Dear Parent,

Your Parent Advisory Council has planned several events to celebrate the Month of the Young Child in April. You will see a calendar of these events on this page.

During the month of April families will have the opportunity to help those in need in our community, to recognize your child’s teachers, to have breakfast with your child, to attend a family outing at the Kids Body Shop in Papillion, and to donate a book for your child’s room. You also will be encouraged to visit your child at the Center. Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

**Connie**

### Month of the Young Child Calendar

**April 5: Flowers for the Teachers:**
Each child is invited to bring a flower for his/her teachers. We put all of the stems into a vase for delightful bouquets.

**April 9-19: Children’s Clothing Drive:**
The Center will collect new or used children’s clothing, for the Door Ministry of Holy Family Church. Holy Family is our neighbor at 17th and Izard Street. Please have your donations here NO LATER than 10:00 on Thursday, April 19th. The preschool teachers will integrate the concept of the Clothing Drive into their group times. It is a great way for them to learn about sharing while involving them in this great cause.

**April 12 Breakfast with Your Child:**
Start your day with breakfast with your toddler and/or preschooler. The meal will be served between 7:45 and 8:30 on that day in the Center kitchen.

**April 21: All-City Family Event**
The Omaha AEYC is sponsoring this event, which will be held at Benson Park Pavilion. It will be held from 1-3 p.m. Some of the events there include: stories and puppetry, creating a mural with artists from the Hot Shops, “Meet and Greets” with the Fire Department and Police Department, a Fontenelle Forest booth, Interactive activities provided by community early childhood programs, a Scholastic Book Fair, and informational booths from community agencies.

**April 24-30 Book Fair:**
Teachers will select books they want for their rooms in the next few weeks. We will have the books at the Center for you to see. Donations will be accepted for books—you may purchase a book or give a cash donation towards the purchase of a book. Books will marked with the donor family’s name.

**April 27 Family Fun Night:**
The PAC has reserved the Kids Body Shop in Papillion - a fun-filled night of swimming, games and food. Our families will take over the facility from 5:45 to 7:15 PM. The facility’s small pool and the gym will be open. Body Shop’s employees will supervise swimming and gym activities. Dan Burkey, Vice President of Administration and Finance donated the facility fee. There is a small eating area available and you may pre-order and pay for a pizza for your family. Drinks will be provided.

**Visit Your Child at School:**
Spend some quality time with your child at school. Play a game, read a story, participate in an activity, paint a picture, or play a computer game. Calendars will be available to sign up.