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Arrowwood Hills Community Center Newsletter

AFTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY
3:00 - 7:00pm

TUESDAY
3:00 - 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY
3:00 - 7:00pm

THURSDAY
3:00 - 7:00pm



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Change With The Harvest Season

Many changes are taking place as the Fall 2007 season arrives at Arrowwood Hills Community Center. Prepare for an array of educational opportunities to learn and grow with the Neighborhood Network Center while taking advantage of computer and web resources.

Please feel free to stop by and meet Matt Roderick, the new Coordinator for Arrowwood Hills Neighborhood Network Center. Matt holds a wide variety of experience including working with children, teaching and education, along with special concentrations in photography, computer and visual design technology.

Matt has worked with several higher educational institutions throughout Michigan including Wayne State University, Washtenaw Community College, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Justin Sanders, an engineering student at the University of Michigan, has returned from the 2007 Summer Camp staff to lend a helping hand during the After School program. Justin displays great patience and makes a personal time investment for each child in need of guidance. He is a great resource of information and can relate to a broad range of scenarios.

Helping Toddlers Become Problem Solvers

All parents and teachers have seen the unique ability of toddlers to use toys and materials in unexpected ways. One child may turn a cup into a hammer or a basket into a hat. Another toddler may stand on a riding truck to try to reach a toy or pull over a chair to climb onto a bookshelf. Observant adults recognize these innovations as signs that children are learning to use their thinking skills to solve problems.

Experiences in problem solving at Neighborhood Network programs help children develop curiosity and patience, along with thinking skills such as flexibility, and understanding of cause and effect. They learn to work toward achieving a goal, and gain confidence in their ability to reach a solution.

Even very young children make discoveries on their own. An infant who accidentally creates a noise with a rattle may then make the sound again and again on purpose. An older infant discovers that by looking under a blanket, a hidden toy can be found. A toddler who cannot pull a wagon up a hill all alone learns that cooperating with friends can help to push it up from behind.

By not rushing in and rescuing young children who are facing minor everyday problems, adults can help infants and toddlers develop confidence and increase their thinking abilities.

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DROP-IN HOURS FOR NETWORK CENTER (ADULTS 18 & UP)

MONDAY
11:00 - 3:00pm

TUESDAY
11:00 - 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY
11:00 - 3:00pm

THURSDAY
11:00 - 3:00pm



Fall Cultural Diversity Festival

Come and join together at Arrowwood Community Center as we celebrate cultural differences during the autumn month of October.

A special Harvest occasion has been scheduled for October 24th. Bring a dish to pass that may represent a specific ancestral background. Participate by wearing clothing that expresses different cultures represented in the Arrowwood Community.

This will be a time to embrace cultural history and diversity by concentrating on positive aspects of humanity.

Fun and activities will be taking place from 6-8pm on Wednesday Oct 24th. We need volunteers to help, so please come one, come all and lets celebrate!!

Celebrating Halloween? Be careful and note: Downtown, Ann Arbor businesses will be handing out candy on October 31st to all youths wearing costumes.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 8 -14

Be sure to test all long-life smoke alarms with lithium-powered batteries on every level of your home, especially in furnace and sleeping areas. Change the batteries at least once a year to ensure proper operation.

Plan several escape routes from the house. Plan a place to meet right after

leaving the house. Conduct home fire drills with your family. Even preschool-aged children (3 and older) can begin to learn what to do in case of a fire. Place fire extinguishers around the home where the risk of fire is greatest - in the kitchen and furnace room.

American Academy of Pediatrics

About Our After School Programs...

The After School program will cover many subjects including math, science, reading, writing, and computer play. Plus, there will also be opportunities for the program to evolve with the help and voice of Arrowwood Hills Community Members. Comments are appreciated!

Children are always encouraged to complete their homework upon arriving at the After School program. Emphasis will be placed on activities to motivate children to problem solve. Excitement for learning will be structured in new ways to enhance and expand knowledge and understanding of the everyday.

It has been shown that if comprehensive programs build upon school activities and draw on resources within the community, positive outcomes for students and their families can be reached. The integration of applied knowledge from school and play can actually compound the positive results of After School programs.

If you are interested in having your child attend the After School Program (ages 5 & up), please fill out the Registration Form at the Arrowwood Hills Community Center. We look forward to seeing you After School at Arrowwood!

Computer Training Courses

Please let us know what type of computer courses you would like to see offered for professional development at Arrowwood Hills Neighborhood Network Center. Course curriculum will be developed to educate community members and enhance exposure to professional environments and career fields. Stay tuned for an informational brochure and checkout our website for updates on upcoming class offerings.