



Pottstown Early Action for Kindergarten Readiness

Mission: Every child in Pottstown will enter Kindergarten ready to learn and achieve

PARENTS PEAK

Parents PEAK: Providing families with resources, support and opportunities to encourage interactive learning at home and in our community.



PEAK NEWS

Month of the Young Child

April was filled with events celebrating our young children. Thank you to all of the parents who participated by visiting their child's classroom as a guest reader.

Other featured guests who celebrated with us by visiting classrooms included Mayor Thomas, Representative Quigley and Senator Gerlach.

Summer 2008

Week of the Young Child

Families, PEAK partners and various organizations in Pottstown also celebrated young children by participating in PEAK's annual event at the Pottstown YMCA. The families of our community enjoyed the crafts, face painting, petting zoo and moon bounce. Oh and who could forget that Reading Screwball!



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Did You Register Your Child for PA Pre-K Counts?

If your child is currently enrolled in a Pre-K Counts classroom and **WILL NOT** be moving on to kindergarten, parents should notify their site director. This will ensure that your child will have a spot in the classroom next year.

PARENTS

Give your child an
early start on success.
Register today!

KinderCare Learning Center: 610-326-0554

Montgomery Early Learning Centers: 610-326-3819

Pottstown Family YMCA: 610-323-7300

YWCA Tri-County Area: 610-323-1888

Warwick Child Care Center: 610-323-1601

The Breakfast Club

This year the breakfast club reached over 50 different families between each of the six partner sites. I hope you enjoyed your time together networking as your child's first teacher, sharing stories and setting up play dates. I would also like to add that I enjoyed spending time with each of you and getting to know you personally. I look forward to spending more time with you next year when the club returns.



Until then, have a wonderful summer and be safe!

FAMILY CORNER

Summer Safety

Long summer days unfortunately bring with them an increased risk of injuries as children spend more time outdoors in active play. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you take the following precautions to make sure your children are safe:



- * **Sunscreen alone will not protect your child from the sun!** Use a combination of protective clothing, hats with a broad brim and sunglasses, along with a sunscreen of at least **SPF 15**.
- * **Make sure your child is drinking plenty of water!** Periodically while playing outdoors, have them take a sip, even if they don't feel thirsty.
- * **Choose appropriate activities for the temperature and humidity!** Choose a shaded play area so the activities can take place in the fresh air but in the shade.
- * **Never leave children alone in or near a pool...even for a moment!** Shallow baby pools can pose a drowning danger to young children. An adult should be within arms length at all times when infants or toddlers are in or around water.
- * **Beware of ticks!** Try to avoid areas where ticks are known to occur. Examine your child often for ticks and remove any ticks immediately!
- * **Watch out for bees and wasps!** Avoid scented soaps, perfumes, hair sprays and dressing your child in bright flowery prints! Try to dress your child in light-colored and light weight long-sleeved clothing.
- * **Use protective gear!** Helmets should be worn when riding bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Never allow your child to ride near traffic at anytime.

Article contributed by Kathy Perry. Please contact PEAK if you have questions or concerns about this topic or if you would like information about a specific topic published in this newsletter. You may also e-mail Lori Davidson at ldavidson@fsmontco.org.

EMPOWERED PARENTS

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

The Family Engagement Committee would like to thank the families who participated in the workshop on May 28th, at Lincoln Elementary School. Parents enjoyed spending time discussing and preparing kindergarten readiness activities with teachers, while future kindergarten students were occupied with stories and crafts.



For participating in the event, each family received the 123 Sesame Street Ready for School education kit, donated by PNC.

Family Engagement Committee

WE NEED PARENTS! If you are interested in participating on the committee please contact Lori. Meetings are held during the school year to plan fun, educational experiences for families, just like YOURS!

Thank you to the **Repko Family, Washington Family, Moore Family, Levy Family, Duncan Family, Conroy Family** and the **Patterson Family** for making the evening a success.



SUMMER READING



Give your child a gift that will last a life time...read to them!

Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Crocodile Beat by Gail Jorgensen & Patricia Mullins

Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

Free Children's Book and Resources! Contact Lori Davidson, PEAK Family Engagement Specialist.