

Parent



Update

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Dear Parents,

Hard to believe that a year ago we were frantically moving into Wabasha Hall. How far we've come and will continue to go in the next months! There are a couple of things I want to bring to your attention this month.

Some of you have asked questions about toy safety, based on information in the press last fall regarding the lead content found in some toys. We have done some further investigation and found the greatest risk is found when paint or plastic chips containing lead are ingested. We are reacting in the following ways: We have removed toys reviewed as having lead in their painted surfaces; we are reviewing other plastic toys listed as having a high lead content and removing any that are cracked or chipped; we are replacing infant/toddler toys found on the list; we have also applied for grant funds that will help us afford this unexpected program cost. I have found the following web sites helpful during this review process and encourage you to use them with your toys at home:

www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/Recalls/toys.htm

www.healthytoys.org

www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/faq/about.htm

Let us know if you have any questions.

The second thing I'd like to mention is an upcoming survey that will appear in your child's mailbox next week from the Winona Early Childhood Initiative. This grassroots group (including parents) is surveying Winona parents with children aged birth-five to help compile local information that can help shape many developing programs and opportunities in Winona. Please take 15 minutes to fill this out and return it. These can be returned to an envelope next to the check-in computer.

It's been fun being around the Center the last few weeks and seeing how everyone is growing. I want to thank the Maxwell staff for their continued support as I headed back to classes at the UW last week. I will continue being available by email (jmreineke@winona.edu) and on Fridays to answer questions. Please read on for more center details.



**REMEMBER HATS,
MITTENS AND
BOOTS! WE GO
OUTSIDE
EVERY DAY,
USUALLY MORE
THAN ONCE!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- FEB. 16—Winter Carnival**—sponsored by the School Ageds for the Maxwell Families, 11:00-12:30 pm, Wabasha Hall
- FEB. 23—Reading on the Mall**—Preschoolers will perform @ 10:30 am
- MARCH 3-7—MAXWELL CLOSED** for Spring Break
- MARCH 27—Vladislav Blaha Classical Guitar Concert**—Fundraiser for Maxwell programs
- APRIL 12—Family Fun Day** at the High School 10:00-12:30 pm
- APRIL 18—Finals Week, May & Summer Enrollment Requests Due**
- MAY 2—Fall '08 Enrollment Requests Due**
- MAY 23—MAXWELL CLOSED** for Professional Development
- MAY 26—MAY 30—MAXWELL CLOSED**
- JUNE 2—Summer Session Begins**

STUDENT PARENTS
READ THIS!!
CHILD CARE TUITION FUNDING
AVAILABLE

Applications must be returned to the office by TOMORROW, Friday, February 1st. We have funding available from the Student Senate to underwrite student's child care tuition costs by as much as 50%. **Ask in the office if you need another application!!!**

Save Those Labels and Lids



Maxwell has received their first checks from Kwik Trip's Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough program.

Milk Moola is an easy way for us to earn 5¢ for each cap and bag top from Kwik Trip products such as milk, orange juice, bottled water and Kwik Trip's fruit drinks that you turn in. Donuts to Dough is an easy way to earn 10¢ for each Glazers price oval you turn in from each Dozen or Half-Dozen boxes of Glazers donuts.

Campbell's accepts UPC labels and lids from a very wide range of products and rewards points that can be redeemed for educational equipment. A list of eligible products is posted on the front parent information bulletin board.

Please encourage family and friends to save labels and lids for Maxwell. Labels and lids can be dropped off anytime in the containers near the office entrance.

Thanks to Jill Quandt for organizing these efforts!

HELP!!!!!!!

WE NEED SOME PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!

We have several projects and upcoming fundraisers at the center that need parent volunteer hours and energy.

1. Wabasha Hall 3rd floor organizing (2-3 hrs/week)
2. Vladislav Blaha Concert on 3/27/08
3. Originals Works art sale in March

Please contact Mindy and/or Barb for details!
Mindy 457-2301 OR mreinardy@winona.edu
Barb 457-2304 OR bnagel@winona.edu

FOR WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS...



1. Listen to local radio stations,
2. Check their website: www.winonaradio.com
3. Check LaCrosse Channel 8.
4. Check WSU website: www.winona.edu

We will make the decision to close by 6:15 am on

snowy/icy days. Generally speaking we do not close unless the university cancels classes. When all classes are cancelled we will call parents and let them know the center is closing. This is usually done in the early afternoon.

CENTER PHONE NUMBERS:

- Office.....457-2300
- Infant.....457-2302
- Toddler I.....457-2303
- Toddler II.....457-2305
- Preschool I.....457-2306
- Preschool II.....457-2304
- School Age.....457-2301
- Madison Toddler.....494-2248
- Madison Preschool....494-2211