

Center Highlights:

- 1) Fall Picture Day will be held on September 17th and 18th starting at 8:00 a.m. The infants and toddlers will be taking pictures on the 17th with all other classes getting pictures on the 18th. More information will be coming out by the end of the week.
- 2) If you shop at Martin's, please sign up for the Martin's A+ Reward program through your bonus card. You can designate the reward to come straight to G.C. Our ID # is 06451.
- 3) Generations Crossing has a parent volunteer committee that stays active throughout the school year by volunteering time for various projects. We are always looking for new families to join and be a part of what's going on around the center. Please contact Theresa Lind, Volunteer Committee Chair, at lindtl@jmu.edu for more information.
- 4) Paige will be off the week of September 15-19. If you need immediate assistance during that week, please contact Laurie.
- 5) The Generations Crossing Annual 5K Race will be held on Wednesday, December 31st at 3:00. Mark your calendars!

Center Policy Reminders:

- 1) Toys are not allowed at G.C. unless it's for a special purpose designated by your child's teacher.
- 2) PLEASE be prompt when picking up your sick child. We are trying to protect the rest of the children in addition to the staff.
- 3) Please call and let us know if your child won't be attending their regularly scheduled day. We need to order lunches and don't want to order too much.

If you haven't returned the updated admission agreement along with the other forms that were sent home in August, please return them to the office ASAP. These forms are required by our licensing requirements and regulations.

REMINDER:

The annual activity fee of \$50 per child is due this month. If you enrolled after June 1st, you will not be charged the fee this year. School-agers are also exempt from this charge. Please see Paige with any questions.



USDA Food Program Updates

As most of you know, Generations Crossing is part of the USDA food program which allows us to provide food for the children in our program. Because we're part of this program, we have to follow very strict guidelines when it comes to the food we serve which includes drinks and snacks. Recently, there have been some program requirement updates that have been passed down to us. We're finding that in order to allow substitutions for the regular menu (including milk), we will need forms signed by the parents and sometimes a doctor. These requirements are new and we're just learning about them, so if your child has a food substitution we will work with you on an individual basis to get all of the necessary paperwork on file.

One thing to keep in mind: If your child is requiring a different milk than the milk that is served at the center, it has to be equivalent in nutritional value. Almond milk, soy milk, and lactose free milk all qualify as equivalent milk as long as it's stated on the label. Rice milk, coconut milk, and other variations ARE NOT ALLOWED because they do not carry the equivalent nutrients and vitamins need for children at this age.

If you are given a form to complete regarding special dietary requests for your child, please be prompt in returning the forms so we can continue meeting these needs. Please see Paige with any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you, again!

Fall Festival!

The 3rd annual Fall Festival will be held at Generations Crossing from 6-8 pm on Friday, October 10th. We will have games, food, silent auction, face painting, a bouncy house, chili cook-off, and bake sale! The proceeds of this event go into the Employee Fund which is used for Christmas bonuses. There will be donation boxes in the multi-purpose room if you'd like to support the festival by donating items for the silent auction. Please make plans to bring your whole family for this fun event. We have tons of fun and enjoy putting on this event every year. Please see Paige, Amanda, or Bilita with any questions!

Did You Know??

Did you know that 100% of the children leaving Generations Crossing and entering Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year were able to pass the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening. The PALS test is designed to benchmark children's ability to recognize capital and lowercase letters, letter sounds, rhyming words, beginning and ending consonants, and more. Our preschool teaching staff is truly the best!

