

November, 2019



Gentle Reminders to Parents

- Please continue to put your child's name in their clothing, toys, and backpacks so we can be assured that they arrive back home. Also make sure you send your child with coats and gloves so they can have the opportunity to go outside on the playground.
- We want to ensure adequate nutritional provision for all children at Blossom Center. Therefore, parents please limit the amount of food you send with your child. If your child wants to celebrate a birthday with cookies, cupcakes, donuts, or other sweets-please inform your child's teacher ahead of time. If you MUST send food, be sure to use thermos bottles and containers so food is ready to serve when needed.
- During the holidays, it is important to let us know when your children will be here. This helps us schedule activities so that the most children can participate.
- During the flu season, Blossom would appreciate in-kind assistance of tissue and disinfectant.
- Some special music and or craft activities from persons in the community may take place. Parents, please check clip boards and on pictures by the door to be notified of those activities.

What's Happening?

Volunteers

We had three volunteers during this period: Caroline Peach, Amarissa Watson, and Acori Wimes. They were helpful working with the youth with educational and play activities, as well as cleaning up the center. Thanks for their assistance. We appreciate them giving of their time.

Donations

Blossom donated used toys to the holiday bureau, area children, and the Oak Ridge Pharmacy during this period providing children in Anderson County the opportunity to have a more fulfilled Christmas.

Christmas Crafts

The teachers assisted Blossom children in decorating their rooms and making special homemade crafts for their parents.

Services

Thanks to Oak Valley Baptist Church, the Oak Ridge House of Prayer, the United Way of Anderson County, and the Oak Ridge Schools Resource Office for providing assistance to our youth by providing clothing, gifts, etc so their Christmas can be special.

Supplies Needed

If parents would like to donate sanitizer, Kleenex, construction paper, or colored markers, we could use.

Have a safe and merry holiday season.



Billing



Parents: For those families for which we have email addresses, the last bill of the year will list the total amount of child care that you paid during 2019. You may find this useful for tax purposes.

Youth development

Part of our growth development for our Blossom youth is to encourage them and apprise parents of community outreach activities. Attached are activities that would provide social interactions and incentives for our youth.

Express yourself talent show:

EXPRESS YOURSELF Youth Talent Show

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ART, POETRY, DANCE, SONGS, INSTRUMENTS AND MUCH MORE!
Ages 18 and Under. Sign up and show off what you've got!
Download a registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/expressyoureg> and send to rs_wvr@yahoo.com

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2019 TN MUSIC AWARDS
HIP HOP ARTIST OF THE YEAR
KIJON DUNN

THE HISTORIC GROVE THEATER
123 RANDOLPH ROAD, OAK RIDGE, TN 37830

FEB. 22 3:00 - 4:30

Black History Month Annual Essay Contest:

The local NAACP Branch's Youth Council Members and its Advisory Council are sponsoring a Black History Month Essay Contest for Anderson County and surrounding Middle Schools (4-5 & 6-8) and High Schools (9-12) youths. Awards will be given to Essay winners.

The Essay Theme is: The Power Of Voting: How Would You Encourage A Family Member To Vote?

The target length of the essay should be a minimum of **300 words for middle school students** and **600 words for high school students**.

Please forward the essay to Ralph Mack at mack32kk@peoplepc.com by February 03, 2020. Any questions about the essay should be directed to Ralph via email or (865) 789-3843

Last year the MLK Essay Contest had \$100 for first place.