

**December, 2019
January, 2020**



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 you child with coats and gloves so they can have the opportunity to go outside on the playground.
- During this flu season, please encourage your children to wash their hands, cover their mouth when they cough, etc. If your children are sick, keep them home. If they become sick while at Blossom Center, our policy is that they need to stay home for 24 hours. And, if they have a fever, they need a doctor’s note to return.

What’s Happening?



Blossom youth hug Meagan, our afternoon teacher for the Toddler class, on her last day in January. Meagan will be pursuing another career opportunity.



Blossom Preschool 1 class made New Year cards to send to organizations that provided craft, educational supplies and other items that assisted teachers.



From December - January youth studied colors, the true spirit of Christmas, numbers, and decorated their classrooms. In January they will learn about Martin Luther King Jr as a youth and adult and the importance of treating each other the same. Youth will learn fun songs, dance, and bring an item to share during story time.

Reminder of Community Events

MLK Public Meeting, January 20th 9:45 a.m. at the Y-12 New Hope Center (Youth from Linden Elementary School, Robertsville and Jefferson Middle School will perform.

NAACP Essay - Due Middle of February- See Flyer in this newsletter.



Billing



Parents: You should have already received a notice about the new policy on tuition payments. Basically, we will begin requiring payments ahead of time starting February 10.

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:

If your child is interested, contact Rose Weaver at rs_wvr@yahoo.com

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.

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