Kaydan S-M.

Philippian II
Zanoah M.

St. Matthews
Jaiyah J.
Lillyanna S.
Nakiyah S.

As spring is quickly approaching, and your kids are ready for burning off their energy, have you tried to figure out things for them to do outdoors? Here is a list of fun, cost-effective activities:

1. Use cardboard. Cut out a "window" and let your child find different shapes or types of clouds. Include information on the bottom or back of the "window" of the different types of clouds. Or create a checklist of cloud shapes or colors.
2. Spring doesn't always offer sun, every day. If it's not storming, try to allow your child five minutes in the muddy puddles with no shoes. It offers a chance of grounding and reconnecting with the Earth.
3. Utilize empty toilet paper rolls. Use rubber bands or glue to hold them together. They become binoculars the child can then decorate and use for finding different animals or finding the blooms.

Below you can find two websites with significant other fun activities, so you and your child can decide what sounds the most enjoyable. Always remember to check out the local Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District as well for more fun activities. <https://www.jampd.com/>

<https://www.teachingexpertise.com/classroom-ideas/spring-preschool-activities/>

<https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/spring-activities-for-preschoolers/>

PARENT TO PARENT

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS
WITH YOUR CHILD

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE
PEAKE-WARREN, HEAD START
PARENT

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