



The Family Partnership Group *at the* Argonne Child Development Center



ACDC Family Partnership Group Meeting Agenda Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 12:00pm 951 – School Age Room

1. Recent Activities

- a. Open House/Preview – Kendra said she attended and found this informal meeting with the Twos teachers helpful for future.
- b. February Activity Calendar – Gayle discussed the activities for the month with the highlight being the Chinese New Year dragon parades done by Preschool and Kindergarten Prep.
- c. Valentine's Day cards – Melissa said that Max loved getting "mail" and enjoyed opening up all his cards. Other parents present said similar comments.

2. Upcoming Activities

- a. Young Artists' Expo March 11-15 – We will be hosting our 14th Young Artists' Expo this week. All children will make an art piece in the center. The pieces will be displayed in building 240 during the week. On Friday, we have a "mock" auction where parents can opt to purchase their child's art piece for charity. All funds from the event go to the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children to create Bright Spaces. Bright Spaces are play spaces for children in homeless or domestic abuse shelters and provide children with opportunities for play when their lives are being affected by homelessness and/or abuse. The information was in the email update on 3/1 but Gayle will be sending a separate email with security protocols included.
- b. Week of the Young Child will be April 8-12. There will be special activities each day and family picnic from 11am-12pm on the playgrounds (weather permitting). Gayle will be sending details shortly for parents to mark their calendars.
- c. Open House Week April 8-12 – We will be hosting an open house week for fall enrollment this week. Please refer any colleagues to the center for family referral bonuses and to keep the center full!

3. Faculty Appreciation

- a. Faculty Appreciation Month – May
 - i. Theme for the week – We are looking for a theme for the week. After reviewing the choices, we selected "Our Teachers Make Life a Picnic!" Gayle will work with the group to come up with gift ideas for the week.
- b. Family Contributions – Now that we have a theme for the week, we will put out a letter to families regarding the contribution towards the cost of the appreciation week.
- c. Birthday cards for the month will be completed and sent out to faculty.
- d. Thank you card *"Thank you so much for thinking of me on my birthday. Thank you for the gift card to my favorite store or what I call my happy place! All the best, Ms. Quiana"*
- e. Holiday Luncheon was done on Monday, March 4 for the staff meeting so we could avoid needing sterno cans or other open flame to keep the food warm since we were all eating at once. They were served fried chicken and sides! Beverages and desserts were also provided. Thank you for providing this to the staff!

4. Growing Readers Library Selections – Gayle is checking in with parents about the center library and it's usage especially the Growing Reader Books the company chooses quarterly for

parents to read and use knowledge to select other quality books for children. Families present made the following comments:

- a. It is great that we have the library to use, it's convenient.
 - b. Literacy packets are awesome and there are favorite among the children as there something to do with the book. They are also great for the car ride home.
 - c. Jessica said that when Isaac was younger they did more books now it is literacy packs.
 - d. Anne Marie asked about lost pieces to the literacy packs. How does stuff get replaced? Ms. Lori normally handles the replacement of lost items for the literacy packs. If there is a game or puzzle then Gayle will eventually replace the whole kit. We had made copies of the pieces to print and laminate but it is time consuming to do so. If you take a book or puzzle home and it has missing pieces please drop it off in the office.
5. Treasurer's Report: \$1,000.42.
 6. Abri Credit Union Club Account – Gilles Doumy agree to take the open position for the account so we can proceed with getting it all set up. Thank you to Gilles, Cory and Rachel for doing so!
 7. Other: None
 8. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Noon

Attendance:

In Person – Kendra Kennedy, Jessica McChesney, Gilles Doumy, Anne Marie March, Gayle Burgher
Phoned In – Melissa Malaniuk, Juhee Bajaj, Pingping Sun, Rachel Heafner

Conference Line Option: Please note the new number starting 2/5/19! If it is more convenient for you to call into our meeting, please use the following line: 866-777-5715, PIN #: 77307922#.

Current Room Representatives: We have added the children's names next to parent names to help parents who do not attend a way to identify those parents who are Room Representatives.

Infants – Rachel Heafner (Zeke)

Toddlers – Melissa Malaniuk (Madison Tods/Max PS), Kendra Kennedy (Seyla)

Twos – Janet Ford (Mabel Twos/Ruby SA), Yun Ji (Ethan)

Preschool – Bin Liu (Chris), Cory Flowers (Michael), Anne Marie March (Elodie PS/Adele KPrep), Pingping Sun (Liz PS/Sophie KPrep), Jessica McChesney (Isaac)

Kindergarten Prep – Laura Lodewyck (Ella KPrep/Jack SA), Gilles Doumy (Elodie PS/Adele KPrep), Cassie Rubly (Ada), Fanny Simoes (Micah PS/Owen SA), Qi Guo (Emily)