

Goddard Gazette

Winter 2009



Happy Birthday Goddard



On January 15th Goddard celebrated its 8th anniversary! We have enjoyed being a part of your family and look forward to many more years to come!

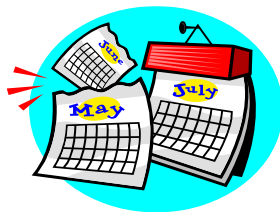
Teacher of the Quarter



Congratulations to Mary Weter for winning the Teacher of the Quarter award! Mrs. Weter teaches our Pre K 2 (Elephant) Classroom. She has worked at our school for almost 8 years and does a wonderful job making sure the children are ready for Kindergarten. Her fellow teachers selected her. Here are some of the reasons they gave:

- "Mary is a hard worker"
- "She works well with her students"
- "She's an awesome teacher with new & creative ideas"

Congratulations Mary Weter!!!



Winter Themes

- **January: New Beginnings**
- **February: Love is in the Air**
- **March: Spectacular Spring time**

Looking for a quality babysitter?

Weather Information

With the winter months here we are anticipating a couple of snow days in the forecast. We ask that you watch Channel 2 and 7 or WHIOTV.com for school closing information or delays. Look under the title of The Goddard School. Please note we will only close if it is a level two or three emergency! Thank you!

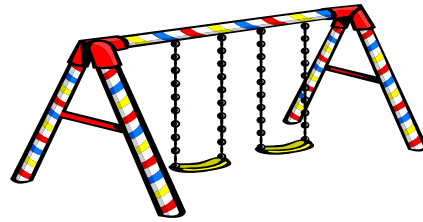
A few of our Goddard teachers have offered to be included on this list, if you should wish to hire a quality babysitter for a night out!!

Cori Hill- (Infants) 937-532-4937
Meghan Fridley- (Sub) 369-1270
Katy Paige-(Infants) 602-3567
Leona Banks-(Toddlers) 559-3884
Sara Williams (Infants) 371-6566
Kelli Doherty-(Kindergarten Enrichment) 654-2171



Outside Play

Please keep in mind that children will go outdoors for play, weather permitting, during the late fall and winter months. The State of Ohio requires children to have at least 15 minutes in the morning and afternoon of outdoor play. (It must be 32 degrees or above). Having fresh air to breathe is helpful as it keeps germs at bay. Please dress your child appropriately each day. If there is quite a bit of snow, teachers will give advance notice to pack appropriate outdoor clothes. We will also utilize the gym as much as possible! If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher or an administrator.

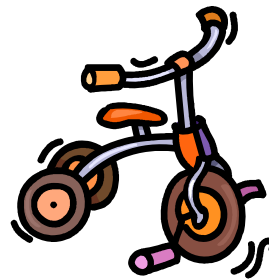


Wellness Policy Reminder

With cold and flu season in full swing, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our wellness policy. The policy, which can be found in your parent handbook, clearly states certain criteria that would prohibit your child from attending school. We ask for your complete cooperation with this policy, as keeping sickness from spreading throughout the classrooms is our main goal.

Please also remember that children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning. For example, if your child leaves school with a fever on Monday, he or she will not be permitted to attend on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please see an administrator or refer to your parent handbook.

Trike-A-Thon



The older classrooms will be participating in a Trike-A-Thon at the end of February. This is a great way to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please look for more information to come in your child's cubby.

Owner's Corner

Dear Goddard Families,

Director's Corner

Dear Goddard Parents,

Many thanks to all of you that participated in our Adopt-a-family program this year. During this time of year, we have so many family, teachers, coworkers, and special friends that we are buying gifts for and I really appreciate those families that made additional sacrifices to reach out to those families in need, especially with the state of the economy. I am so thankful to God for blessing my family and me, and I feel blessed that I am personally able to help someone else.

Thank you to each of you that bought gifts for my teachers during this season; I know they greatly appreciate it. The success of the Goddard program is due in part to my staff. I always tell them that I can talk till I am blue in the face about the program here at our school, but it their responsibility to implement it. We require so much more of our teachers than a typical preschool program. Our Quality Assurance program must be flawlessly implemented. So much is required of them to keep our school a success. I extend a special thanks to each and every one of them.

I would also like to thank each of you that called, emailed, and texted me during my jaw surgery recovery. It was an especially difficult time for my family and me, and I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

In the upcoming months, I will be providing information about Summer Camp and our Fall Kindergarten Program. We are implementing a lot of new and exciting field trips and visitors for the children this year. We actually polled the children to find out where they would like to visit this summer and boy did they give us feedback! The month of March will be a sneak preview of our Summer Camp program.

I Wish you and your family a safe and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Angela

******Keep a look out in your child's cubby for a winter surprise in the next couple weeks******

Pastry Time

I am so excited to ring in 2009! As many of you know I am expecting a baby boy this year. I will be going on maternity leave January 14th. So I plan on being back mid March. Filling in for me will be Kristina Speidel the Assistant Director.

Please see her or Angela should you have any concerns or questions. I am looking forward to seeing all of you when I return in March.

We will be starting a new fundraiser in March that will involve your child's artwork. It is called Art to Remember. You will receive a sample magnet that you may purchase of your child's artwork. These are very cute ideas for Mother's Day! Please be on the look out for further information.

A special thanks goes to all the families that participated in our Cookie Dough fundraiser this year. We received over \$300 for this fundraiser. We have since purchased die-cuts for the teachers with these funds. Die-cuts are used for teacher bulletin borders, and cubby tags. I know the Goddard teachers appreciate them very much. Thanks again!

Happy New Year to All!

Leslie Howard
Center Director

A Special Thanks

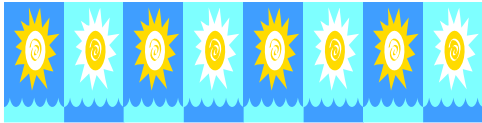


Those delicious, hot, melt in your mouth Puffin Pastries are back! We will kick off our Puffin Pastry fundraiser April 13th!

They will be delivered May 5th right before Mother's Day! What better way to treat a special lady in your life than with sweets! Please keep a look out for yummy samples and order forms!

The Goddard School would like to thank Jacob Wang's (Kindergarten) grandmother. She knitted over 200 snow hats for needy families in the Miami valley. We donated them to Catholic Social services before Christmas. They in turn were given to children in the Montgomery County area. When we asked why she did this, she stated that she wanted to "teach Jakey the meaning of giving back". We feel that Roberta Rhee has a heart of gold. Thanks for teaching us all the meaning of Christmas!

Summer Camp



We are in the process for planning our summer camp. We are a year round program and anticipate a fun summer with your child. Summer camp activity fees will be applied to an upcoming bill. These fees are prorated based on the age of your child and the number of activities he or she will participate in. If you have any questions please see an administrator.

Thanks!!

*Summer Camp themes:
Main Building: The Great Outdoors
Annex: Hooray for the USA*

Kindergarten Registration



It is hard to believe that we are already planning for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year! We are beginning to put together our kindergarten program and always allow our in house families the first opportunity to enroll in our kindergarten class.

The pre-registration deadline for kindergarten is **February 27th**. Enrolling before this date will allow the \$100 registration fee to be waived and the deposit will be \$300. The deposit will be \$400 for enrolling after February 27th. If you have any questions please see Angela, Kristina, or Leslie



**Congratulations to our
Director Leslie Howard
on the birth of her baby
boy!!**

**Thomas Elliot Howard
born on January 15th
at 8:10am
7lbs. 11oz
19 inches long**

**Mom and baby are doing great
and we can't wait for them to
return.**



**SAFETY CHILD – THE CHILD I.D.
PROGRAM OF AMERICA
IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL ON
FEBRUARY 24TH AND 25TH**

In an emergency situation, law enforcement **MUST IMMEDIATELY** be provided with certain complete and accurate information and a current photograph to aid in the rapid, safe recovery of a lost or missing child. The first few minutes are critical. Safety Child's ID Program provides parents with the opportunity to purchase an identification card that contains all of the essential elements needed; high resolution photograph, complete physical description, date of birth, parent's name, address, phone numbers, important identifiers (glasses, braces, birthmarks, etc.), medical information, school name and the child's fingerprint. The Immediate Response Card is designed to be in the parent's possession at all times. Cards may also be used while traveling or any emergency situation. Parents may also choose to purchase additional safety items.

Please watch for an application envelope to be sent home with your child. Siblings are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please call your local Safety Child representatives, Tammy at (937) 405-7685 or Dawn at (937) 510-5645.