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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Stormonth Elementary

November
2009

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Site Happenings:

We would like to extend a warm welcome from our family to yours. We would also like to let you know how thrilled we are that you will be joining us this school year and fill you in on some of the activities that we have planned.

For the month of October we did many activities that introduced us to the fall season. Some of these activities included Pumpkin faces, Tape initials, acrostic poems & journal entries for Fall. Look forward to focusing on the value of Thankfulness in the month of November! We will be creating Thanksgiving skits and Thankful books for the month of November!

Penny Wars:

We are starting a penny war competition to earn money for the Strong Kids Campaign. The Strong Kids Campaign is a scholarship program through the YMCA which allows children and families to participate in School Age YMCA programs, Day Camps, Girls Night Out, and many other classes offered throughout the year. How does it work? The goal of the Penny War is to collect the most pennies! However, silver change and dollar bills will count as negative points. For example, if someone put 100 pennies into AM programs' bin and another child put in a \$1 bill—the points would erase one another. The Program that has collected the most pennies in the end will be rewarded with an ice cream social! Dunwood YMCA Center has a fundraising goal of \$95.00! Your participation and support is greatly appreciated! We look forward to having a lot of fun raising money to help those in our community.

School's Out & Half Days:

November 25th
Early Release

November 26th
No School— Thanksgiving

November 27th
Schools Out Day

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our
Friends and Family
at the
YMCA School Age Program.
We hope you have a wonder-
ful day and wish you the best
in the coming year.

Aiden Mahoney

11/2

Amadi Clark

11/15

Kaiden Melsheimer

11/4



Family Riddle:

Q: What do you call
2,000 strawberries all
stuck in a doorway?

A: Strawberry Jam!

YMCA Branch Information:

Thank you to all of our families that could join us for the Dunwood Childcare Center's Annual Harvest Fest on October 28th, 2009. We had a very successful turn out and are thankful for all of the time we get to spend with you and your family. Please join us each Friday for Family Night @ Dunwood! Please contact Papia Goon @ 414-351-9622 if you have questions regarding Friday Family Nights!

YMCA School Age Recognition

Our Student(s) of the Month at Stormonth

YMCA School Age Child Care:

Amanda Mlekoday
Amadi Clark

**These participants have been
leaders & role models each day
in program !**

Keep Up The Good Work!

December Payment are now due. Please review your bill and pay the full amount due. If you signed up for automatic credit card payments you will not receive a monthly bill. Please remember that all schedule changes and withdraws must come through the billing office & will not be taken at your specific location. We require a 2 week notice & you are held responsible for payment of those 2 weeks. Any questions regarding schedule changes or withdraws can be directed to the School Age Billing office at 414-274-0738.

Directors Notes:

WE CAN DO IT!

As we are now in the Month of November, the cold winter season & holidays will be fast approaching. For the month of November and into December our YMCA Program will be incorporating Strong Kids Campaign fundraisers into program.

The Strong Kids Campaign is a scholarship fund through the YMCA of Metro Milwaukee that allows children and families within our community to get involved in programs such as Day Camp and School Age Child Care. Although times are tough for a lot of families, there is always someone out there hurting a little bit more than we are.

Our Site Goal this year is to raise \$200.00! With your help and support we can continue to build strong kids, strong families & strong communities.

Leadership Transition:

Over the course of the October month our School Age leadership team has transitioned. Myself, Ashley VanderPas, Program Manager & School Age Director, Stephanie Hernandez, will now be overseeing your school age site. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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Healthy Habits, Food & Fun

This month, make dinnertime a family time. When everyone sits down together to eat, there's less chance of children eating the wrong foods or snacking too much. Get the kids involved in cooking and planning meals. Everyone develops good eating habits together and the quality time with the family will be an added bonus.

Try this healthy dish and let the kids get involved!

Salsa Chicken

Ingredients:

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

4 teaspoons taco seasoning mix

1 cup of salsa

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees F, sprinkle taco seasoning on both sides of the chicken and place in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Pour salsa over the top of the chicken and bake for 25 minutes. Sprinkle chicken evenly with cheese and continue baking an additional 3-5 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Enjoy!



Going Green Tip:

Hand-wash dishes or only run the dishwasher for full loads. Most people don't realize it, but dishwashers use considerably more water to wash a load of dishes than the traditional sink method does. A LOT MORE. So, to conserve water, it's best not to use the dishwasher at all. If you do, use eco-friendly dishwashing detergent and only run the washer when it is completely full. If it's not full or if you can, choose to wash dishes in the sink instead, of course, with eco-friendly dishwashing liquid.

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