

SCOTTY'S NEWS

January 2022



DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Winter Break.

I would like to take the time to say a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone for being so understanding about the COVID-19 situation. During the extra shutdown time, I was able to deep clean the entire center, including all the rugs and carpets. We are so happy to have everyone back and to start this new year.

Because of the COVID shutdown, we have decided to move our Holiday Party to **Wednesday, January 5**. Please bring in what you had signed up for, as well as a wrapped gift from your child to a friend for our grab bag. We don't want these children to miss out on the fun we had planned.

In this Newsletter, you will see the 2022 Holiday and Vacation calendar. We like to get this out to you early so you can plan other childcare arrangements for the days we are closed. Please make note that full tuition is due every week **except** for our Summer Vacation Shutdown and our Winter Vacation Shutdown.

This month you will also be receiving a copy of your child's Family and Information Record for you to review and make changes. It is imperative that we receive these back, even if no changes, to make sure all information is up to date, especially in the case of an emergency.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous year ahead!

Lillian

SANTA'S MAILBOX



Santa received many letters from the children at Scotty's and he hopes they all had a Merry Christmas.

If your child was one that mailed his/her letter to Santa in our lobby mailbox, their original letter is available as a keepsake for you to keep with Santa's reply.

Just ask for it from Lillian and we'll discretely return it to you.



2022 FAMILY INFORMATION FILE UPDATE:

In mid January, we will be providing each family a copy of their child's CHILD and FAMILY INFORMATION and EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS to be reviewed, updated and returned so we can make sure that your child's file is up to date with all important contact information for 2022.

2021 TAX RETURN INFORMATION:



By January 28th, each family will receive a copy of their 2021 TUITION PAYMENT RECORD to use with their 2021 Income Tax filing. If you need this information earlier, simply ask Lillian.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

We start off the new year learning about **Winter!**

Week 1 we will explore **Snow** and **Ice**. This week, children in Preschool and Pre-K will also have **Show and Tell**. This is a great way for children to work on their public speaking skills, as well as being able to describe an object. Mid-week we will celebrate with our **Holiday Party** full of food and fun.



Week 2 is all about **Winter Literacy**. Winter Literacy is a fun way for children to practice rhyming, sound patterns and syllables. We will also be working on number recognition based on the children's ages.



Week 3 we start the week learning about **Martin Luther King Jr.** and his accomplishments and importance in our nation's history. Next we will transition into learning about fun winter themed topics like **Snowflakes** and **Snowmen**.



Week 4 is all about **Winter Animals** and how they survive during the cold winter months. **Hibernation** and **Migration** are not only fun topics, but incredibly interesting.



Week 5 ends January and begins February, where we will learn about **Food & Nutrition** as well as **Dental Health**. We will also be sure to see if the **Groundhog** sees his shadow!



2022 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR

<p>Good Friday - Apr 15th Scotty's is closed Friday, April 15th in observance of Easter Full tuition is due the week of Apr 11</p>	<p>Summer Vacation Shutdown Scotty's will be closed the week of July 11 thru 15 for our Summer Vacation Shutdown No tuition is due the week of July 11</p>	<p>Christmas Observance - Dec 23rd Scotty's will have a half day and close at 2:30pm on Friday, December 23rd in observance of Christmas Full tuition is due the week of Dec 19</p>
<p>Memorial Day - May 30th Scotty's is closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day Full tuition is due the week of May 30</p>	<p>Labor Day - Sept 5th Scotty's is closed Monday, Sept 5th in observance of Labor Day Full tuition is due the week of Sept 5</p>	<p>Winter Vacation Shutdown Scotty's will be closed the week of December 26 thru December 30 for our Winter Vacation Shutdown No tuition is due the week of December 26</p>
<p>Independence Day - Jul 4th Scotty's is closed on Monday, July 4th In observance of Independence Day Full tuition is due the week of July 4</p>	<p>Thanksgiving - Nov 24-25 Scotty's is closed on Thu, Nov 24th & Fri, Nov 25th in observance of Thanksgiving Full tuition is due the week of Nov 21</p>	<p>New Year's Day - Jan 2nd Scotty's is closed Monday, January 2nd In observance of New Year's Day We will reopen from the Winter Vacation Shutdown on Tuesday, January 3rd Full tuition is due the week of Jan 2</p>

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This & That

WEEKLY TUITION

Tuition is due on Monday of each week or the first day that your child attends each week. Weekly payments that are not received by Wednesday of each week will be assessed a late fee of \$20.00. To avoid this late fee, be sure that your tuition is paid on time.



INCLEMENT WEATHER:

With the change of seasons, inclement weather is always a possibility. Those of you that have been with Scotty's for years know that we make every attempt to be open daily, but weather and travel safety factors can cause us to announce late openings, early closings and full day closings. We announce these over the radio, television, on the web and through our own emergency email blast to each parent that has provided us with an email contact address. If you have changed your email address recently, please be sure to notify us so we can update our records to make sure that you receive our emergency email announcements. Here is a listing of where to tune in to for our emergency announcements:

- Radio:** WTIC AM 1080
- Television:** WFSB-TV Channel 3 and FOX CT Channel 6
- On the Web:** WTIC.com 965TIC.com WRCH.com HOT937.com WFSB.com CTNOW.com and COURANT.com

In addition: WFSB-TV Channel 3 Early Warning Network has a TEXT ALERT system for parents, staff and teachers from Day Cares to be made instantly aware of delays when their Day Care enters their announcement with WFSB. To enroll in this TEXT ALERT program, visit the following link online:

<http://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=c1616077-39d9-4682-b0ca-63a1ee174441>

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to the newest addition to Scotty's family.

- Avit Chaki**
- Amez Chikhi**
- Pella Chikhi**
- Chloe Jalbert**
- Leyton Kupec**
- Harrison Wollenberg**



STAFF Spotlight



Miss Edhayakumari
 Assistant Teacher

This month we are shining the Staff Spotlight on Miss EdhayaKumari! Miss E (as most of the children call her) has been a part of Scotty's for almost 1 year.

Miss E grew up in Madurai, India. There she worked hard and received her Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Information Engineering Technology. Miss E got married in 2009, and in 2013 Miss E moved to Phoenix, AZ for her husband's job. In 2019 Miss E moved again for her husband's job, this time to Connecticut.

Miss E loves to spend time with her husband and two children. She also loves to cook, especially Indian cuisine. Miss E is currently working on her Child Development Associate (CDA).

A super cool fun (and impressive at that) fact about Miss E, she can speak 3 languages; English, Tamil and Telugu! We are so happy to have Miss Edhayakumari as a part of our Scotty's family.

Just for Fun

Q: Did you hear about the snowman spy?
 A: He has a license to chill.

WHEN WINTER WEATHER HITS

we do our best to keep our side walks, parking lot and driveways clear and safe. Please realize that there may still be slippery spots or accumulation while it is storming. Please take special care when arriving and departing as children and parents may be moving around their cars. Let us all stay safe and be alert during the cold and snowy winter weather season.

This & That



Health & Wellness



WINTER WEATHER

has arrived and this affects the children's outerwear needs for outdoor play. For outside play during the winter months, **each child must have sneakers or winter boots, gloves/mittens, a coat and hat.** When there is snow on the ground, boots and snow pants are required. Children will not be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed.

NOTE: Scotty's policy is to not take the children outside when the temperature or the temperature with wind chill factored in falls below 30°F. We will also cancel outdoor play when extreme weather conditions are forecast.



THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulations mandate that a **current** health assessment record be in your child's day care file.

This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals.

It is required that the Parents fill out and sign Part I on page 1 of the form prior to visiting the doctor. The doctor must fill out and sign Part II on pages 2 and 3.

Please be sure to review the form before leaving the doctor's office to be sure that they have completed the form, especially that they have:

- filled in the date of the exam - pg 2
- filled in the Medical Evaluation section - pg2
- filled in the TB Risk section - pg 2
- filled in the Developmental Assessment section - pg 2
- filled in the Immunizations section - pg 2
- signed the form - pg 2
- filled out and initialed the Immunization Record - pg 3

(note that a printout of the doctor's Immunization record form is acceptable in place of page 3)

No incomplete forms can be accepted.

The forms are available for you here at Scotty's, or on our website (www.scottyskiddykorner.com) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.

