



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

February 2011



Happy valentine's day

Monday, February 14th, will be a fun day for our children! Each teacher will send home notices of special activities, first names of children for Valentines, and requests for special snacks or crafts! We hope each of you has a special Valentine's Day. We love all our families!

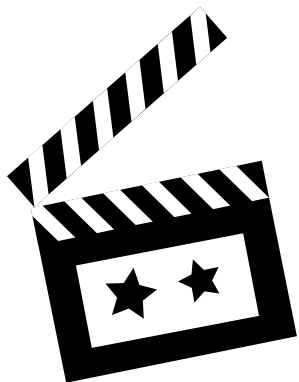


FEBRUARY 21ST – PRESIDENTS' DAY

- Regular School Day for Happy Hands classes
- Gold Fish Class will be open for school age children who are out of school.
 *Please note that Tulsa Public is also closed on Feb. 18th for Professional Day. The Gold Fish Class will be open all day.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL HAPPY HANDS FAMILIES!
Happy Hands will be closed Friday, February 25th, for Teacher Professional Day and preparation for the ACSI conference to be held that weekend! No classes, no childcare, no afterschool care.

Direct from Hollywood!
 2011 Benefit Dinner & Auction



Happy Hands Education Center will be hosting its 17th Benefit Dinner & Auction on March 19, 2011, at the Northeastern State University campus in Broken Arrow. This year we are adding some "glitz and glam" to our event, with our "Direct from Hollywood" theme! This is our largest fundraising effort of the year and we will be laying out the red carpet for all of our guests! We are also excited to be adding a LIVE AUCTION to our benefit, sure to offer some impressive items and fun. Join us for a "night among the stars"! We hope to see you there! Tickets are now on sale in the office!

If you would like to volunteer in making this event a success, please contact Christina Treat @ 918-893-4812 or Christina@happyhands.org

abcSIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES TO BE OFFERED AGAIN!XYZ

TSHA will once again be offering a sign language class to be held here at Happy Hands. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. from February 17 – April 14. This class is titled “Signing with Children”. The book will be “Signing for Me” by Bahan and Dannis. Cost of the class is \$45 and cost of the book is \$20. Child care will be offered by reservation only. Sign up on the TSHA website www.tsha.cc.

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Nursing Station by Nurse Tricia

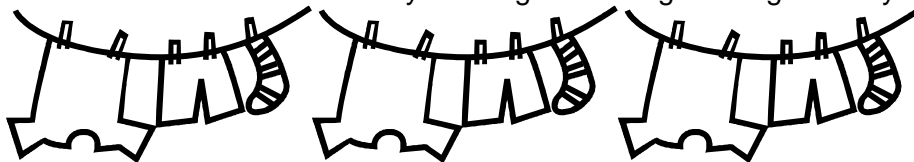
Fact or Fiction?

Are fresh fruits and vegetables better than frozen?

Fiction- According to the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, "Not only is frozen just as good for you, it can also be less expensive and more convenient because they can be stored for long periods of time." Frozen veggies are harvested at the peak of their nutritional content. Veggies and fruit at the supermarket are trucked for long distances and lose nutrients because of heat, air and water. If you prefer fresh, shop at your local farmers market where they are probably picked the same day.

PLEASE HELP!

We've had lots of children who have come to school without an extra set of clothing. We have some extra pants and underwear here for those times but now they've all been sent home and we need them back. IF YOUR CHILD HAS COME HOME IN CLOTHING MARKED HHEC, PLEASE SEND THE CLOTHING BACK. If you'd be willing to donate some extra pants and underwear it would be appreciated. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A CHANGE OF CLOTHING AND ENOUGH UNDERWEAR OR DIAPERS EVERYDAY.** We don't want a child to have to be embarrassed by wearing something ill-fitting or funny-looking!



Thank you for completing the Parent Surveys. 17 of our 39 families responded. The surveys were reviewed in our Strategic Planning Session and will be included in our accreditation renewal this spring. If you have comments, questions, concerns, or praises you want to share with us please do so at any time. All parent comments are welcome. Thank you for helping us to make your child's experience at Happy Hands a better one!

REMINDERS!

- Please remember to check your child in and out daily. This is a DHS Childcare Licensing requirement for us. Don't forget to hit the "finish" button or the entry does not go through. Thanks for helping us in this way
- Keep a change of clothing at school at all times for your child, extra diapers or underwear, and a jacket. As the weather changes from day to day the children often need a jacket to play outside. We WILL continue playing outside for short periods as long as weather permits so they will need to bundle up sometimes.

- Call the school office if your child is going to be late or absent. We keep a close check on where children are to make sure they are always safe!
- Collect take home papers, notices, envelopes, etc. out of your child's cubby daily.
- Keep us informed of new phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and emergency contact numbers so that we can always reach you in case of an emergency. If we can't reach you we will call the police for assistance.

"Let them know that it is your hand, that you, O Lord, have done it." Psalm 109:27