

Bernie's Monthly Notes

Bernie's Newsletter
January 2020

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year Bernie's!

I know this is late, but I want to wish you all a very happy 2020 and thank you for your generosity to our center. I feel so grateful to come to work here. I am grateful for the wonderful co-workers I spend my days with. I am touched by every smile and greeting I receive from children in each classroom. I feel appreciated and respected by the Board of Directors as we all work together to make Bernie's work for children, parents, and staff. And, I respect every parent for doing everything you can do to raise your children to be kind, creative, inquisitive, and ready to dance on top of a table when the mood strikes. Yes, I am grateful to be here and I hope you feel the same way. Happy New Year to you all.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January

18: Parent Night Out

20: Bernie's is closed for staff workday

Parking:

Just a reminder that parents or other visitors to the center should always park in front of the center in a blue stall. Please do not park across from the building. These yellow stalls are for our neighbors and they are very territorial about their one parking space. Also, please do not idle cars in the lot. Always turn your engine off and lock the doors. Thanks.

REPEAT!

Baby, it's cold outside!

As winter will soon officially be here, please help your child be prepared for outside play. Please make sure these items are in your child's cubby:

- 1) Extra seasonal clothing
- 2) Two sets of mittens or gloves
- 3) A warm hat
- 4) A warm coat or jacket
- 5) Inside shoes or slippers
- 6) Extra socks
- 7) Snow pants and boots!

Just as a reminder, boots, all boots, everyone's boots and wet shoes are to be taken off at the front door so that our floors stay dry and safe. This means parents as well as children and it means at the front door. Thanks for complying with this.

And, the snow is in the forecast. Please remember that our center will close if MMSD closes due to inclement weather. Listen to the local radio or television stations for notices of closures. Thanks.

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TAX TIME!

If you were with the center last year, you will receive a statement from me next week listing the total amount your family paid in childcare for 2019. The Federal Tax Number needed for tax purposes is 39-1357565. Happy Tax Season!

IT'S CSA TIME!

Last summer, we began offering a CSA from Small Family Farm, located in LaFarge. Those of us who participated were very happy with the weekly or every other week box of fresh organic produce and eggs. It is once again sign up time for this and we would like to again offer this as a service to your family. Attached to this newsletter is a sign up form that you may use. Options are listed and if you are interested in sharing a 20 week share with another family, we can try to match you with a partner. This is the best financial deal, rather than ordering and every other week share. If you have questions, of course, ask! Amie Swanson, our wonderful cook, enjoyed vegetables from this farm and can fill you in! This is not a fundraising event for the center, by the way. It is just a great way to share fresh, locally grown produce with our families and the University Houses community. Spread the word to friends, if you like. Let's start thinking about Summer!!!!

QUOTABLE QUOTES FROM BERNIE'S CHILDREN

Gadea: "I was born on a cold winter's day."

Soren: "Vicki, you wanna see my secret plans?"

Leo: "Guess What. My dad lets me watch Clone Wars."

Gavi: "Guess what. My parents let me watch The Sound of Music."

Michelle: "Ana, did you ask Santa for anything?"

Ana: "Yes, a hover board because Marty McFly has one in Back to the Future."

Gavi: "You should really go to Arizona. There's a really big pool there with double floaties."

Eladio: "I'm a master of being kind."

Gadea: "When walrus' get tired from swimming in the water, they die. I feel bad for them. I can handle drowning but I can't handle dying."