



Aitkin Children's Center

February 2018

Aitkin Children's Center
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Special Event: Valentine Pajama Party Tuesday, February 13th

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Rippleside Cafeteria

Mark your calendar's for the Aitkin Children's Center Valentine Pajama Party which will be held on Tuesday February 13th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm in Rippleside's Cafeteria. Enjoy games, crafts, cupcake decorating, and a pajama parade. In lieu of prizes for playing games, everyone that attends will be eligible to win a gift basket. This event is free, no registration is required and it is open to all area children birth through prekindergarten, with older siblings welcome. Don't miss out on this event!!



WRAP Program: We Rally Around Parents

Cassandra Conn has been hired as a Family Resource Specialist. Her goal is to support families with young children in Aitkin County get in touch with resources to ensure the best outcomes for the family and the child. This service is provided at no-cost to families who are eligible. To learn more, contact Julie Miller at 927-7735 or Cassandra Conn at 320-679-1800.



New Names for 3's & 4's Preschool Classes:

The Aitkin Children's Center would like to rename the 3's and 4's Preschool Classes and is looking for suggestions from parents and community members. For example, in Yellow Medicine East, 3's Preschool is called Honeybee's and 4's Preschool is referred to as Bumblebee's. Please submit names to Amanda Ashton aashton@isd1.org by February 28th.

Parent Advisory Council Corner:

The Aitkin Children's Center has a parent advisory council that meets monthly. This council is comprised of center staff, parents, a school board representative, and other community members. The council exists to provide feedback to enhance and improve programming at the Center. Everyone is welcome! The next meeting is Tuesday, February 6th at 5:15 pm. Free childcare will be provided.



We would like to thank the Parent Advisory Council for approving the purchase of cupcakes and gift baskets for our upcoming Valentine Pajama Party.

Transition to Kindergarten

It's never too early to start thinking about the transition to kindergarten. The Parent Class Placement Input form will be mailed out to families in late February or early March. Parents are encouraged to share information on these forms that will assist teachers in creating balanced classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents should return forms to the Rippleside Office or the Children's Center.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place during the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Celebrate by dressing up on the following days:
Monday, Feb. 26th - Comfy day
Tuesday, February 27th - Seuss day
Wednesday, February 28th - Wacky Wednesday
Thursday, March 1st - Neon Thursday
Friday, March 2nd - Spirit Friday

