

This month @ Early Childhood Center

From the desk of Principal Tracee Blake

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Upcoming events at the Early Childhood Center:

- **January 18, 12:00 - 2:00** - Parent/Child Get Together
- **January 25** - Half day for students/Teacher PSD

**February 15 - 18** - Midwinter Break

For the complete calendar:  
[Early Childhood Center Calendar](#)

Dear ECC families,

We want to start by wishing each of you to a wonderful New Year! It is hard to believe that 2019 is already upon us. This past fall was filled with lots of fun and learning as we started the school year together. The start of a brand new year is a reminder that we have so many exciting learning opportunities ahead of us and we are thrilled to be sharing those with you and your child.

One of those opportunities is coming up this month. On January 18th you and your child are invited to attend our second Parent/Child Get Together. This event will feature three sessions that are interactive for you and your child. The session topics include technology, literacy, and nutrition. We will start the afternoon by having lunch together in the cafe. There will also be a chance for you to win a door prize. We hope that you and your child will be able to join us for this exciting afternoon!

Even though it is winter, the students do go outside most days so please make sure to send in boots, snow pants, a winter coat, hat or mittens or gloves everyday. Also include a pair of shoes for your child to wear inside the building. Boots are too warm for inside and the children play in the gross motor room weekly so sneakers are best. It is also helpful to make sure your child has an extra set of clothes including socks so they have something to change into if they get wet when outside.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Blake  
Administrator of Early Childhood Programs

If your child is going to be absent for any reason parents are able to report that absence one of three ways:

- Call 810 984-6537 and leave a message
- Send an email to [jgardner1@phasd.us](mailto:jgardner1@phasd.us)
- Submit the absence using the Skyward Mobile app

## Exciting News!

Our Early Childhood Center is an Special Olympics Unified Champions School! We will have regular opportunities, special events and programs designed to bring all of our students together while building gross motor and recreational skills.



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## WELCOME TO THE ECC!

Angela Tucker - Occupational Therapist at the Early Childhood Center

Angela Tucker is our Occupational Therapist (OT) here at the Early Childhood Center. She is a 1994 graduate of Port Huron High School and received her Bachelor's Degree through Wayne State University. This is Angela's 10th year working for the school district and her 4th year as our Early Childhood OT!

What is Occupational Therapy? The primary focus of Occupational Therapy is independence. Angela works with students, staff, and parents to help students become independent in the school setting. The specific areas that she looks at are sensory motor, fine motor and visual motor skills. She also works with students on adaptive skills like using utensils and managing clothing. Not only does she work with our preschoolers, she also works with infant and toddlers through the Infant Toddler Education Center (ITEC) program.

Recently Angela has created video models of fine motor and sensory motor activities to share with staff and students. These videos are designed to give parents and staff a focus for fine motor development for each week. She shows how to modify the activities for all levels of development. These videos are shared on our Facebook page.

Fun Facts: Angela lives in Marysville with her husband and two daughters who are currently in 8th and 9th grade. She loves spending time with her family and friends, cooking, gardening, doing home yoga and singing in her church choir.

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