

Happy Hands Education Center

THE CENTER for Hearing, Language and Speech Services

A Total Communication Program

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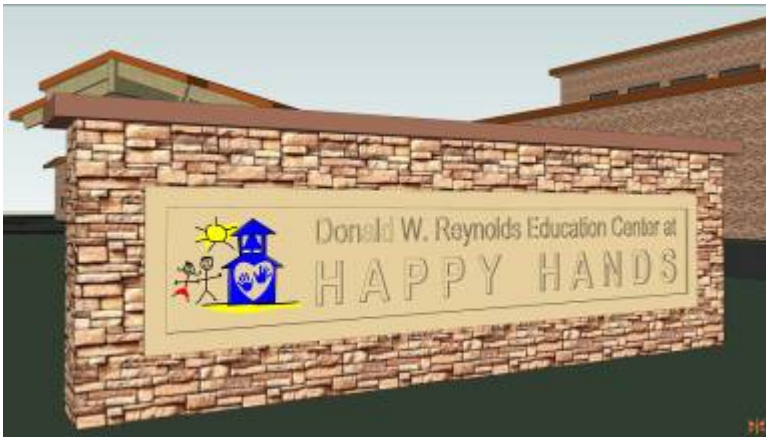
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A Christian School for Children with Hearing Loss and Communicative Disorders

Parent Newsletter February 2010



We want to wish you all Happy Valentine's day! Our parents are special to us and we love you very much. All month the children **Happy Valentine's** will be doing fun activities and special projects that center around **Day to all our** our love for one another, their love for you, and Christ's love for wonderful each of us. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son parents! that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."**



Only 13 weeks!

We have 13 weeks until the move-in begins! The office furniture will be installed beginning April 26th and the classroom furniture will be installed beginning May 3rd. After all these years of planning and waiting, it is actually happening!

IMPORTANT... We will be closed May 3rd through May 11th. **YOU WILL NEED TO FIND OTHER CARE FOR YOUR CHILD** for those 7 days. We will reopen for school and childcare on May 12th.

On May 10th and 11th we will have special times for tours and orientation for currently enrolled children and parents only. During this time you will receive instructions on how to check your child in at the new facility, security measures, where their new classroom will be, parking, etc. It is imperative that every parent attends this orientation. The security in the new building is first-rate. Everyone will have security access badges and/or codes.

Graduation has been changed from May 18th to May 27th. How exciting! This will be our first children's program in the new building!

More information will be available as we get closer to move-in week!

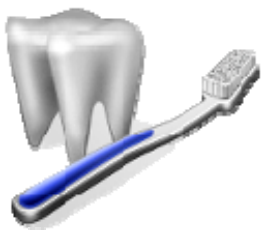
Happy Hands received an additional grant to furnish the new building with beautiful artwork! This has been a fun project and it is going to be awesome. There are several hallways that will be adorned with portraits and a special mural that feature our Happy Hands children. An award winning photographer has been commissioned to photograph our children so that their faces will forever be a part of the new building.

The photo shoot for the new artwork will be here at Happy Hands on the mornings of February 10th – 12th. You will be receiving a special release requiring parental signature for your child to participate in these photos. The photographer has suggested bright colored clothing and no whites on these three days. Photographs will be taken in the classrooms and with a special background at the church.

We are so excited and proud that the children of 2010 will be the faces of the new Happy Hands!

WELCOME

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Phyllis Spencer to our staff beginning February 15th. Miss Phyllis will assume the new position of Associate Director and in the new building she will assist Jan and gradually take responsibility for the childcare portion of our services while Jan will continue to develop the educational program. Phyllis has 30 years of experience teaching preschool special education in Broken Arrow and is a member of Highland Park Christian Church. Phyllis has previously served on our Special Education Advisory Committee and volunteered in our office.



Dental Month

February is Dental Month and the Oklahoma Smiles Dental Center will be visiting our classrooms on February 23rd to give a presentation to the children and to do dental screenings. The dental screenings are a simple visual inspection of each child's teeth, gums, and mouth. It is not intended to take the place of a dental examination. This is a great way to introduce children to good dental care! A permission slip will be coming home soon.

Practice your sign

language... **ABCDEFGHIJKL**

At **ASL Movie Night!** February 19th, 6:30 p.m. at Tulsa Community College, NE Campus, Main Auditorium. It's Free! Movies will be in American Sign Language with no voice but with subtitles. Great opportunity for practice! Sponsored by CSD (Communication Services for the Deaf).

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR –

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

May 3rd – 11th – CLOSED for Move In to new facility

May 27th – Graduation and Spring Show

Can you help? Happy Hands Needs... *Thanks!*

- Paper Towels
- Individually wrapped snacks, jello cups, pudding cups, crackers, cookies, fruit snacks
- White card stock – 8 ½ x 11
- Batteries – 9 volt, AA, AA