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# Valhalla Venture



Saturday, February 18th is Family Fun Night at the Sioux Falls Stampede! We had so much fun last year we are doing it again! Tickets are again only \$3.00 per person. The last day to get tickets is February 15th. If you ever go to the hockey games, you know that \$3.00 is a great deal for a ticket. Don't miss out! Please see Carol or Amy to reserve your tickets. Tickets will be available at the center on or before Friday the 17th. The Herd will be facing the Sioux City Musketeers- an ongoing rivalry so it promises to be a good game!



Guess the number of hearts in the jar, and win a free week of tuition! Step right up and take a guess! The week of February 6th, take a peek at the jar and write down how many hearts you think are in there. The jar will be located by the parent computer. Winner will be announced Monday, February 13th! Good Luck!!

**Family Fun Night Feb. 18th with the Sioux Falls Stampede!**

Apple Tree Children's Center, Inc. participates in the Child and Adult Food Program (CACFP). CACFP is available to all participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

**Did you know...**Apple Tree has updated their website, it has an all new look with some new content. Be sure and check it out at [appletreechildren.org](http://appletreechildren.org). Each center has it's own page highlighting the month's happenings as well as information on the center's Directors and Assistant Directors. While at the new site check our page for the hidden apple, then like us on Facebook letting us know where you found it and we will enter your family in a drawing for a week of tuition credit.



## C is for Cookie!

Back by popular demand! On Thursday, Feb. 9th, bring in the family and decorate valentine cookies! You must sign up to participate so we know the exact number of cookies to have. The cost is \$15 per family. That includes 2 dozen cookies, decorating supplies, and special time with your kids. Watch for the sheet to sign up for a session. There will be 2 sessions, one from 4pm to 4:45pm, and from 5pm to 5:45pm. Space is limited to 10 families per session, so don't miss out on this fun and yummy afternoon.

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### Dates to Remember:

- ♥ February 9: Harrisburg out at 1:30pm
- ♥ February 9: Cookie Decorating
- ♥ February 14: Valentine's Day; Class parties
- ♥ February 15: Public School No School
- ♥ February 16: Public School No School
- ♥ February 17: Public School and Harrisburg No School
- ♥ February 18: Family Fun Night with Stampede
- ♥ February 20: President's Day; Public School and Harrisburg No School
- ♥ February 22: Ash Wednesday
- ♥ February 29: Harrisburg out at 1:30pm

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things"

1 Corinthians 13:7



It is time to spread the love! On February 20th the School Age Children will go to the

Humane Society to drop off "Gifts of Love" that they have collected. Instead of spending money on candy and valentines, the School Agers bring a donation for the animals at the Humane Society. This year we are extending the request to all the children at Apple Tree! We urge all the kids to give a "Gift of Love" to the Humane Society. They are always in need of food and other pet supplies. Spread the love this Valentine's Day!

Other classes may still bring Valentine's for their friends- please talk to your child's teacher if you have questions.

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make" -The Beatles



February is Dental Health Month. The children will be talking a lot about things like brushing and cavities. This is a great opportunity to help your child get comfortable with the idea of the dentist and good dental habits. According to professionals, your child should start to visit the dentist at age 3. Start them in the habit of brushing in the morning, and before bed to stop those vicious cavity monsters from attacking!

Keep an eye out for the Scholastic Book Orders! Getting a new book is a great excuse to spend some reading time with your child. Statistics show that kids that get read to even 15 minutes a day develop a higher reading level than other children who do not get this time. Give your children a chance to bloom! Grab a book and READ!!!!!!

## Preschool Highlights



### Care Bears

Last month the Care Bears had a little fun with color and found a healthy way to make a rainbow. They decided to make a colorful snack using different colored fruit. Using fruits like blueberries, strawberries, and pineapple, they created an edible rainbow.

### Jelly Beans

The Jelly Beans took on a big project for January. To explore the theme of "Make Believe", they decided to put on the play, "Snow White and the 7 Dwarves". All of the kids had a part in the play and they had fun performing for their friends at Apple Tree.

### Cool Cats

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the Cool Cats invited Alex's Dad, Chun, to talk a little about China and the kids learned about Chinese letters and numbers. It was very informative and fun for the kids. Thank you Chun for sharing.

## Happy Birthday to the Following:



### Busy Bees

Zachary February 19  
Hailey February 23



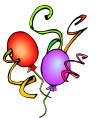
### Care Bears

Sam February 6



### Apple Corps

Alexander February 7  
Tyler February 24



### Cool Cats

Cole February 2  
Gavin February 5



### Jellybeans

Judy February 4



The mission of Apple Tree Children's Centers is to provide exceptional care, nurture and age appropriate learning opportunities in the context of a Christ centered worldview. This mission is accomplished through the dedicated effort of management and staff whose concern is for the welfare of the children entrusted to their care!