

State Street Early Learning Center February 2018 News

Valentine Day!!

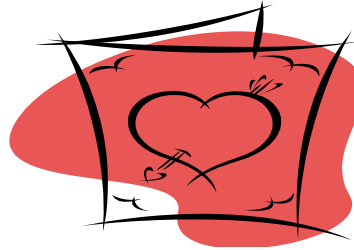
As we think about celebrating holidays with children it is easy to let our mind instantly jump to candies, sweets, and treats. Our goal at the State Street ELC is to teach children about Healthy Living and establishing healthy habits right from the start. If you are volunteering to provide a snack for Valentine's Day, please consider the more healthy options of "Red Items," such as strawberries, raspberries, pink applesauce, watermelon, strawberry yogurt, etc. By providing these snacks on a special day, we are showing children that healthy food is also special and fun!



A HINT ON MAKING VALENTINE'S WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Do not worry about writing the name of each individual child in your child's class on their Valentine's. Instead, make it a meaningful activity for your child where they practice writing/recognizing their own name. For younger children, use printable labels with your child's name on them and have the child stick the label onto the card. This way, when your child delivers the cards they will not have to know how

to read the names, they simply need to give it to each friend and everyone will know who it is from!



In hopes of keeping our center healthy during the season please remember these handy tips

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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**State Street ELC Family Advisory
Council Meeting February 8th at 5pm.**



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Thank you to all of those that have taken steps to be part of the Family Advisory Council. We are still looking for families to join. Please stop in the office if you are interested!

- Helping with fundraising efforts to support the South Shore YMCA Annual Campaign.
- Supporting us in our efforts to provide the best in Early Childhood education for children and their families.



State Street ELC **Best Practices** **and Policies**

As we begin a new school year with new friends, families and

teachers it is a great time to send out a few reminders about ELC's best practices and policies to maintain a safe and efficient early childhood center. Please read over the following and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

- ✓ Please note: Please DO NOT park in handicap parking spots.
- ✓ YMCA parking lot is ONLY to be used for YMCA participants who are using the facility. Please do not park your car here if you are using public transportation as cars may be towed.



**Get Important Updates from State
Street ELC via the Remind Text
Messaging App**

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students and parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. ELC staff will never see your phone number, nor will you see ours.

To join and receive information about emergency closures due to inclement weather and other reminders, text the following message @bcgcg7 to the number 81010

OR

If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/bcgcg7>

**Please feel free to reach out to
Director Mary Spargo or Assistant
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questions or comments. We value
your feedback!**

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