



# Extended News

## Up Coming Events

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent's Night Out  
CEDP Open 5pm-11pm

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Early Release

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Professional Day: Trip to Acton Bowladrome Planned  
**BOD Meeting**  
6:30pm, All Parent's Welcome to attend

**December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Cookie Walk

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Early Release: CEDP Open until 6:15pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>** CEDP CLOSED  
Happy Holidays!

**December 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday Break-CEDP Open from 7:30am-6:15pm

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
CEDP Closed  
Happy New Year!

## CEDP Wish List

Baby food jars  
Paper towel rolls  
Cookie Sheets  
Muffin Tins  
Baby Wipes  
Helmets  
Books-for Kindergarten room  
Bikes

## Wow! We have a lot going on!

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and refreshed after the long Thanksgiving Day weekend. We have spent the past few weeks reflecting on what we are thankful for. Our staff is particularly thankful for the opportunity to work with our wonderful children and families everyday.

On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held a friendship feast. Our older children prepared homemade turkey noodle soup and banana bread, while our younger children prepared corn muffins and cookies. For the first time, the entire extended day community sat and ate a meal together, it truly was a fun event shared by all. Thank you to our teachers for working to make this feast a success.

## Increased Security Measures

The events in our town and in the world over the past few months have caused us to examine the safety and security of our programs. While we feel we are able to provide a safe and warm environment for your children to attend, we did identify a few areas in which we felt we could address. On Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> a key pad and door bell was installed on our front entry-way door. All parents will be given the code verbally and for the first few weeks a teacher or myself will be assigned to the door to allow parents and visitors to enter. We ask that you do not tell your children, visitors or outsiders this code. Should someone other than you be picking up your children, not to worry! A door bell will be installed to allow visitors to enter the building. Coinciding with this new addition, our staff has been retrained on stranger danger and the need to always question any unfamiliar adults on the premises.

On a different note, we too are aware of the bullying that has been prevalent in the schools. Our entire staff took a workshop on how to identify children who are bullying and who are being bullied. We learned several amazing techniques that have already

proven to be effective methods in helping your children feel welcomed and safe at Extended Day. Packets containing the information learned are available in the office. I am hoping to obtain an electronic copy of this information and will email it to you.

## Where would your children be if our building became unusable?

Should a fire, or natural disaster happen at CKH, we will be evacuating your children to St. Irene's basement directly across the street. Every attempt would be made to contact you directly, Unfortunately, when these events occur, phone lines are often down and we all know how hard it is to make a cell phone call in this part of town! This may also happen if we lose heat or electricity for an extended period of time.

## Toiletry Drive

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of those who have contributed thus far to our toiletry drive. I have been in contact with a BOD member from the Lowell Pantry and they are thrilled and very much appreciative of your efforts.

## Coming Up at CEDP

We have a lot of thing going on over the next few weeks, attached to this newsletter you will find registration forms for our Parent's Night Out, Professional Day and Holiday Break.

## Parent's Night Out

On Saturday, December 9th we will be hosting a pajama party for your children from 5pm-11pm. Your children will have pizza, a movie and fun activities. YOU will have the chance to do some shopping or spend time with family and friends. The cost is \$50, for

the first child and \$25 for each additional child.

## Professional Day

There is still plenty of room in our December 13<sup>th</sup> professional Day program. We will be going to Acton Bowladrome for hours of bowling, arcades and fun.

## Tutoring/Enrichment Programs

Our tutoring/enrichment programs are off the ground and will officially be starting the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment is low enough so that we can customize the programs to specifically meet the needs of your children. Please see the attached flyer for more details, or ask Karen form more information.

## Holiday Break

Our Holiday Break is planned! We are open Dec. 27-29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-6:15pm and We will be going snow tubing, roller skating and to Chunky's. See flyer for more details.

## What would you like to see at CKH in the new year?

Our BOD has begun budgeting for 2007 and would like to know what improvements, our parent population would like us to allocate money for. We will also be asking the children to give us suggestions. This can include anything from activity ideas, to specific equipment or building upgrades. We welcome ALL suggestions. Please send me an email with ideas or put your thoughts in the mailbox in the entryway.

## New Email Address

Recently we had some computer problems that led me to change our email address. to: [carexdirector@comcast.net](mailto:carexdirector@comcast.net). Mail will still be forwarded from the old address for the next few months. This being said, my entire address book was deleted in the transfer. While I have tried to manually re-enter all of your addresses, I'm sure there are a few I missed. If you did not get this newsletter electronically but would like to be on our email list please email me. Thank you!