

September 24, 2018

From the Director's Desk

On Wednesday, October 3 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Lori Mills, Jackson Mills' mom, will be offering flu shots at Childgarden. Lori is a pharmacist for Schnucks and is making this service available to Childgarden staff and families (adults and siblings who are 7 and older).

For those who are interested, [click here to download and complete a form](#). Please fill out form #1 or make a copy of your insurance card. In addition, complete the top shaded portion of form #2. Please email completed forms to me or drop them by my office by Friday, September 28. Lori will run your insurance information prior to October 3 making it quick and easy the day of. If your insurance company doesn't cover the cost, Lori will notify you.

-Debbie

Goodbye Summer

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed snacks for our end of summer celebration. Children of all age groups participated and had a wonderful time! Snacks, juice boxes, and popsicles were abundant. Thank you to our music therapist, who joined the party for a sing along.



Change in Hours

The center will implement new hours beginning Monday, October 1. Childgarden will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m..

Reminder: Binders

As mentioned last month, we are working to improve the lines of communication and are asking parents and staff to utilize the children's binders. We are asking parents to take a minute to sign their child in/out and check your child's binder for important information that may need your attention.

Friday, October 26: Fall Festival

The Childgarden Fall Festival has been scheduled for the evening of Friday, October 26. We would like to invite a small group of parents to join us in planning the event this year. Please email me if you are interested.



Wednesday, November 28: Positive Parenting

Join the St. Louis Arc on **Wednesday, November 28 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. for a free family workshop at Childgarden.**

Positive Parenting Interventions and Supports

Learn new ways to set up the many environments of your child's life for success! We invite you to consider changes that will increase your child's success and decrease your own frustration. We'll discuss effective ways of setting limits and creating manageable household rules that will lead to building positive interactions and loving relationships within your family. This workshop will include time for specific questions and brainstorming within the audience.

Presenters:

Claudia Orf, *Speech and Language Therapist, Credentialed Behavior Staff, Belle Children's Services of the St. Louis Arc*

Jennifer Stevens, *M. ED, Applied Behavior Analysis Implementer, Credentialed Behavior Staff, Belle Children's Services of the St. Louis Arc*



While the workshop is free, we ask that you please [RSVP](#) so we can plan accordingly.

I highly encourage you to look at the complete [Family Workshop Series](#), being offered at the St. Louis Arc.

The St. Louis Arc's Children's Services Team



Last week the staff from all of the programs involved in the Arc's Children's Services came together to start the process of getting to know each. The evening was full of good food, great conversation, and A LOT of laughter! There were a couple of staff who were not able to make it, so we introduce you to "almost the whole family"!