

# WIC NEWS TO KNOW

may 2017



## mark your calendar!

Friday, May 5th is Favorite Character Day  
Wednesday, May 10th is Avanti's Day and 80's Day  
Friday, May 12th Mother's Luncheon at Noon  
Saturday, May 13th is PNO  
Friday, May 19th is a Mini Opera presentation for parents and students (at Oakland)  
Tuesday, May 23rd is Williamsburg Graduation  
Wednesday, May 24th is Evergreen Graduation  
Thursday, May 25th is Oakland Graduation  
Monday, May 29th the center is closed for Memorial Day

## Teacher Trainings Completed

### Applebaum Sunshine Days for Children

Congratulations and Thank you, to the following teachers for attending the out of town seminar. Your dedication is not overlooked!

Austyn G (Oakland)	Deanna T (Oakland)	Jacqui D (Oakland)
Katie S (Oakland)	Kristen D (Oakland)	Brittany F (Evergreen)
Kayla (Evergreen)	Dawn W (Evergreen)	Lisette B (Evergreen)
Sheena M (Evergreen)	Sierra (Evergreen)	Veronica G (Evergreen)
Whitney S (Evergreen)		

## Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1st-5th

Thank you to everyone that signed up to help or donated a monetary gift. We are very excited to celebrate our teachers with a week of games, prizes and food!!



## Do You and Your Family Enjoy the Theater?

Come join us on Friday, May 19th for the Mini Opera

"The Last Book on Earth"

Performed by: Prairie Fire Theater Children's Opera Group

Starts at 6:30 pm at our Oakland Location

We hope to see everyone there!

Laugh out loud

Why are frogs so happy?

Answer: They eat whatever bugs them.



Norah M 5/3  
 Noah R 5/3  
 Jitsee K 5/5  
 Caroline G 5/6  
 Olivia P 5/6  
 Ms Barb 5/6  
 Allannah P 5/9  
 Ms Kelly K 5/9  
 Ms Bridget F 5/10  
 Charles 5/11  
 Annalise W 5/13  
 Olivia S 5/13  
 Ms Paige K 5/13  
 Jovanny 5/14  
 Ms Madison H 5/15  
 Ms Allysn L 5/15  
 Ella S 5/17

Ms Tara F 5/17  
 Ms Kassie M 5/17  
 Deklan 5/18  
 Paige D 5/18  
 Taylor H 5/19  
 Shelby A 5/19  
 Piper 5/19  
 William D 5/20  
 Ms Brooke G 5/20  
 Emery 5/21  
 Maggie W 5/21  
 Owen O 5/21  
 Mr Michael 5/22  
 Savannah 5/22  
 Nadya M 5/24  
 Mr Steve J 5/26  
 Archer D 5/30  
 Ms Christina 5/30  
 Neal S 5/30  
 Anika T 5/31  
 Lauren B 5/31

## little jewels staff anniversaries

### one year:

Miss Christina D  
 Miss Danielle H  
 Miss Kassie M  
 Miss Ali P  
 Miss Annie H  
 Miss Kaitlyn S  
 Ms Cheyenne S  
 Miss Kaycee H  
 Miss Sarah W  
 Miss Jamie C  
 Miss Laura P  
 Miss Emily W

### two years:

Miss Kara J  
 Miss Michaela A

### three years:

Miss Paige K

### four years:

Miss Dawn L



Together We Grow...  
 One Jewel at a Time



## Upcoming Dates to Remember...

### Williamsburg Graduation

Tuesday, May 23rd

### Evergreen Graduation

Wednesday, May 24th



### Oakland Graduation

Thursday, May 25th



## Making a Homemade Instrument with Your Kids

As I enter into the daycare classrooms each week, the kids always want to know what is in my bag. Even the infants and toddlers show they want to know by literally unzipping my bag when I am not watching and rummaging through. They are so intrigued by my bag because they know that each week I bring a variety of instruments to the group that they get to play. One of the favorites among all my classrooms is the rain stick. The sound can be very relaxing and the colors and beads create a visual stimulus for all ages. You can buy these instruments, but there is also a way to easily make a homemade rain stick with your children. Here is what you will need:

- 1-cardboard tube; the stronger the better but wrapping paper roll or a paper towel roll will work as well
- Toothpicks or nails depending on the thickness of your tube
- Rice or beans
- Decorative papers/feather/glitter etc.
- Glue
- Plastic caps that fit your tube (yogurt lid, orange juice lid, etc)

Instructions: Hammer the nails or poke the toothpicks through your tube at random around all parts of your tube. Clip off ends of toothpicks for safety. Glue a lid onto one end and fill the tube with either rice or beans. Then glue on the other lid to the end. Once this part is done allow your kids to decorate the rainstick with a variety of papers or feathers. Let your rainstick dry and then it will be ready to be played. A song I like to use is called, "I Don't Care if the Rain Comes Down" which can be found on youtube.com. Kids of all ages also enjoy when I change the song to sing their name (e.g. Brian doesn't care if the rain comes down). This is a fun activity to do with your kids and will hopefully provide fun music time for them at home.

Miss Janel



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