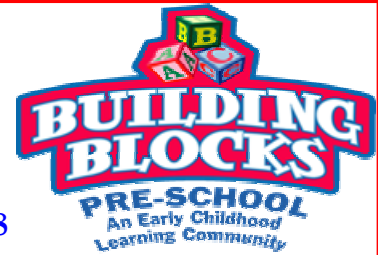


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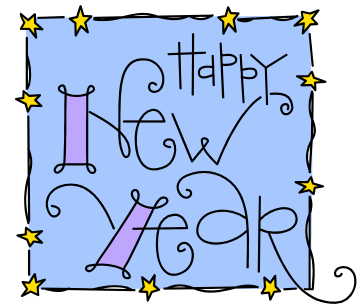
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January 1 ~ CLOSED

January 8 ~ Oakland Parenting Coalition January Meeting @ Building Blocks

January 17 ~ Building Blocks Parent Advisory Meeting

****Dates To Remember****



Emily's Corner Message From The Director



Happy New Year to all our families! 2008 is destined to be a GREAT year for Building Blocks!

As I reflect back on 2007 there are so many accomplishments, memories, and events that come to mind.

We started off the year by passing our State Licensing Renewal with flying colors. Building Blocks said goodbye to a few staff members and hello to many of our current outstanding teachers. Many new families have joined Building Blocks and we're so grateful for all of our families past, present, and future. The addition of the Father's Day Hoe Down was a huge success and will be a yearly event. The

first year of our Creative Arts Summer Camp gave us a foundation to build a strong program for summers to come. Our new multi-age preschool program is growing strong! Each and everyday at Building Blocks is a learning experience for everyone including the children, teachers, and parents.

Building Blocks is committed to continue along on this amazing journey of providing the highest quality care and education in the Huron Valley area.

Building Blocks has removed the phrase "daycare" from our name and logo. We will now be known as **Building Blocks Preschool: An Early Childhood Learning Community**. We feel this change truly reflects our mission as educators and caregivers during the most

important years of a child's life.

Please join us as we kick off 2008 by hosting the January meeting of the Oakland Parenting Coalition. Both Suzanne and I are members of the Coalition and are excited to have Dr. Joan Firestone present information on Brain Development.

The first meeting of our Parent Advisory Council for 2008 will be on Thursday, January 17. This will be the planning meeting for activities, fundraisers, and other events of 2008. Everyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided! Please R.S.V.P.

As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime with your questions, concerns, and comments! Ms.Emily-



Oakland's Parent Coalition Meeting At Building Blocks

Thursday, January 8, 2008

The Oakland Parent Coalition is a branch of the Great Start Collaborative-Oakland which is a network of public and private services and supports, working together to accomplish better results for young children and families.

The Parent Coalition is an advocacy group designed to help spread the word about the importance of early childhood development. Whether it is sharing information about brain development and develop-

mental stages or advocating for quality services for children birth to age five by contacting policymakers, the Coalition is here to remind others that investing in our youngest citizens reaps many benefits to our children's future success and our community.

Meetings are fun and interactive. Free onsite child care is still available for a limited number of children. Dinner is provided with family friendly door prizes.

We're very excited to be hosting this meeting at

Building Blocks and honored have Dr. Joan Firestone as the guest speaker. Please join us for the meeting!

Dr. Joan Firestone, Director of Early Childhood for Oakland Schools will be presenting information on Brain Development in the Early Years and the Importance of Investing in Early Childhood

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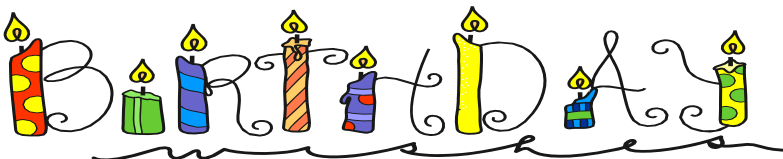
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Ever conscious of the impact of words to convey underlying meaning and points of view, we chose our name, **Building Blocks Pre-school- An Early Childhood Learning Community**, with care. **Building Blocks**, reflects our belief that we are laying an educational foundation for the children we serve to be successful throughout their lives. With this strong foundation we build upon our deep respect for children's strengths, competencies and potential. **Pre-school**, we believe children are lovers of learning and we create an organized educational environment to encourage and support this desire. We partner with the children and families we serve in their **Early Childhood. Learning**, is the acquisition and development of memories and behaviors, including skills, knowledge, understanding, values and wisdom. **Community**, is the strength of our school, it lies in the relationships that we build; and further, in the sense of community that we create, both within our school environment and in the Huron Valley Area.





January Birthday's

Coral ~ January 6 Amelia ~ January 10 Skylar ~ January 17 Kitty ~ January 26

2007 Staff Training Hours

Congratulations to the following staff members for completing more than the required yearly training hours!

Janet ~ 19 Hours

Kelly ~ 8 Hours

Jill ~ 36 Hours Plus 1 College Course at OCC toward her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education

Linda ~ 14 Hours

Lesley ~ 14 Hours

Laura ~ 16 Hours Plus 5 College Courses at OCC toward her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education

Wendy ~ 33 Hours

Tell Your Friends About Us!

We offer children the opportunity to explore new ideas, practice making choices, feel competent and in control, interact with others, and fine tune new skills.



We are very excited about all the great things the children are doing here and we are looking for friends to share it with.

We have enrollment spaces available and if you know of anyone looking for care, please recommend us.

We will be more than happy to give you \$75 off one weeks tuition for every referral that signs up for a minimum of 3 part time days. This is a special offer for January.

Little Caesars
Pizza Kit
Fundraiser



Thank You
Building Blocks
Families
for your
Generosity

It's that time of year again and just in time for Super Bowl Sunday! Building Blocks will be participating in the Little Caesars Pizza, Cookie Dough, and Pie Kit Fundraising Program this month! We expect that this fundraiser will be a huge success. Order forms should arrive shortly with a two week sales period and a pick-up date just before Super Bowl Sunday.



Be Mine Our incentive to you this year is if you sell 20 or more items you'll earn a **FREE NIGHT OUT**. Yes, we will watch your child for **FREE** on Friday, February 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The children will have a fun filled night and you will be able to enjoy a Friday night out before Valentines Day!

As always we appreciate your support and look forward to another successful fundraiser!!!

Curriculum Corner

12/24 - 1/4	Holiday Celebrations
1/7 - 1/18	Jan Brett Books
1/21 - 2/1	Art Adventures