



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



ACDC Family Partnership Group Meeting Agenda Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 12:00pm 951 – School Age Room

1. Recent Activities

- a. Breakfast with Santa (Argonne Club event 12/7, 9am-2pm, cafe) – We had games set up for families to play while waiting for their turn to take the photo with Santa. This is a great family event that Argonne Club puts on each year!
- b. Fire Department CPR at BWS – The fire department had a table at the event as well. They were doing quick CPR steps for parents, passing out safety tips sheets and items for kids. They are working on getting more fire firefighters certified to be car seat inspectors. 85% of child car seats are installed incorrectly. We will be partnering with them in the future to host a car seat check event.
- c. Parent Satisfaction Survey – The family survey started last week. Please take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts on the center. There is a combination of 1-4 ratings as well as sections where you can input comments. Please email Gayle once you are done to be entered a raffle for a \$30 gift certificate for dinner.

2. Upcoming Activities

- a. Winter Celebration (1/17/20) – Our winter potluck will be January 17 in building 240. We were not able to book Mary Macaroni due to a conference she attends. We were able to get a magic show with Sean Masterson. He has been at our center before and does a great show. Please RSVP to Gayle if you are coming to the potluck and if you are a foreign national, email Gayle your country of birth and citizenship for security clearance.
- b. MLK Jr. Day for School Age, January 20
- c. Preview Event February 4 – Come check out your child's next classroom from 4:30-5:30pm! Details to come out soon!
- d. Kindergarten Round Up February 4 – Come learn about our kindergarten program as an option for your child from 4:45-5:15pm in the school age room.
- e. Valentine's Day – We will send out a class list of names for those families who want to share valentines or friendship notes with the children in their child's class.
- f. President's Day for School Age, February 17
- g. Picture Days February 25 & 26 – Mark your calendars for annual picture day! We will send out details as we get closer to the dates!

3. Family Webinars & Topics – Gayle has a ticket in for her Blue Jeans issue. She is working with Mobile Therapy Centers of America on providing some parent webinars either in lieu of or in addition to the regular Family Partnership Group meetings in 2020. Topics brought up by other Room Representatives at previous meetings were: how to stop whining, what to expect as children get older, power struggles, bedtime routines, general parenting tips/resources.

4. Faculty Appreciation

- a. Holiday Luncheon for Faculty Follow Up – Lunch ended up being dinner at the last staff meeting so we could schedule something without a flame permit as everyone ate at the same time. We catered in Bucca di Beppo and the faculty enjoyed it!

- b. Awards of Excellence Nominations begin in February – Gayle will send out details as the company sends them out to her. Each year Bright Horizons gives families the option to nominate teachers/staff who gone above and beyond or have strong parent partnerships or make the program come alive for their child. The nomination period is the beginning of the Faculty Appreciation Month (in May) where the awards are given out and we plan special activities for staff.
- c. Birthday cards for the month will be completed and sent out to faculty.
- d. Thank you card from Kelly Repass *“Dear Argonne Family Parent Partnership Group, Thank you for the generous Target gift card for my birthday! You can be sure I will have a fun time spending it. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Sincerely, Ms. Kelly”.*

5. Treasurer’s Report: \$481.62

6. Abri Credit Union Club Account – New Treasurer Needed

7. Other:

- a. Rachel asked about enrollment in the center and delays for transitions. Gayle explained that we have 16 infant spaces that funnel into 10 toddler spaces, 12 twos spaces, then there are 20 preschool spaces and 20 kindergarten prep spaces. This past 18 months in the center have shown an increase in enrollment in throughout the center but mostly infants. We also have pockets of children in the center with similar birthdates so moving children on time becomes difficult. Gayle will continue to do transitions as openings become available with changes in individual family schedules and family departures from the center. The options become easier in the older age groups where the ratios are higher.
- b. Rachel added a possible topic for webinar. She says that her child likes to mix things which is something that takes place in the classroom for the cooking activities. Can we get a webinar on how to cook with children with age appropriate ideas for families to do at home? Gayle will add that to the list and see if we can add that.
- c. Laura Boon asked about PACE meeting dates. Gayle said originally, she had the dates to the PACE meetings as one of the former center parents, Kenley Pelzer, had started the club which turned into an Employee Resource Group. Laura said she didn’t know about the group until she became the President of Post Docs. Gayle will see if she can get the dates from Kenley or Anne Marie March (who was supposed to help take over the group) and put them back on the ACDC calendar and/or let new families know about the group as they join the center.

8. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Noon.

Attendance: Phone-Melissa Malaniuk, Rachel Heafner, In Person-Laura Boon, Amy Mikuta, Gayle Burgher

Conference Line Option: If it is more convenient for you to call into our meeting, please use the following line: 866-777-5715, PIN #: 77307922#. You can use *6 to mute and unmute your line if you are joining the call where there is background noise. Thank you!

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 (Zeb), Laura Boon (Lucy)

Toddlers – Open Position

Twos – Juhee Bajaj (Kaira Twos/Jyanshu PS) Melissa Malaniuk (Madison Twos/Max KP), Kendra Kennedy (Seyla)

Preschool – Janet Ford (Mabel PS/Ruby SA), Jessica McChesney (Isaac)

Kindergarten Prep – Gilles Doumy (Elodie KP/Adele SA), Qi Guo (Emily) Bin Liu (Chris)

School Age – Anne Marie March (Elodie KP/Adele SA), Pingping Sun (Liz KP/Sophie SA)