



Helping Hands and Academy Nursery School January 2018



News

January

Parent Night

JANUARY PARENT NIGHT

Thursday, January 18th, 2018
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Topic: Transition to Public School
Speakers: Helping Hands Staff:
Regina Berninger and Mary Hess

Will your child be five years old on or before December 1st, 2017? If so, as of September he or she will be eligible for public school programming. At this time of year, we begin the transition process at Helping Hands for students who will be leaving us in September. Our upcoming parent night is devoted to a presentation and discussion about the transition to public school programming. A letter will be sent home to parents of eligible children this month. The presentation will include a discussion of regulations which are followed in the process and a general overview of program options available in school districts. We hope to alleviate some of the anxiety parents often feel as transition time approaches. We encourage you to attend and to bring your ideas and questions. Childcare will be available. Childcare registration forms will come home with your child later this month. (snow date 2/2)



The Helping Hands Holiday Assistance Program was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated toys, clothing, gift cards and the time to shop. We were able to help over 30 children have a brighter holiday season. Once again we were amazed by the generosity of people in our school community. Thank you to all!

Academy Nursery School Registration 2018-2019

Applications and re-enrollment forms are available for the 2018-2019 year. If you haven't secured a spot yet, please do so soon so that you are able to get your first choice in regard to a morning (9:00 - 11:30) or an afternoon (12:30 - 3:00) opening.

For more information call Sandy Rivenburg at 664-5066. REMEMBER PRIORITY ENROLLMENT ENDS 1/12/18 and then we begin to enroll from the community. Don't forget to secure your child's placement!

Snow Play

As adults snow is often a nuisance, but for our children snow can be a lot of fun. Snow play can include the traditional snowman, snow mountains and sleigh riding. Squirt bottles filled with colored water are also a lot of fun in a snow filled yard. In addition to the fun, squirt bottles are also a great fine motor activity.



Indoor Fun

Looking for something to do indoors in January or any other time? Don't forget about the Clifton Park Public Library. See their website at: www.cphlibrary.org

Click on Children's Corner and See What's Happening to view special events and activities at the library. Our friends Miss Barb and Grama Tippy Toes each often lead activities and special events. Stop in and say, "Hi" to them. 😊

Hoffman's Carwash Fundraiser

Everyone's support of this fundraiser, and others, is greatly appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who participated in any way with our *Breakfast With Santa* back on Dec. 2nd. It was a wonderful community event and we appreciate your participation very much. In addition to raising our own community spirit, we raised \$1890 and we had a lot of fun together.

Thank You for Sending in Magic Pennies!

Piggy banks and a variety of other containers were seen overflowing with coins as children brought in their pennies to share in December. We took a huge tub of pennies to *Stewart's* to contribute to their *Annual Holiday Match Program*. Thank you for participating!

Snow Days

Reminder: Our school closing information is broadcast on all the major local network TV stations and on their websites. Updates will also be on our Helping Hands School's facebook page.



If you haven't yet checked us out on facebook, please do. Lots of information and photos. We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsSchool/> Our account contains info and photos!

Looking ahead to February -

2/7 - no am classes (parent confs.)
2/8 - no pm classes (parent confs.)
Winter Recess - 2/19 - 2/23



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Weekly Themes:</u>	1 Happy New Year! NO SCHOOL	2 School Resumes	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <small>Priority Enrollment Ends and OPEN begins for Academy Nursery School</small>	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Holiday NO SCHOOL	16	17	18 Parent Night 6:30-8:00 pm "Transition to Public School"	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Taste of Spring</u></p> <p>Mark your calendars for our 5th annual event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Clifton Park. Thursday, April 26th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. More details to follow!</p>		
						