

## HAYGOOD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

February 2010

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

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| February 3  | Chapel 9:15am ~ "What Is Love"  |
| February 15 | Teacher Training Day ~ <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| February 16 | Atlanta Public School Holiday ~ Full HUT Day  |
| February 18 | Betty Ann Wylie "Stories for All Season" ~ In the Gym<br>10am for Toddlers and 2's and 10:30am for 3's and up |
| February 23 | Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast ~ 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall  |
| February 24 | Chapel 9:15am ~ "Blooming; God made things that fly, crawl & stuff"   |
| March 19    | Haygood Preschool Auction ~ King Plow Arts Center 7:00pm  |

### HAYGOOD IDOL IS COMING

The Haygood Idol Competition will be in July and will take the place of our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It's never too early to start working on your act! Parents are welcome to perform. Thank you to all who participated and enjoyed good food and fellowship at the spaghetti dinners in years passed.

### MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us for fellowship and enjoy a delicious breakfast to start your day. Pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, OJ and coffee will be served. If you are interested in volunteering to cook, serve or help with the clean up, we could sure use a few extra hands. Please contact Kerry Bresee at [kbresee@haygoodwcm.org](mailto:kbresee@haygoodwcm.org) if you can donate some time to the fun event.

### PRESCHOOL AUCTION NEWS

The Preschool Auction will be held on **Friday, March 19, 2010 at King Plow Arts Center**. CDC parents are invited to attend and ticket information will be available in early March. If any parent is interested in making a donation for the event or has a business that is interested in becoming a sponsor for the event, please pick up a parent donation form in Terrylynn's office. Please contact Kerry Bresee, Preschool Director, at [kbresee@haygoodwcm.org](mailto:kbresee@haygoodwcm.org) or 404-872-5806 ext. 231 for additional information or questions.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

There are two opportunities to teach your children that they can help in big ways by doing something that is small. A **Haiti Earthquake Relief Penny Drive** can be on Sandy's desk and your child can help by bringing in pennies for the drive. Any money collected will be combined with the efforts at Inman Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class collection.

The **Ronald McDonald House** is raising money by collecting aluminum can pop tops. Pop tops can be dropped off at the front desk. We have several families who have been directly served at the Ronald McDonald House, so save those aluminum pop tops for a great cause.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Please call or email Beth McCormack, Financial Director, at [bmccormack@haygoodwcm.org](mailto:bmccormack@haygoodwcm.org) or 404-872-5806 ext. 230 to request tax and financial information.

## **THIS MONTH IN MUSIC**

We had fun singing about snowflakes now that we know what they really look like. Younger classes have been singing, counting, hopping and sounding like FROGS. Pre-K learned a song in 4 languages: English, Spanish, French, and American Sign Language. Now, it's onward to Groundhog Day!

## **THIS MONTH IN SPANISH**

In January, Ms. Lilia taught the children all things about the "casa" house. They learned the Spanish words for roof, window, door and much more. The children also learned the Spanish words for many of the shapes. They will continue to work on shapes during the month of February. They will also be learning the names for fruits and have many fun Valentine activities with Ms. Lilia

## **ILLNESS POLICY**

Your child **MUST** be free of fever or vomiting for a full 24 hours before returning to school. Please help us to keep all the children at Haygood healthy during this busy time of year. If you are wondering whether or not they are well enough to come to school, please err on the side of caution and keep them home for the day. Thank you so much for your help and support!

## **WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

Haygood follows the Atlanta Public Schools guideline for inclement weather. Please check your local TV and radio stations, 11 Alive, Star 94 or Access Atlanta on the internet for school closing information. If Atlanta Public Schools are closed, we will be closed.

## **Happy Birthday to...**

**Ms. Sharnetta Brown**-February 11, **Ms. Tramia "Mia" Baisden**-February 12, **Ms. Stacy Brodbeck**-February 28

## **Happy Anniversary...**

**Ms. Amber Broadnax**-February 20

## **Many Thanks....**

To the amazing children, teachers, parents and staff at Haygood who make Haygood such a special place!

## **In Our Prayers...**

**Mike Szalkowski, Former WCM Board Chair**, as he recovers from a bicycle accident.

**Ms. Gale Weber, Preschool Kinder teacher**, as she and her family deal with her grandfather's illness.

**The Chance family, Preschool family**, as they make decisions regarding continued treatment options for Patrick.

## **In Closing Theresa Says...**

Last Spring, many of you responded to our Haygood CDC/HUT or Haygood Preschool Parent Survey. Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback.

Haygood Weekday Children's Ministries Preschool and CDC have been using the survey as a tool for many years to help make decisions. In the past we have used this feedback to re-write policy, add staff, and make changes in how we communicate, or make you aware of why we do certain things the way we do. I would appreciate your participation in the survey this year.

The survey is a helpful tool that gives Kerry, Terrylynn and me insight into how well the parent community feels we are performing our jobs in delivering a quality program as we live out our mission. Our mission is printed in the front of your "Directory and Handbook" and it states: "Haygood Preschool/CDC is designed to assist children in many areas of development, including mental, emotional, social, and physical growth. We believe that each person is a child of God and deserving

of love, acceptance, and support. We share our faith with children as we help them see themselves as persons of worth.”

The CDC survey was administered on-line through Survey Monkey in 2008 and 2009, and the Preschool survey was available on-line in 2009. Last year, 63 people responded to the CDC survey, and 57 people responded to the Preschool survey. On a scale of 1 (not at all satisfied) to 5 (extremely satisfied), last years survey results showed a satisfaction rating with your child’s class overall of 4.2 - 4.82 in the CDC, and 4.33 – 5.0 in the Preschool. Besides individual ratings for each classroom, we also ask you to rate your overall satisfaction with the oversight and administration of the programs. Last year the CDC rate was 4.57 and the Preschool rate was 4.83. The survey also allows for you to share “one thing you love...” and “name one thing that you wish you could change”.

We have 202 families enrolled in the CDC and Preschool. My goal is for 100% of our families to be represented in the results. The survey is quick and easy to complete. The responses are reviewed by the CDC and Preschool Directors, discussed with and among the teachers, and shared with the WCM Board of Directors.

In an effort to receive the results of the Parent surveys earlier in the current academic year, we are planning to send the survey out to you during the month of February. We will be sending the survey to the same e-mail address where we send our e-mail reminders. If your e-mail address has changed please inform Kerry or Terrylynn. If you have supplied us with your current e-mail address and you are not getting our e-mail reminders, please check to see if your home or office computer has a spam filter that is blocking these reminders.

You are the “heart” of Haygood...Happy Valentines Day!