


July 2011

- Monday, July 4
**EOC Holiday
Independence Day**
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- Tuesday, July 5
EOC New Hire
Orientation
 - Wednesday, July 6
**Home Base Educators
Return**
 - Tuesday, July 12
Team 21 Meeting
 - Wednesday, July 13
EOC Leadership
Forum
 - Friday, July 15
**Summer Enrichment
Program Ends**
 - Monday, July 18
EOC New Hire
Orientation
**ECE Specialists Return
Family Specialist
Return Disabilities
Specialists Return**
 - Tuesday, July 18
**Mental Health
Assistants Return**
 - Wednesday, July 20
County-Wide Policy
Council Meeting
 - Wednesday, July 27
RN Staff Return
 - Thursday, July 28
**Head Start New Hire
Orientation—Day 1**
 - Friday, July 29
**Head Start New Hire
Orientation—Day 2**

Summer Enrichment Program

It was a blustery day for June, but excitement was in the air none the less because, for the first time in 12 years, Head Start was offering a Summer Enrichment Program. This program specializes in children transitioning from Head Start Pre-school into kindergarten in the fall. Approximately 120 employees gathered at Franklin Auditorium on Thursday, June 2, 2011 to receive detailed instruction on operations and a basic staff orientation. 14 centers will be operating for this 6-week summer session. The first day of class is Monday, June 6, 2011 and the last day of class will be July 15, 2011. At the Staff Orientation, everyone was looking forward to working this summer and getting reacquainted with employees they have not worked with for quite some time.



Alita Taylor, Nutrition Services Director and Andy Hernandez, Education Services Director lead the discussion at the Staff Orientation for the Summer Enrichment Program at Franklin Center.

Year End Ceremonies A Delight!

The closing of the 2010-2011 school year ended with delightful ceremonies with the children singing and demonstrating the knowledge they acquired during the school year. All the centers were well attended by parents, family and friends and the Head Start Senior Management Team. Congratulations to all Head Start employees who made this school year such a great success.



Above—The children of Ramacher Head Start Center perform before their parents and family. Ms. Callahan-Hubbard and her staff did a wonderful job of leading the ceremony from start to finish.



EOC News: Business, Entertainment, Sports, & Food



IRS Releases Amended Mileage Rate for 2011

Effective July 1, 2011, the Internal Revenue Service has issued the standard mileage rate of .555 cents per mile.

Since EOC's Policy as approved by the Board has been to reimburse employees for business related travel at the approved Internal Revenue Service rate, all staff will be paid at .555 cents beginning July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Movie Ticket Holders

From May 27 through September 8 United Artists Broadway Faire located on Shaw near Valentine will be presenting a promotional all-in-one pricing which will include an admission ticket, popcorn and soda with free refills during the feature show time. All VIP Super Saver Tickets will be valid only with a \$4 upgrade fee. The Super Saver tickets are valid at Edwards 212, Regal Manchester 16 and all other Regal Entertainment Group theatres nationwide.

EOC Employee Appreciation June 16, 2011



Cool Treats For Great Employees

A slight breeze offered temporary relief from the heat for dozens of employees who lined up in and around the 1900 building patiently waiting for their turn to order a sweet treat from the ice cream truck. This quarter's employee appreciation event had everyone tapping into their inner child, screaming for ice cream.

Boxes of Bella Fruta treats were sent out to the 14 centers operating under the Summer Enrichment Program. Yogurt raisins, chocolate pretzels and cherries, dried fruit dipped in white chocolate were just a few of the items delivery in appreciation.

Whether it was "Big Dipper" or chocolate covered pretzel, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you for all you do and continue to do for our Agency and clients. We could not have come this far—almost 46 years—without your dedication and hard work.

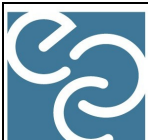
Honoring A Legacy: Grandma Emma Curtis

Last month, SOUL paid final tribute to Grandma Emma Curtis for her years of dedication and service to SOUL students as a volunteer through our Foster Grandparent Program.

Grandma Curtis passed peacefully in her sleep on October 7, 2010. SOUL staff and students honored Grandma Curtis' memory through special poems and reflections read by students. SOUL's music class played special songs dedicated in her memory. The special tribute ended in the dedication of a beautiful bench with Grandma Curtis name inscribed on it.

The ceremony culminated with the entire crowd, led by Sam Hairston and SOUL students, "raising the roof" by singing "Oh Happy Day". The bench resides in the place where Grandma Curtis sat and waited to greet everyone who walked in the door with a warm and embracing hug. She loved all of us unconditionally. Her work was not in vain!

Dr. Mark Wilson, Principal



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