



Valhalla Venture



School Age Parents... We are looking ahead to summer and need to know what your summer schedule holds. We are excited to start planning and would like to have a good idea of how many of our friends will be here to join in the festivities. **Stop by the office, call or drop an e-mail to let us know that "YES!" you will be here to have some fun this summer!**

With the cold wind still blowing, it is hard to think about spring, but it is coming! After spring, we turn our attention to summer! The staff is busy coming up with great ideas for field trips and special events for the children. If you have any great field trip ideas, let your teachers or the office know. We appreciate any opportunity we have to let the kids have new experiences and go exciting places. We look forward to the warm weather and the great times the summer will offer.

A special **thank you** to Jessica Hauff and Courtney Rick for the doughnuts and bagels for the staff! Thank you also to the parents who brought treats for the special parties for the rooms.

Have you gotten your free week of Tuition yet? Refer a family to Apple Tree and you will get a week free! Share your great experiences with others! **Isn't it worth free tuition?** The referred family also gets a bonus, so everybody wins!!!!



Congratulations to Amber Dresbach for guessing that there were 421 hearts in the jar for our "Guess the Number of Hearts" game. There were EXACTLY 421 hearts! When asked how she came up with the number, she replied "I just asked my daughter Haylie, and she was right!" Amber wins a free week of tuition and is enjoying her jar of candy! Way to go!



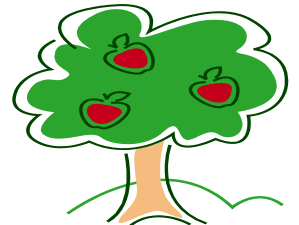
The cold and flu season is not over yet. We all need to keep working on staying healthy! Things to remember in the "sickly" season.....

- Keep emergency contact card updated with current phone numbers and other information
- Update e-mail addresses
- Make sure kids get plenty of sleep
- Encourage good hand washing techniques
- Practice covering a cough or sneeze to avoid spreading germs
- Keep a sick child home
- Be sure to wash nap time items on a weekly basis

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Dates to Remember:

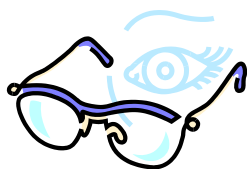
- Mar. 3rd- Harrisburg out at 1:30
- Mar. 9th- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Mar. 14th- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar. 15th- Harrisburg No School
- Mar. 18th- Public School out at 1:00pm
- Mar. 31st- No Public School

Apple Tree Locations

- Apple Tree Valhalla
4101 Valhalla Blvd.
- Apple Tree West
6400 W. 43rd Street
- Apple Tree East
3309 East 26th St.
- Apple Tree North
700 North Sycamore

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

-Galatians 3:26



Our annual Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on March 9th.

Watch for information on the doors about signing your child up for the screening. All Pre-school children will have the opportunity to be tested. This is a great chance to check up on your child's eyesight and hearing. We always say that our kids don't listen, but maybe they just can't hear!



Keep your eyes open for Spring activities popping up! Remember that the classroom doors are the

best place to look for information about what special events are going on in the classroom. Spring events, parties, and field trips will all be posted. Get ready for some St. Patty's Day festivities and get out the green. It's time to search for that pot o' gold and get the luck o' the Irish once more.

Ever feel like you need to relax? Angie Downham is bringing her "Spa Escape" here to Apple Tree. Take some time on March 11th at 6:45pm to come and do some relaxing with us. Try some great products and techniques to find total relaxation. Watch for details.

We are in need of School Age sized pants and underwear. Sometimes even the big kids have a reason for a change of clothes. Our biggest problem is that most of our clothes around here are too small. We would like to have a few spare pairs around for those unpredictable accidents. If you have any pants or underwear to spare, please give them to the School Age teachers. Thanks!!

If your child is sick, or you are taking a vacation day, please call and let us know. It makes it easier for the teachers to plan activities, and for us to plan for staffing if we know how many kids are going to be here.



This last month in our Pre School program, we dabbled in shadows, talked teeth, and learned about some great leaders of our past. The ground hog gave us reasons to test our theories on shadows. All the classes had lots of fun creating shadows and learning about light. Dawn from the Family Dental Center stopped by to talk to the kids about their teeth and what we need to do to take care of them. The Cool Cats went to the Old Courthouse Museum to learn about the history of the Olympics. They came back with neat Medals that they made and were very proud of their creation. They also, along with the Jelly Beans, made a trip to the Pavilion to learn about Burn Awareness. The Pavilion put on a puppet show to explain the dangers of playing with matches, learning how to stop, drop, and roll, and other fire dangers. We look forward to the warmer weather and new opportunities for some great field trips this spring.

Spring begins
Mar. 20th!

Happy Birthday to the Following:



Ducklings

Paxtin March 2

Brooklyn March 10

Cubs

Andrew March 8

Neveah March 13



Jelly Beans

Carson March 23

Cool Cats

Hannah March 18

Kyla March 22



Care Bears

Zachary March 14

Apple Seeds

Jackson March 13

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