

February, 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 your 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.



Toddlers prepare their own Valentine's Day heart shapes and others define a new shape.



The boys in preschool 1 decide Mr. Potato needs to be in the kitchen area.

## What's Happening?



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Applebee's Restaurant

1213 Oak Ridge Turnpike



Tickets—\$5.00 Each

TICKETS AVAILABLE @ 280 Royce Circle, Oak Ridge;  
Contact Sandi Wright on 865-216-8173  
OR Request @ [www.blossom24-7.org](http://www.blossom24-7.org)

Proceeds to benefit Blossom Center for Childhood Excellence—  
Oak Ridge's only extended child care center that helps parents  
working 2<sup>nd</sup> & weekend shifts.



Preschool decided that February should be heart and fruit month. Special hearts will be made with paint and other items to use their creative skills.



Preschool 1 learned about Martin Luther King Jr and how in his early years he was told by his friend's parents that they could no longer play baseball because of the color of his skin. The preschoolers did some of their artwork with their photos saying "Every kid deserves to know they have a dream and their dream can come true."



Volunteer Amaris spends time with friends on their own chug a chugga train.



Blossom preschool 1 friends get surplus books as new books replenished from literacy grant

## Volunteer of the Month – Amaris Watson

Amaris relocated here from Nashville, Tennessee, and is the daughter of Trina and Elder D. Watson, new pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She is a senior at Oak Ridge High School, active in church activities and is participating in a 6 week enrichment as a debutante for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

## Reminder of Community Events

JEWISH CONGREGATION OF OAK RIDGE  
COMMUNITY UNITY  
SHABBAT

Friday - February 21  
101 W. Madison Lane

Join us as we welcome the Sabbath  
Services: 6:30 pm  
Vegetarian potluck dinner to follow

COMMUNITY Celebration  
A celebration of Black History, Interfaith Harmony & Beloved Community



JCOR Sisterhood Invites All Women to  
Celebrate Passover and the YWCA of Oak Ridge

Join Us for a Festive  
9<sup>th</sup> Community Women's  
Seder

Tuesday - April 9, 2019 - 6:15-8:15 pm\*  
Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge  
101 West Madison Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

A dinner of traditional Passover foods will be served.  
All proceeds will be donated to YWCA of Oak Ridge

## Youth development

Express yourself talent show:

If your child is interested, contact Rose Weaver at [rs\\_wvr@yahoo.com](mailto:rs_wvr@yahoo.com). Also, any Blossom Center youth participating in February 22nd express yourself talent show will receive a Wal-Mart gift card.

**EXPRESS YOURSELF Youth Talent Show**

SPONSORED BY NAACP, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY & OAK RIDGE INTER-FAITH COMMUNITY

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](mailto:rs_wvr@yahoo.com)

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

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

**FEB. 22 3:00 - 4:30**

## Food, Glorious Food!!



You know that we serve your children healthy meals and snacks, but do you know how much? Here's what we served in 2019.

4,145 breakfasts  
4,659 lunches  
7,089 afternoon snacks  
886 dinners

That's a grand total of 16,779 meals! Needless to say, the pantry has been well-stocked.

### Thank you!

We depend on our volunteers and donors! If you see these people, please be sure to thank them.

### Volunteers

Amaris Watson

### Donors

Richard Langborgh

First United Methodist Church

John Wallace

Bob & Carolyn Henderson