



March 2016 Family E-newsletter

Coming Together

Five years ago, we heard from both our current and alumni families that they wanted to get together. They wanted a chance to sit around and catch up, to hear what the graduates were doing now, to see one another and have a good time. And the Family Reunion was born!



[Click here to purchase your tickets today!](#)

Early bird pricing ends on April 6th!

We hope you will join us for the 5th Family Reunion on Saturday, April 16th. This event is a great opportunity to do what folks wanted - to get together, to catch up and to have a great time. We feature a delicious lunch, exciting raffles, face painting and activities for kids, we'll have a social media corner for the older kiddos to post their latest selfie and even some fun entertainment!



Many of the Child's Voice teachers (current and past) plan to attend this event to see all our graduates and current students. Mrs. Jeanette has made a special request that our families try to attend as she is moving out of state after this year. Please join us for a fun day together!



Recently Heard...



Alumni Success Story

Meet Elizabeth, a Child's Voice graduate.

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Visionary Voices

Dr. Michele's latest blog about celebrating Music & Education.

[Read more...](#)



Parent Resources

Family Education

Making sure a child gets good, sound sleep ensures he/she will have a 'sound' foundation for proper mind/body development. Here's an informative article from [Web MD about sleep and children.](#)

Success Beyond Child's Voice

An excellent activity for children to practice emotions is, "Emotion Charades." Replace traditional Charades cards with cards showing different emotions. You and your child can take turns acting out the emotions while others guess what you're feeling. This focuses on each child's ability to recognize emotion in others and how to appropriately express this emotion. An added bonus is the opportunity to discuss situations that might make you feel that emotion and how to maneuver through it!

Spring Break

Looking for ways to keep busy over the break? Here are some suggestions from GreatSchools: [click here.](#)

Lovin' Literacy

Literacy is about reading ALL THE TIME! Reading while doing activities, as you're in the car, reading in the classroom and more! Find out more ways to involve

reading in your daily life in our latest [Lovin' Literacy Blog posting here.](#)

Healthy Voices

Eating a nutritious breakfast is a critical step every day for each child, including all our students at Child's Voice. That healthy meal gives them the energy to proceed through an intense day of learning at Child's Voice. Here are some great breakfast ideas from [Healthy Kids - Healthy Eating.](#)

Calling for Videos of YOUR students!

Our long time partners and friends at the Oberkotter Foundation have sent out a request for videos from families. Please take a moment and [read the full request](#) and submit your amazing Child's Voice students/graduate's videos! Thank you!



Help change the life of a child with hearing loss.



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Program News

Spring Comes to Child's Voice

Our Early Intervention students had a wonderful time 'making clouds' in class this month! We're all enjoying the sunshine and promise of warmer weather!

The School Program students in the Primary II Learning Center enjoyed building leprechaun traps! They even captured some gold this year!



Upcoming Events

Thank you to our sponsors MED EL and in collaboration with Wood Dale School District 7, Child's Voice is thrilled to present:

<p>Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Wood Dale Jr. High</p> <p><i>Talking to your child can change their life!</i> Dr. Dana Suskind explains the impact of early language to all children through her research and real-life case studies.</p>	<p>THIRTY MILLION WORDS</p> <p>BUILDING A CHILD'S BRAIN</p>	<p>Dr. Dana Suskind Author of "Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain"; Director, Thirty Million Words Initiative; Professor, Surgery & Pediatrics; Director, Pediatric Cochlear Implantation Program at the University of Chicago; Child's Voice Board Member</p>
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Recognition Ceremony, Thursday, May 19, 2016
Child's Voice Golf Tournament Monday, June 6, 2016
20th Anniversary Celebration & Autumn Gala, Saturday, October 22, 2016
For a full listing of events, please [click here.](#)

Other Events from Child's Voice Partners:

DHH Parent Night - April 11, 2016, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Find out about available resources and more. The program includes Ms. Tina Childress presenting, "TherAPPy Tools." [Click here](#) for more.

Mom's Night In from Illinois Hands & Voices

April 23 & 24, 2016, hosted by our friends at Illinois Hands and Voices For more information on this event, please [click here.](#)

Walk in Springfield - May 21, 2016

Join Illinois Hands & Voices and Guide By Your Side at their annual Family Fun Walk in Springfield! [Click here for more.](#)



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