

February 2010



Edinbrook Kidstop Editorial



Manager News

February. Exactly halfway through this month, most of us will gift on e or more people we love with a card, a poem or a gift. As we think of creative ways to show the people in our lives that we care about them, we get a chance to look ahead to summer 2010 and to the 2010-2011 school year. Perfect timing! By February 5, families who want to make sure their children can be part of summer Kidstop and The Spot will have enrollment packets returned and we will begin calculating numbers and planning a great summer. In March, families with children who will be in kindergarten next school will visit elementary schools throughout the district for kindergarten orientation. In May every summer 2010 summer site will host an Open House so families can get information, share their ideas and questions and so children can meet their teachers. If keeping up with this week **and** deadlines and meeting to connect your family this summer and beyond bumps you into organizational overload, please know that we are here to answer your questions. The District 279 website is a wonderful resource for you. I suggest making district279.org one of your favorites. There you can find calendars for school and Kidstop. There you can find a link to your school's website where you can find a treasure trove of information, including Kidstop newsletters and dates of orientations, deadlines and meetings. You can work wonders for your person calendar by connecting with the website! If I can support you in any way I am a phone call or an email away. My voicemail is 763-391-7214 and my email is thomasc@district279.org.



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Homework Assistance

Did you know that you can receive homework assistance by going to the Hennepin County Library website at www.hclib.org ? Click on Kid Links and then to Homework Help. You will also find links to Books & Reading, Library Events, Fun & Games and so much more. Check it out!

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KS95 Fundraiser



We are off to a great start with our fundraiser for Children's Cancer Research and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Our fundraiser will end on February 18, 2010. Kool Krew children have been making bracelets to sell and they are so excited to entice you with a donut or cookie for purchase on our fundraiser days. We want to thank all of you in advance for your generosity and making this fundraiser so successful!



Kindergarten Non School Days



Our theme for the two February non school days; February 4 & 5, 2010, will be Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. The children will enjoy chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate activities. Children will be delighted to make a chocolate chip cookie hat, chocolate taste test, chocolate play dough, play a giant Candy Land game, make a delicious chocolate pizza and much, much more!

Also, we will be going on a field trip to the Children's Theater to see a wonderful performance of Mr. McGee and the Biting Flee on Friday, February 5, 2010. These are several stories that emerge from dozens of suitcases that whimsical characters transform a storeroom into an enchanting scene of music and play. The play is based on a delightful tale from the award winning writer Pamela Allen.

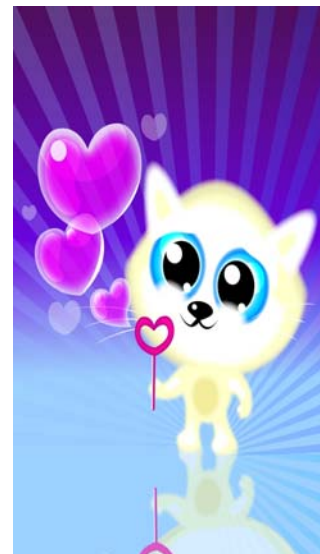
February Non School Day



Our theme for the February 12, non school day for children in grades K-6 is Love in Motion. Children will have the opportunity to explore what love language is all about, play a game of friendship tag, be creative and make a Hershey Kiss rose and a card for someone they love. We will make a tasty layers of love for cooking and winning some prizes by playing a game of Bongo.

Kool Krew News

The Kool Krew have been very busy researching on the computer for arts & crafts, science, math, gym and other various activities. The children that chose the activity have been introducing it and teaching it to other students. Every Tuesday we have a Town Hall meeting to give each child a voice to bring ideas for older programming, activities, field trip ideas, special events, etc. Kool Krew children will also have the opportunity to teach a Kid Pick to other students. Maybe your child has a talent in sports, loves cooking, or crafts. Children can request a form to give their class a title, write a description, set dates and put together a lesson plan page. Children will also order supplies with the help of an instructor. Wow, I can't wait to see what they will offer other students!



Kid Pick

A Kid Pick will be offered for children in grades K-2 in the afternoon for month of February as well. The class, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, will focus on the wonderful books of Laura Numeroff. Explore her books through tasty treats, drama, art, games and even making your own book. The class dates are February 15, 17, 22 & 24, 2010. Look for a flyer coming out soon.

Closure

Kidstop
will be
closed
on
February 15, 2010.



Family Fun

Here are some great websites of math games, puzzles, word finds, recipes and arts & crafts.

akidsheart.com/holidays/valentine/valgms.htm

www.dltk-holidays.com/valentines/index.htm

www.familyfun.go.com/valentines-day/valentines-day-games

www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/valentin/games.htm

