



May 2021 E-newsletter

Congratulations to Our Nine Graduates!

Families gathered to celebrate a socially-distanced graduation on May 22 and to congratulate our nine graduates on their amazing achievements. While we hope everyone can see graduation in person next year, you can see each graduate and their progress over their years at Child's Voice in this video!



Words from Dr. Michele

After living and working through “the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day” global pandemic, it’s time to look optimistically for all the good that has happened. We’re all finding new ways to connect with ourselves, our families, and our loved ones. We’re all realizing

how important community is—especially our school community.

[Read more here.](#)



The Golf Outing is 99% Sold Out!

There are only a few foursomes left for our Golf Outing on June 8 at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton. E-mail Cassi at cpollowy@childsvoice.org if you want to join us on the course.



On June 1, our Silent Auction opens. Watch your e-mail, our website, and social media for the link to more than 40 items and experiences, including dining and drinking, art, travel, virtual classes, and much more!

Early Intervention News

EI Services Extended to Certain Toddlers Over Summer Break

A new state law extends [EI services to three-year-olds](#) until their next school year begins. According to Child's Voice Director of Early Intervention Rollen Cooper, "The issue in the past is that sometimes there is a break in services for our early intervention families. For example, if a child turned 3 years old on June 1, all of her EI services would stop on May 31. Her school services would not start until the fall, so the child would then potentially go without any services from June 1 until the end of August when school services would begin."

Cooper says, "You can see this puts our students with hearing loss in a terrible position as they would go without speech and aural rehab services for 2 ½ months. For many of our children, this would result in a regression of listening and spoken language skills at a time when they greatly need access to therapy."

This new bill, he says, diminishes this problem, as a child in this situation would still be able to receive EI services through the state until August 31, which would give them access to therapy right up until the school year started.

Bugs Spring Up in Toddler Group!

Our Toddler Group classes have been learning about Spring, Weather, and Bugs! The children have been working on their fine motor skills and pre-writing strokes

by painting flowers with Q-tips. They also love to sing Itsy Bitsy Spider with the water spout.



ESY Returns

Extended School Year (also known as summer school) returns from June 14th- July 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The 2021-2022 School Year begins August 17.
[Click here for the school calendar.](#)

Find Other Alumni on Facebook

Attention Alumni! We have created a [Facebook Group for you!](#) Please join us and connect with your classmates and share with and learn from your fellow Alumni.



News For Parents and Families

Can People's Resource Center Help You?

People's Resource Center offers the community many services, including a food pantry and classes such as computer and job training. [Click here to find out if PRC can help you!](#)



AG Bell's Guide to Higher Education

To help students who are deaf and hard of hearing get the most out of their college experience, AG Bell created [AG Bell's Guide to Higher Education](#). This handbook includes information on assistive devices for use in class, tips on talking to professors and

other students about hearing loss, advice from recent graduates, scholarships, and much more!

Box Tops Update

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