NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER
Partnering with The Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy to improve children’s well-being through research, practice, and policy.

Holiday Resources

Various organizations around Columbus offer assistance during the winter holiday season, such as food baskets, toys, clothing, and adopt-a-family programs. Organizations such as “Toys for Tots,” “Firefighters For Kids,” and “HandsOn Central Ohio” are available to local families.

While some local programs have restrictions, such as income or neighborhood of residence, other programs are open to all.

Many programs REQUIRE ADVANCE registration in November or the beginning of December, so be sure to sign up early. To learn more about available programs for your family, contact the SFC Social Work office at 614-247-7707 or email Social Work Intern Hibbo Ali at ali.508@buckeyemail.osu.edu.

Kass Family Book Club

Each month your child receives a book in their mailbox. These books, along with all of the books in the library, are generously provided by the Kass Family to help make reading fun. Each book includes fun activities to do with your child and ways to make the experience of reading with them more exciting. Infant and Toddler families, look for Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera. Explore the new verses of Row, Row, Row Your Boat and have fun making silly sounds with your child. Preschool families, look for Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy by Jacky Davis. Join Lulu and Sam as they navigate conflict resolution and save the playground!

Events

P&G GIVEAWAY IN TOWNSQUARE
Friday, November 2, from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

COFFEE TALK
Tuesdays from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Drop off your child and enjoy coffee and a snack with staff and other families in the JP Morgan Chase Library.

STORY TIME AND SONGS
Wednesdays from 4:40 – 5:20 p.m.
Join your child in the JP Morgan Chase Library for stories, snacks and sing-a-longs.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closure

We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday November 23rd. Have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.
From SFC Librarian Kari Welch

Literacy Tips For Preschoolers

Make shared book reading interactive and fun. Encourage your child to predict what will happen in the story by looking at the front and back covers before you start to read.

Look at the endpapers (the pictures printed just inside the front and back covers) to see if there are any clues about the story. You can even take a book walk to see if you find any clues about the story in the pictures.

Stuck by Oliver Jeffers

As you read, ask your child questions about what is happening. When you finish reading, ask your child if their prediction was correct. If their prediction did not come true, ask them what was different. Encourage them to retell the story, using the pages of the book for help. You can find these interactive stories in our school library to take home.

The Thank You Book by Mo Willems

Literacy Tips For Infants and Toddlers

When talking with your child, try to expand on what they say each time you respond. This is called serve and return. For example, when your child says “bird”, you can respond with “Yes, there is a red bird.” When you do this you are expanding their vocabulary for future conversations and showing them how a conversation between two people works.

First 100 Words by Priddy

For babies and young toddlers who may not have many words, you can do this technique with yourself as you talk with your baby. For example, if your child is doing tummy time you can say, “You are lifting up your head” and then follow up with “You are lifting up your head to reach for the blue car.”

Hooray for Hat by Brian Won

Books are a fun tool to use for conversation and expanding your child’s vocabulary. Books such as First 100 Words by Priddy and Hooray for Hat by Brian Won are great for talking about the objects you see on the page.

Weinland Park Family University

Weinland Park Family University hosts a series of information sessions and conversations designed to empower families and offer strategies to support learning at home. Family University sessions provide parents of children age 10 or younger the tools they need to prepare children for success in school and in life.

Participants receive a free Kroger gift card for attending each session and childcare is provided for children ages 0-4. Children ages 5 & up will participate in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & math) activities with SIMPLR STEAM. Lunch is provided. Register with Traci Blaylock at 614.372.9372 or tblaylock@cpoms.org

When: Saturdays, November 3rd (Part 1) and 10th (Part 2) from 10:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Where: Weinland Park Elementary School
Topic: Self-Care Skills “Helping families identify stressors and tools to cope.”
# THANKSGIVING MEALS

*Here is a round up of Thanksgiving meals happening around Columbus.*

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<td>Stowe Mission of Central Ohio</td>
<td>614-445-8400 <a href="mailto:stowemission@gmail.com">stowemission@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Thursday, November 22, 11 am – 12:30 pm</td>
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<td>Mt. Vernon Avenue AME Church Outreach Center</td>
<td>614-253-4323 <a href="mailto:mtvernoname.thanksgiving@gmail.com">mtvernoname.thanksgiving@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Broad Street Presbyterian Church</td>
<td>614-221-6552 <a href="mailto:foodpantry@bspc.org">foodpantry@bspc.org</a></td>
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<td>Central Community House</td>
<td>614-252-3157 <a href="mailto:info@cchouse.org">info@cchouse.org</a></td>
<td>Wednesday, November 28, 6 - 7 pm</td>
<td>Free and Open to the Public (If bringing a large group, 10+, please notify us no later than Nov. 21)</td>
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