

Center for Early Childhood Education

Newsletter

Our Mission: To help all children in Howard County to be successful when they enter school.

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Here is a fun thing for you to do with your children.



The IU Kokomo Staff Council is sponsoring a "Make Your Own Scarecrow" event on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at Farlow's Orchard, 6850 West 250 South. (past Western School Corporation) For a fee of \$10, you will receive clothing, accessories and straw stuffing to create a life-size scarecrow. There will be pumpkin decorating and face painting also. For more information, call Kathy Coppola at (765) 455-9552.

Head Start is in Need of Clothes for Boys, Sizes 4T to 6.



Teachers are in need of supplies for when children have bathroom accidents in their clothing. If you have clothing your boys have outgrown that you want to donate, you can bring them to the Center and we will get them to Head Start, or you can take them directly to Sycamore School Head Start.



Children's Fair at the Center.

On Saturday, October 25, the Altrusa Club of Kokomo, in conjunction with the Center for Early Childhood Education, will hold a children's fair at the Center. It is free, but we do need a registration so that we will know how many children to expect. A registration form will be sent to your home. The booths will be Healthy Snacks, Lead Testing in Toys, Storytelling, Crafts, Teeth Brushing, Face painting, Fire Department's Skippy, and many more. Please keep this date available and look for a flier/registration form coming to you soon. It is meant for the children in our program, but siblings may come with you.

Don't Forget Activity Day is November 13. Bring your child(ren) and have fun with the activities. It is also a good place to meet other moms.



Tri-County Dads

Tri-County Dads is a program sponsored by Head Start. The group will meet monthly at Sycamore School, 1600 East Sycamore Street, Kokomo, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in the Fatherhood Room. The November 13 meeting is "Understanding Yourself." The focus for the dads will be to support and encourage other men. This is a safe place for men to express their ideas about several topics. For more information about this and other programs sponsored by the Fatherhood Center, call Guy Lovell at 454-7082.

September Activity Day



Older children helping the younger ones.



A family enjoys the time together.



Start reading to your child early.



Socialization and learning to play nicely together are important skills to learn too!



Is your child ready for college?

Well maybe not all the classes, but Little Learners Child Care on the IU Kokomo campus is open to toddlers (ages 1-2) and pre-school (ages 3-6) children. The center is open to the public. Call (765) 455-9306, or email childcare@iuk.edu for more information.



October is Dental Hygiene Month!



What is dental hygiene? Taking care of your teeth and mouth.

How can you care for your children's teeth? Start early. Even before your child has teeth, you can clean the gums after they've eaten by gently rubbing the gums with a moist cloth or use an infant gum massager. When teeth come in, use a soft-bristled child's toothbrush with a pea-size amount of toothpaste to brush their teeth. At age 2 or

3, begin teaching your children how to brush their teeth, however you will need to brush after them to make sure teeth are clean.

When can a child start brushing their teeth by themselves? At age 7 or 8.

When should a child start going to the dentist? Around their first birthday.

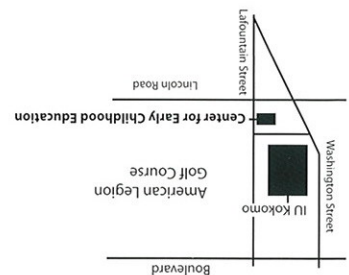
For more information, visit the American Dental Hygienists' Association web site: <http://www.adha.org/oralhealth/children.htm>.



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