

The Butler County Children's Center Times

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Money In Your Pocket

Did you know that there is help that can save you money when you go to file your income taxes? Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is an IRS program that provides **FREE** Tax preparation for families and individuals making up to \$50,000 a year. They may be able to help you get a larger refund without costing you a penny! The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is for people who work but do not earn high incomes. Taxpayers who qualify and claim the credit could pay less federal tax, pay no tax or even get a tax refund. You could be eligible for an EITC refundable tax credit between \$457 and \$5,657. To find out more or to make an appointment please call the Center for Community Resources at 724-431-3748.



Are you Tired of Renting?

Do you want to buy a home, but don't know where to start? Find answers to all of your questions for free at the Homebuyers Education Class, including Foreclosure Prevention/Anti-Predatory Lending. Please contact the Butler County Housing Authority at 724-287-6797 or 1-800-433-6327 for more details!



Family and Male Involvement Events



Movie Night - will be held on Friday, January 27th from 6 - 8 p.m., at the Mt. Chestnut Gym! Bring your Family to this event, and enjoy some Popcorn while everyone watches the movie RIO! The movie Rio is about a Macaw named Blu, who leaves his birdcage for the Rain Forest of Rio De Janeiro, and is forced to wing-it and re-examine everything he knows about life and being a bird! This movie is rated G. Bring your Sleeping bags, blankets and pillows and camp out for our Family Involvement Event. Please call 724-283-7456 to register for the FREE event!



Dinner and Dancing!

On Saturday, February 11th from 5 - 8 p.m., bring your family and enjoy a night out of dancing. Dinner will be served and all of the music will be appropriate for everyone's ears! So even if you have two left feet, don't miss this event and a chance to see your children dance to some of their favorite songs! Please call 724-283-7456 to register for the FREE event!



Box Car Event!

The Male Involvement Box Car Event will be held on Friday, February 24th, from 6 - 8 p.m. Help the kids make a car out of boxes and then have them drive them around our obstacle course at the Mt Chestnut Gym!

Agency Events and Parent Trainings

- Early Head Start has their Playgroup on February 3rd from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and on the 16th at 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Chestnut.
- Home-Based has their Center Day's on February 3rd, 10th and the 17th from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Bookworms and Pageturners will meet on February 9th starting at 10:30 a.m.
- On February 16th there is a parent training entitled "What is suspected child abuse?" This training is at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Chestnut. If you would like to attend this training or need babysitting for this event, please call 724-283-7456.
- On February 29th there is an Effective Discipline Parent Training at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Chestnut. If you need babysitting for this event, please call 724-283-7456.

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Hey Parents Don't Forget...

This is just a reminder for everyone to read the Classroom Times that the Teachers send home each week. There is information on there about upcoming agency events, corrections and other opportunities within the community. Also, don't forget to read your child's monthly calendar and work on those in-kind hours as well. These papers are a wealth of information with events and things to do for you and your children!

Did you know that ...



Groundhog Day, February 2nd, is celebrated in the United States and Canada. According to legend, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, it will leave the burrow, signifying that winter-like weather will soon end. If it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

The largest Groundhog Day Celebration is held in Punxsutawney, PA. But Punxsutawney Phil is not the only Groundhog Prognosticator in the US and Canada. There are several other Groundhogs that are Prognosticators, and here are just a few:

Sutton Sammy, Ontario, Canada

Balzac Billy, Alberta, Canada

Shubenacadie Sam, Nova Scotia

French Creek Freddie, West Virginia

Tumbleweed and Woodstock Willie, Illinois

Sir Walter Wally, North Carolina

Story Marmot, Colorado

Dunkirk Dave, New York

General Beauregard Lee and Gus, Georgia

Buckeye Chuck, Ohio

Smith Lake Jake, Alabama

Here in PA, not only do we have the World Famous Punxsutawney Phil, but Octoraro Orphie, Uni, Poor Richard, Dover Doug, and Susquehanna Sherman!

