



Happy Hands Education Center

THE CENTER for Hearing, Language and Speech Services
A Total Communication Program

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A Christian School for Children with Hearing Loss and Communicative Disorders

Parent Newsletter January 2010



2010 !!!

It is 2010. Can you believe it? HAPPY NEW YEAR! This is going to be a year to remember! Happy Hands has been praying and waiting for this year for a long, long time and it is finally here. We are so thankful to so many parents, donors, supports, volunteers, and foundations, but most of all we are thankful to God for blessing us! It truly is a HAPPY NEW

YEAR!

We ARE going to move into our new building in early May. It is so exciting. We are already packing, cleaning out, and getting ready. The teachers are ordering new supplies. The furniture is chosen, the kitchen is being prepared, the technology is being installed, the playground is planned...this is it! Stay tuned for the latest updates! This is going to be FUN!

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Joyce Werner to our staff. Many of you will recognize Miss Joyce because she has been volunteering and substituting for us for the past year. She is now a new assistant teacher every afternoon in the Blue class. Miss Kim is going to part time and Miss Kendra is taking a semester to complete her intern teaching at the Kansas School for the Deaf and Edison High School here in Tulsa, so we are happy and grateful that Miss Joyce is joining us. Miss Joyce attends Victory Christian Center where she is a member of the interpreting team. Remember parents, until Miss Joyce is familiar with all your faces, she may ask for your identification when picking up your child. Thanks for cooperating.

Inclement Weather Policy

Please remember...if Tulsa Public Schools closes for snow or ice, then Happy Hands will at least be closed until we can determine if staff can get to the school and how many children need childcare. We are too small for the TV stations to let us list our school on school closing lists. You must call Jan Pride (607-8204) to see whether or not we will be able to open on snow or ice days.

If road conditions become treacherous during the day there is the possibility that we will close early. Please make sure we have accurate phone numbers to reach you at all times.

Can you help out? Happy Hands Needs...

- Paper Towels
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Good sturdy packing boxes (we are packing!)
- White card stock – 8 ½ x 11
- Batteries – 9 volt, AA, AAA



- Plastic Spoons

FOR YOUR CALENDAR –

January 18th – Lead Teachers will have one half day (pm) of teacher meetings. Afternoon will be childcare only. You are welcome to pick up your children at noon if you wish.

February 15th – CLOSED for Professional Development.

March 15th – 19th – Spring Break...Open for those signed up for child care

March 27th – Silent Auction and Dinner – Our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please attend!

April 2nd – CLOSED for Good Friday/Happy Easter

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

TSHA will be offering non-credit, low-stress, FUN classes beginning the week of February 1, 2010. Classes are 10 weeks long. They meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to the class, students will receive a one-year membership to TSHA, Inc. at no extra cost. Current memberships will be extended for an additional year beyond expiration. As a TSHA member, you will receive a monthly newsletter with information on upcoming events in the Deaf Community. This will enable you to gain experience using your sign language skills.

For information, call Kirsten Dotts or Diana Higgins at 918-832-8742. You can also email Kirsten at kdotts@tsha.cc or email Diana at dhiggins@tsha.cc.

Classes are also being offered through Broken Arrow and Bixby Community Education. **To enroll or for further information please contact Wendy Auten at the Broken Arrow Community Education office, 918-259-4580 or Becky Harris at the Bixby Community Education Office at 918-366-2319.**

Practice your signs at **Silent Dinners**

What exactly IS a Silent Dinner? First of all, they're not at all silent – they're pretty loud! Secondly, they are THE place for sign language students to practice and for Deaf people of all ages to socialize in sign language. All levels of skill are welcome, from very beginning to native signers. The atmosphere is relaxed and unstructured. Many sign classes come as a class activity. Silent Dinners are held at **Woodland Hills Mall Food Court** beginning at 6:00 p.m.

2010 Schedule

January 25, Monday

February 23, Tuesday

March 25, Thursday

April 12, Monday

May 18, Tuesday

Baby, it's cold outside...

When appropriate, we will take the children outside to get fresh air and to experience God's wonderful world in the wintertime. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately. We have many gloves and hats here available for the children and we keep them separate in ziplock baggies so that children do not share hats, but if your child has their own hat and gloves please send them. We will try hard always to keep their feet dry, but accidents do happen. Please send an extra pair of clothes including dry socks. We will not stay out long enough for anyone to get too chilled or sick but they do need the fresh air. Thanks!

