Director's News

Are you involved in your child’s education? The answer is “Of course!” The parent is the child’s first and primary teacher. You help your child learn about him/herself, your family, and the world. You model the values that you hope your child will adopt. Most importantly, you help your child understand how you love him/her unconditionally. Parents have our admiration and respect for the raising of their children!

Do you want to be further involved in your child’s education at the Center? The parents at the September Parent Council meeting learned about the benefits to their child when they are involved at school. Research shows that both student achievement and behavior improves with parental involvement. One benefit to the parent is a greater appreciation for their child’s school and the education it provides. Another is that the parent’s presence at school strengthens the parent/teacher relationship. It helps to open the communication and understanding that is so important to their partnership in raising and educating the child.

There are many ways for busy parents to be involved at the Center, ranging from helping with a preschool field trip to bringing in a photo of your family. Katie and I will send you occasional e-mails with suggestions on how you can involve yourself. We will send a variety of suggestions but please do not feel you are limited to our suggestions. As a parent pointed out at the meeting, the simple acts of greeting your child’s teacher in the morning and evening, checking your Parent File daily, and calling the Center when your child will be absent are involving yourself with the Center.

Thanks for being such great families for us to work with – we want you to know how much we appreciate you!

Cooper Farm Picnic

On Friday, September 26, the Center and Parent Council will host a family picnic at the Cooper Farm Pavilion for the Omaha Home for Boys. Here is a great opportunity for parental involvement! Your family can eat indoors or out and there is a lovely playground for the children.

You may order food from Blimpie’s (order form is attached to the flyer) or bring your own picnic food. Siblings are welcome! It is a great way to become acquainted with other Center families. Some teachers will also attend. Food orders are due by Tuesday, September 23. Make checks payable to Russell CDC or have exact change please.

This event coincides with a movement called “Take a Child Outside” which promotes outdoor activities for families during the week of September 24-30. Outdoor play allows for freedom of movement and movement that is vigorous. It sparks creativity and observation skills, and the fresh air is very beneficial to us all. The Center will close at 5:30 PM on Friday, September 26 for the picnic.

Preschool News

I am delighted to announce the promotion of Pat Pulsifer in preschool from assistant teacher to associate teacher. Pat has worked with Delois Neal-Lee for many years and assumed leadership of their group and the entire room in the past year. We are pleased to recognize Pat for her commitment to the children and the Center!

Connie