



Candyland



Early Childhood Development Site

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JANUARY 2017 – NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Birthdays in January: , 2nd Anthony Kamvanga, 8th Blake Bezuidenhout & Leora Pretorius, 14th Atlagang Qengwa, 17th Scarlett Bell and Carole Churm . We hope you have a great day.

EDUTAINMENT (BLUE SMURFS, GREEN STARS, YELLOW FELLOWS AND RED SMARTIES)

What Walrus will visit us on 24 January 2017 to do a show on “Hygiene & Senses & Dealing with Feelings”.

CANDYLAND EXTRA CLOSING DATES 2017

Please note that all Candyland Schools will be closed on the following dates:

20 March 2017

28 April 2017

Please make provision for your children on these dates, as no facilities will be available.

PRE GRADE R - BABIES TO YELLOW FELLOWS - THEMES:

16th – 20th January ME

Please send pictures relating to self.

23rd – 27th January AT SCHOOL

Please send pictures relating to school.

30th January – 3rd February BOOKS

Please send books/pictures of books.

OLD MAGAZINES AND FANTASY CLOTHES

We ask for donations of any old magazines and clothes, shoes, hats, handbags, etc. that you do not use any more. Old towels would also be welcome.

SNACKS

Please just send a yogurt or fruit, not chips, sweets, etc. Also asking that the children do not eat chips, sweets, etc. when they arrive in the morning, then they do not want to eat their breakfast.

TEACHERS PRIVACY

Can parents please respect the teacher's privacy and NOT send messages relating to school matters in the evenings or weekends. Should you wish to discuss something with your child's teacher please phone the office during school hours as the staff are not allowed to use their cellphones during class times. Thank you for your understanding.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Please ensure your child is at school by 8-00am. Breakfast is served at 8-00am and lessons begin at 8-30am sharp. Breakfast will not be kept for children that are arriving after 8.10am. Please drop your child and leave. It is very disruptive to the class if you stay with your child.

SECURITY

In light of the fact that we had an armed burglary at our Towerby School, we just request that each parent come in individually. If you do not know the person that wants to enter with you, just say you will call Carole or a teacher to assist. This is just a precautionary security measure.

Please ensure that all doors in the foyer are kept closed, particularly the ones leading to the top classes and the door to toddler's toilets. This is for the children's safety.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Please inform the office immediately if your cell number, work number, home tel. number, etc. changes. We cannot get hold of you if we do not have the correct information.

MY SCHOOL& MAKRO

This is an ongoing method of getting extra cash in for the school. Please remember to use your card at participating shops. Contact Amanda for an application form if you haven't got a card yet (no cost to you as a parent). Visit the My School website at www.myschool.co.za to see all the participating shops and Makro at www.makro.co.za.

MORNING DROP-OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Please make sure your child/children are with you at all times while in the parking area. Do not let them run around. We cannot take responsibility for their safety if they are in your care outside our gate. Try your best to leave your child at his/her teacher as quick as possible, do not stay in the parking area for too long. We have limited space for people to park. Please be considerate and patient. **If you arrive before the teaching staff you may leave your child with the domestic staff if you so wish (they do have a key to open up) but it is essential to make arrangements with the office first. In this case please ring the bell as the main gate will only be open once the teaching staff arrive.**

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

We invite you to advertise your business with us, or, if you would like to buy or sell anything, etc. The cost is R90 per month, per newsletter for Candyland parents and R110 for non-parents. Please contact Amanda at amanda@candyland.za.net, if you would like to advertise in any one, or all 3 of our newsletters. See attached Shop Window and please support them. You can also mention that you saw the advertisement in the newsletter.

HEALTH ISSUES

If your child is on antibiotics, please try and keep them at home for 1 or 2 days, in order for the medication to start working and not to be so contagious and spread the germ. All medicines are to be handed to the staff on duty and signed into the medicine register. **No medicines will be administered without this procedure being adhered to.** No responsibility will be taken for medicines left in children's bags. Also inform the office if your child becomes allergic to anything in order for us to keep our records up to date. Remember to de-worm your child every 6 months and also to look for head lice. We also check every week and have a register (direct order from the Health Department). If we find nits or lice on your child's head, you will be contacted to fetch your child. He/she will not be allowed back until you can give us a clearance certificate.

SPECIAL REQUESTS + THANKS

- We are in need of the following: BENDABLE cardboard for the birthday crowns, any recyclable items we can use for art, **BREAD BAGS** and polystyrene trays, oddments of wool.
- If girls wear dresses, please put on shorts underneath.
- Where possible please support our fundraising efforts.
- Thank you for all donations, however great or small, it is always greatly appreciated

NECESSARY DAILY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CHILDREN

- Please make sure there is a hat and sunscreen in your child's bag. Also a packet of wet wipes every month.
- Please remember to bring a blanket to school.
- ALL THE CHILDREN - put a change of clothes in their bags every day!
- If your child is Asthmatic, please make sure there is an Asthma pump in his/her bag.

TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Take the blanket home on Friday and return on Monday.
- ***Please mark the yogurts, clothes, etc.***
- When you send money to the school, please put it in an envelope, with the child's name on and also what the money is for.

OFFICIAL HOURS

- 1) **The school times are: 7: 00 am - 5: 30pm, Monday to Friday.**
- 2) **Overtime or "Spot Fines" will be charged for children fetched after 5.30pm at R5.00 per minute thereafter. (N.B. -Teachers also have homes to go to)**

PLEASE NOTE:

Some parents are arriving later and later each day and this is really unfair to the teachers on duty who cannot leave until your child is collected. Plus, overtime is not being paid timeously. Please be considerate and collect your child on time at 17h30.

Candyland staff are not paid overtime, therefore please pay your spot fines directly to the teacher on duty (on the evening or next morning), otherwise it will go on your account and interest will be charged. Whilst we realise that traffic or other problems do occur from time to time kindly phone the school if you are going to be late and are unable to arrange for some-one else to pick up your child. It is very unsettling for both the child and staff to be sitting at school after closing time with no knowledge of why the parent is late. Please consider your child's safety and the teacher that is locking the school. It is very unsafe to lock up after 17:30.

Kind Regards

Cathy Mitchell

SHOP WINDOW

(BUSINESS CARDS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED FOR ADVERTISING)

NB* COLOURED PICTURES WILL REFLECT AS BLACK + WHITE

FOR PARENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS.