



## HARRISON CHILDREN'S CENTER JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the precious time that was spent with your children. They entered the classroom this morning with a mixture of trepidation, excitement and an abundance of energy! It's hard to believe that the first half of the year is over. They have solidified their friendships and are comfortable enough to expand their little circle of friends. Classroom personalities are well defined and your children are absolutely delightful, curious mixed with a splash of uniqueness.

Winter is the time of year where children tend to exhibit a jump in their intellectual growth. Less time outdoors allows us to work closely with each individual child. We will explore winter in every aspect and hopefully have opportunity to build lots of snow children outdoors. Our shovels are geared up and ready to build. In addition, we will be reading about and discussing exactly how and what animals do in the winter. Do they hibernate, migrate or just adapt to the cold? You may even see an igloo or bear cave in the classrooms.

**Conferences:** Communication is an important part of our program. We like to work in partnership with our families regarding their child's growth and development. Conferences allow for a relaxed and uninterrupted time to discuss developmental milestones your child has met and those that he/she is moving towards mastering. Please take note of Parent Teacher Conferences for January. The sign-up sheets will be placed on the white board next week. If any of those dates and times are not convenient please ask your child's teacher and she will arrange a time that works for everyone. Typically, we use a formal assessment tool for conferences, but we are in the process of changing assessment tools so these conferences will be more informal in nature. If you would like Christine Little to attend please select a Monday or Wednesday earlier in the day. (She is our Social Worker) If you are unable to attend, please feel free to make arrangements for a phone conference.

**Federal Tax ID Number:** It's that time of year – Tax Season. Our Tax ID # is 13-2844934. If you need a statement for the year please e-mail Kamala at [kcarducci@harrisonchildrenscenter.org](mailto:kcarducci@harrisonchildrenscenter.org). or [hccdowntown@gmail.com](mailto:hccdowntown@gmail.com)

**Closing Reminder:** The Harrison Children's Center will be closed on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Day. (Yahoo..only closing this month)

**Inclement Weather Information:** There are three ways to stay informed regarding inclement weather closings or delays. Harrison Children's Center will be listed on Channel 12 News if we are delayed or closed. Additionally, you can check the website at [www.harrisonchildrenscenter.org](http://www.harrisonchildrenscenter.org). We also will be sending an e-mail from our g-mail account. Hopefully, these venues will keep you well informed and hopefully we don't have any closings or delays. I think everyone has had enough closings for this year!

**Art Exhibit / Save the Date:** Our Art program with Miss Doreen is moving along nicely this year. Art is yet another form of expression and communication for children. They learn social skills, develop eye-hand coordination, recognize colors, shapes and textures and develop a huge sense of pride over their accomplishments. The children look forward to the Art Exhibit every spring. Please save this very important date: **Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Our Exhibit will be held at The Harrison Town Hall from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Once again, we will be hosting an International Luncheon to celebrate your family heritage. This has been a wonderful family event and we look forward to continuing the tradition.

**Dr. Seuss Pajama Party / Save the Date:** Since our family evenings have yet to materialize, please save **Friday Evening March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**. This will be our Dr. Seuss Pajama Pizza Party from 5:30 – 7:30. Hopefully, there will be no hurricanes, blizzards or church events. (No January 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Night)

**Monthly Specials:**

- Tues Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Sign Language (4's only)
- Wed. Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Art with Miss Doreen
- Wed. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Art with Miss Doreen
- Thurs. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Nature of Things
- Mon. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Music (Yes, we have a new Music Teacher)

**Housekeeping Items:**

- \*Please remember to bring your child to school with warm clothing, hats, gloves and boots when there is enough snow for outdoor snow play. If your child comes to school in boots, please bring a pair of sneakers for them to change into. They are too bulky to wear all day in the classroom.
- \*This is cold and flu season. It is very helpful if you wash your child's hands once they have taken their coats off and are ready for the day. Plus, it's a NYS regulation!
- \*If your child has frequent chapped lips please leave Vaseline or Chap Stick in the bottom of their cubby with the extra clothing. Just make sure you let the teacher know.
- \*Just a reminder.....Please sign in and out daily. Just another NYS regulation!