

March 2018



Play Centers at Elmwood Elementary School

531 Dale Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21206
410.665.8210 ~ www.playcenters.org

Hours of Operation: 7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. / 3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



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FROM DIANE MELLOTT, CEO/COO

A reminder regarding our Screen Time Policy

In the best interest of our children's health and well-being, computers and other media devices are used only when directly related to a lesson plan, classroom objectives, and other facilitated learning experiences. The types of screens available to children during program hours vary from site to site, but may include screens used for viewing of curricular videos and/or the use of tablets or computers for curriculum-related enrichment activities, if those screen activities are deemed to be an enhancement to the curriculum.

The staff will utilize all screen experiences as a way to enhance the learning experience for each child and each staff person will be fully and actively involved in that process.

In the event that a child does not wish to participate in a screen-related activity, he/she will be given the opportunity to pursue an alternate activity that is related to the same learning experience.

Please be reminded of the following screen time tips:

- Place limits on hours per day, and types of, media used.
- Children should get recommended daily activity and sleep.
- Children should not sleep with devices in their bedrooms and should avoid exposure for 1 hour before bedtime.
- Entertainment media should be avoided during homework time.
- Media-free family times and media-free locations in the home should be promoted.
- Have ongoing communication with children about how to treat others with respect online and offline.
- Discuss steps to take if your child is uncomfortable or upset about something that is occurring through social media.

For more information on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics for children's media use, please visit www.aap.org.

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2018

The Open Enrollment process for School Year 2018-2019 will begin in late April or early May. Please watch for updates via email, Facebook, and through your Center Director.

FROM THE DIRECTOR DOROTHY PARHAM

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

THEMES

Colors of the Rainbow
Everybody Has Feelings
Dazzling Dragons
National Youth Art Month
Special Days in March

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

🎂 Kayla G. 3/3

🎂 Antowan b. 3/6

FROM ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (AR)

Questions about your account? Please contact
Sharon Gunther, AR Coordinator, at 410.296.4880, ext. 106.
Questions about Subsidy? Please contact
Kari Thomas, Subsidy Specialist, at 410.296.4880, ext. 111.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, March 29th

BCPS Third Marking Period Ends - **Early Dismissal**.
Play Centers will be **OPEN** until 6:00 p.m.
Spring Break begins at the end of the school day.

Friday, March 30th / Monday, April 2nd

School and Play Centers' **CLOSED!**

Tuesday, April 3rd

School and Play Centers will re-open.

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**We Would Love Your Help
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Calling all current and alumni families of Play Centers, Inc./ Play and Learn!
Play Centers, Inc./ Play and Learn is seeking **YOUR** help in referring
POSITIVE, ENERGETIC, NURTURING, and TEAM-ORIENTED Teachers
who strive to make a difference in the lives of children!

We have Play and Learn Preschool programs
located in Anne Arundel County , Baltimore City, and Baltimore County,
as well as School Age programs
located throughout Baltimore County!

If you know someone who would be a good addition to our Team,
have them go to <http://playcenters.org/employment/> to fill out an application
and an Employee Referral Form!

If your referral successfully completes his/her 90 day probationary period , then you, as the
referring family, will receive a \$25 Target Gift Card as a thank you from Play Centers, Inc.
for your help in adding a valued member to our Play Centers, Inc/ Play and Learn Team!!