



North Broadway News
North Broadway Children's Center
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www.northbroadwaycc.org



**CRC Family and Book Fair
 Thanks!**

Due to the generosity of our NBCC Families we were able to sponsor not one but two CRC families and were able to help provide items for additional children as well! Those families and children surely had a better holiday thanks to all of you.

Our book fair was also a great fund-raising success. Not only did we turn a profit, but we did even better than last year! Thank you so much NBCC families for your support with both of these annual events.

**Elementary and Middle
 School Fair**

Make sure you mark your calendars and let your friends and neighbors know the date of the School Fair:

**Clintonville Education Committee and
 North Broadway Children's Center
 7th ANNUAL ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE
 SCHOOL FAIR**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 at the North Broadway United
 Methodist Church,
 48 E. North Broadway.**

**NBCC IS CLOSED
 MONDAY, JAN 16,
 2012**

**In honor of
 Martin Luther King Jr.**



**PTPS/PDO/Co-Op
 Parent-Teacher Conferences**

PTPS PDO & Co-Op Parent-Teacher conferences will be on Feb 9 & 10.

**THERE WILL NOT BE SCHOOL FOR
 THE CHILDREN ON THESE TWO DAYS.**

Sign-up sheets will be posted closer to those dates.

Part-time Registration

Registration information and forms have been emailed to all currently enrolled children in Co-Op, PDO and Part-Time Preschool.

If you have any doubts about which priority you fall into, please check with the office as soon as possible so that you do not miss your registration date.

If you did not receive the email, please stop by the office to pick up a paper copy and update your email address.

Priority 1 Registration is due Fri Jan 27

Priority 2 is Jan 30.

The complete list will be published in "Dates to Remember" at the end of this publication.

Classroom Notes



The Stars enjoyed our first field trip of the year to Target. The Star Room collected donations from our families totaling \$250 to purchase items for the CRC Holiday Donation Drive. The Stars purchased a variety of items from Spam to ZuZu Pets. The field trip was a huge success.

The Stars have been practicing letter writing in a variety of ways such as: name cards for hook spaces, new words at the writing table and alphabet writing during group. The art space has been busy with drawing. The Stars enjoy exploring new drawing tools like felt-tip pens and crayon sticks.

A continuing idea in the room has been our gingerbread house. A few weeks ago we used a cardboard box to build a gingerbread house, which was based on the children's interests. The Stars added decorations on the inside and the outside of the house. They also helped to make two windows and a drawbridge door. One of the Stars talked about the need to have a light in the house, so we attached a flashlight lamp to the top of the house. We also created a tunnel extension. Everyone is brimming with ideas for the house. We can't wait to see what happens next week!

Wish List for the Stars

- black felt-tipped pens
- coffee beans/ground coffee (sensory table)
- small tool box
- tools for woodworking table
- washable markers
- X-ACTO heavy duty pencil sharpener
- paint brushes for art

The Role of Teachers in Play

In their updated book *The Play's the Thing: Teachers' Roles in Children's Play*, Betty Jones and Gretchen Reynolds talk about "Why Teachers Play":

"Some teachers enter play spontaneously for their own pleasure or the children's. They take their cues from the children, and the relationship is one of mutuality. Other teachers intentionally guide play for teaching purposes. Inherent in the role of teacher as player is the risk that the adult will take over, directing play that then ceases to be the children's, or will attract children looking for adult attention.

"When is this risk appropriately taken? We believe it is at the beginnings, when children are still short on ideas for play in the school setting and/or skills for playing with materials and each other. There are several kinds of beginnings, including beginning child care as a young 3-year-old or entering a school culture that is different from one's home culture....

"Teachers of children who come to school unfamiliar with its materials, language, or play scripts may need to enter into play with children to build bridges from home culture to school culture. Children become competent with materials, not through directed practice but through exploratory play. Very young children, learning communication skills in their home language, as well as second and third language learners, become competent with oral language through spontaneous exploration of its sounds and its possibilities for communication. They become competent with scripts of their home, neighborhood, and cultural traditions by playing them."



Important Dates to Remember:

Jan 2: New Year's Day—

NBCC CLOSED

Jan 3: Part-time Programs resume

Jan 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day—

NBCC CLOSED

Jan 23: Advisory Board Meeting 7pm

Jan 27: Priority 1 Registration

Jan 30: Priority 2 Registration

Feb 1: Priority 3 Registration

Feb 6: Priority 4 Registration

Feb 8: Priority 5 Registration

**Feb 9&10: PDO, Co-Op and Part-time
Preschool Parent-Teacher
Conferences.**

**No school for the children
of these programs on
these days.**

Feb 13: Open Registration

Feb 20: NBCC Closed for Inservice

**Registration schedule above is for
PDO, Co-Op and Part-time Preschool**

**NBCC will be closed
Mon. Feb. 20
for
Teacher In-service**

IN THE AREA

Jan 6-15 Phoenix Theatre for Children: If You Give A

Mouse A Cookie Studio One Theatre, Riffe Center

Friday-Sunday 77 S. High St., Columbus

A small boy learns that giving a mouse a cookie has many implications that lead to madcap adventures as the house is turned upside down to please the mischievous mouse!

www.catco.org/seasons/2011-2012-season

Jan 8 Columbus Symphony Orchestra - Concert for the Kids

at the Capital Theatre Vern Riffe Center 3:00pm

Fiery Fiddlin' and Fairy Tales

Giants, bears and fairies come to life through the music of Edward Elgar's Wand of Youth, the beloved musical suite for children. The McCord Players from Worthington City Schools are featured. Come dressed as your favorite fairy tale character! Conducted by Albert-George Schram. Before the show there will be pre-concert activities. These will begin at 2pm and include a musical craft, instruments to see and play, conducting lessons, musical temporary tattoos and more!

<http://www.columbussymphony.com/calendar/20112012-season/concerts-for-kids-2011-12>

Jan 12-22 Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Park Street Theatre Thursday-Friday 7:30 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. \$10-\$21 Take a classic fairy tale, give it a burst of energy, add lots of audience participation and you're in for a hilarious time with CCT's own version of Goldilocks. In our case, the story is a flashback. Baby Bear and Goldilocks are friends, playing and arguing about whom really broke Papa's chair. Mama and Papa Bear can't agree either, so they decide to re-enact the story as it really happened.

www.colschildrenstheatre.org

Jan 16 Amazing Art for Grades K-3 Bexley Public Library

Monday 3-4 p.m. Create your own amazing art projects inspired by masterpieces. Paint a swirly night sky like Vincent Van Gogh or create mosaic magic like Diego Rivera

www.bexlib.org

Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Zoo

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Monday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission: Free

To honor this national holiday, The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is offering free admission to the Zoo on this day.

www.columbuszoo.org

Jan 21 Meijer Kidzapalooza

Celeste Center -Ohio State Fairgrounds 10 am - 5 pm
\$5 Ticket at the door (Kids 2 and under FREE) \$2 voucher can be picked up at any central Ohio Meijer store to be redeemed at the door.

Kidzapalooza 2012 is affordable family fun, complete with games, jugglers, inflatable rides, Cosi, Columbus Magic Group, Meijer craft area where kids make their own hats and much more. Kids can also explore safety exhibits with the American Red Cross, Columbus Fire Department & Columbus Police Department.

www.ohioexpocenter.com