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“Early Edition”

Dorothy Hiatt - Coordinator
 Tammy Megles - Secretary

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

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Dear Parents,

Changes, Changes :

We have had some changes in the Parents as Teachers program over the summer months. In June, we said good-bye to two long-time co-workers. Program coordinator, Nancy Keel, retired on June 30 after serving the families of Olathe and the state of Kansas for over 30 years. Nancy was instrumental in bringing Parents as Teachers to the state of Kansas, and to Olathe. Her dedication to the children and families in Kansas is unmatched, and we wouldn't be here without Nancy's hard work. Marita Douglas, our secretary, also retired on June 30. Marita has been with the district for many years, and she and Nancy were a great team. We wish both these wonderful women a happy and relaxing retirement!

Taking their places are Dorothy Hiatt, as Program Coordinator; and Tammy Megles, as our new administrative assistant. Dorothy has been with the Olathe PAT program for over 25 year as a parent educator, and Tammy has worked for the school district for over 10 years, most recently at Tomahawk Elementary School. We also welcome Laura Enders as our newest parent educator, Laura was a parent in the Parents as Teachers program and comes to us with 11 years of experience as a social worker.

Meet our new Coordinator :

I am very excited to have taken the position as coordinator of the Olathe Parents as Teachers program! I love PAT and am looking forward to continuing the important work that we are doing with the families of Olathe. Some of you may already know me from home visits, playgroups, or Block Fest. Please come by sometime and introduce yourself to me. My office door is always open and I am always happy to see you and your children!

Thank you for all of your support,

Dorothy Hiatt

Dorothy Hiatt, Coordinator
 Olathe Parents as Teachers

Upcoming dates: September-November 2017

- August 26: Family Indoor Picnic NLSC 10:30-12:00PM
- September 12: Playgroup at Ridgeview begins 10:00-11:00AM
- September 13/14: Playgroup at NLSC begins 10:00-11:00AM
- September 23: Story Walk 10:00-11:30AM
- October 14: Community Screening Day 9:00-2:30PM
- November 4: Block Fest– NLSC 9:30AM and 11:00AM
- November 16: Last Fall Playgroup
- December: No Playgroup

Registration Process for Group Connections

When registration is open for a Group Connection (approximately 10 days before an event), you will receive an email from your parent educator with a link to an online program titled SignUpGenius. Follow the directions to register for the PAT group connection. If you have any questions, contact your parent educator or call Tammy at 913-780-8106.

Please make sure your parent educator has your current email address.

If you register and then are unable to attend, please contact us!

Join us on Saturday, August 26

PAT Family Indoor Picnic

Saturday, August 26

10:30 am – Noon

NLSC building
315 N Lindenwood

Bring your children, a blanket to sit on,
and your own picnic food.

No reservations required!

Join us for a fun, indoor family event
Meet new friends and welcome the new school year!

Books



**Family
Fun**

www.olatheschools.com/pat



Join Olathe Parents as Teachers as we celebrate
Olathe Hispanic Heritage Month with our

STORY WALK

Saturday, September 23, 2017
10:00-11:30AM

at Stagecoach Park, 1205 E. Kansas City Road(behind the Community Center)

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at North Lindenwood Support Center, 315 N. Lindenwood.
All activities will be presented in Spanish and English.

STORY WALK: Reading ***From Head to Toe***, by Eric Carle, as we stroll the sidewalk at Stagecoach Park.

DANCERS FROM PERU: 11:00 A.M. Sabor a Peru (“a taste from Peru”) Performance of a typical Peruvian dance

STORY TELLING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES: What Can You Do with a Paleta; Fiesta Babies; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Very Hungry Bear

SONGS AND MUSIC: Cuca Serrano-Diaz

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY: Information about their materials, programs and services. Pick up an application for your Library Card!

OLATHE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Hands on CPR demonstrations

ITEMS FOR FAMILIES TO BRING:

Family and Friends!
Strollers and small riding toys; Blankets to sit on.

ITEMS DONATED BY NEW YORK LIFE:

Water Bottles

ITEMS PROVIDED BY PARENTS AS TEACHERS:

Books to read at the event; Blankets; Canopy for shade; and, a book to take home for children under 3!





Olathe Parents as Teachers



Screening Day October 14, 2017

SAVE THE DATE:

Please share with Friends and Family

Screening for families with children 4 months to 36 months,

NOT ENROLLED

in Olathe Parents as Teachers personal visits.

Who: Families with children ages 4 months to 36 months

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. by appointment

Where: North Lindenwood Support Center

315 N. Lindenwood

NO COST!!

Parents as Teachers is offering screenings for children 4 months to 36 months. Screening Day will include an Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) hearing screening, the SPOT vision screening, and developmental screenings using the ASQ3 and the ASQ:SE. These highly reliable screening methods help us learn more about your child's development, hearing, and vision.

Each screening will take about 40-45 minutes.

Registration will be open soon.

Please email with questions.



BLOCK FEST

Saturday, November 4

9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

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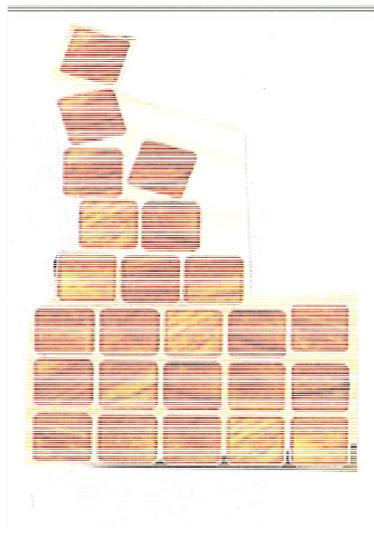
- * Infants and young children exhibit some innate math abilities
- * Math and science skills are strongly linked to long term academic success
- * Young children who learn about math and science are strongly linked to long term academic success
- * Young children learn about math and science through block play
- * Blocks are great for all ages and they inspire building and fun!!

At BLOCK Fest™, in a one hour session, parents and children (ages 8 months to 5 years) rotate through 5 learning centers with a variety of non-interlocking blocks.

Join us for this fun and educational morning where we take off our shoes and have some fun with blocks! Please bring socks for yourself and your child to wear on the BLOCK Fest™ mats. No food or beverage is allowed in the BLOCK Fest area.

Space is limited.

Registration open through Sign Up Genius approximately 10 days prior to the event.



Personal Visit Guidelines

Your certified parent educator looks forward to the privilege of serving your family. The state funding requirement of twelve personal visits during the year makes it very important to keep all scheduled visits. Cancellations due to emergencies or illness are unavoidable. Given this, it is requested that the following suggestions be considered:

- ⇒ Contact your parent educator as soon as possible to reschedule a cancelled visit.
- ⇒ Please be flexible. Some visits may need to be rescheduled during lunch.
- ⇒ Personal safety is an important concern for everyone. To assist your parent educator, please leave outdoor lights on after dark and clear ice and snow from entrances.
- ⇒ Personal visits are most effective when the room is free from distractions. Turn off TV's, stereos, and electronic equipment. Secure pets away from the home visit area.

⇒ If your parent educator accidentally leaves a toy or book on a home visit, please let her know as soon as possible by leaving a message for her at the PAT office (913-780-8106).

In addition, we recognize that your time is valuable. Therefore, it is asked that, should your family find that your personal visits create a burden on your time and no longer meet your needs, you let your parent educator know. This will allow her to accommodate another family from our waiting list.

KANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE

The KanCare program began in January 2013. The KanCare health plans are Amerigroup of Kansas, Inc. (Amerigroup), Sunflower State Health Plan (Sunflower), and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas (United). For more information about KanCare, please visit the Kan-

Need to contact someone??

Here is a list of the Olathe parent educators and office staff

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Check out these web sites!

Olathe Parents as Teachers www.olatheschools.com/pat Link: Parents as Teachers - PAT Newsletter and Enrollment Form

National Parents as Teachers
www.ParentsAsTeachers.org

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission - features a "4 Kids" section. www.cpsc.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—National Center for Environmental Health - Links: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. www.cdc.gov/nceh

American Academy of Pediatrics www.aap.org

Safe Kids - Car Seats www.safekids.org

Safety Belt U.S.A. www.carseat.org

InfantSEE™ www.infantsee.org

See To Learn® www.seetolearn.com

National Institute on Deafness and Other

Communication Disorders www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing

Family TLC www.familytlc.net

Early Childhood NEWS www.earlychildhood.com

Olathe Public Library www.olathelibrary.org/kids

KanCare www.KanCare.ks.gov

National Fatherhood Initiative www.fatherhood.org

City of Olathe www.olatheks.org/news/OlatheLink

Safe Kids Johnson County: <http://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-johnson-county>

Car Seat Check Resources

Safe Kids Johnson County—Katie Schatte—913-477-8312
Lenexa Police Dept—913-477-7415
Overland Park Police Dept—913-895-6419

KS Highway Patrol—Howard Dickinson—913-782-8100
Olathe Police Dept—Barbara Pickwood—913-971-6426

PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE 2017

No reservations needed.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No reservations required for playgroups. All families welcome	<u>Ridgeview Elementary-</u> Begins Sept 12 10:00-11:00 a.m.	<u>NLSC-</u> <u>Begins Sept 13</u> 10:00-11:00 am	<u>NLSC-</u> Begins Sept 14 10:00-11:00 am		

INCLEMENT WEATHER

All Parents as Teachers activities follow the Olathe District Schools' guidelines for inclement weather. If school is canceled due to poor weather conditions, all PAT playgroups, including Saturday activities and Group Connections, will be canceled. Your Parent Educator will contact you regarding any personal visits scheduled. Please watch the news or the school district website (www.olatheschools.com) for school closings.

Playgroup Locations and Descriptions

North Lindenwood Support Center (NLSC)

315 N. Lindenwood

Classroom size room

Large rug area for books, toys, and non-walkers

Art area includes: painting, chalk, and crayons

Success by Six Toy Lending Library

Pretend play areas

Toys available for children birth -36 months

Ridgeview Elementary School(Spanish and English)

1201 E. Elm

Begins Tuesday, September 12

10:00-1100 AM: Room 207

Parents as Teachers Playgroup Guidelines

In order for all parents and children to enjoy playgroup, we ask that you help us by honoring the following guidelines:

- ⇒ Please consider attending playgroup once a week.
- ⇒ Sign in at playgroup and make yourself and your child(ren) a nametag.
- ⇒ Please wear socks or shoes (both parent and child).
- ⇒ Parents, please keep your phones on vibrate and stored with your belongings (diaper bag, backpack, etc.).
- ⇒ NO FOOD or DRINK is allowed at playgroups for the health and safety of all children and parents. Formula for infants is allowed.
- ⇒ Playgroups are for children in good health. Please do not bring children who have a fever of 100° or higher in the last 24 hours, those with a contagious rash, communicable disease, diarrhea, or a thick, runny nose.
- ⇒ Place toys that have been mouthed on in the tub marked "Chewed Toys."
- ⇒ Return toys to appropriate locations at the end of playgroup.
- ⇒ A maximum of 1 book and 1 toy may be checked out for 2 weeks. Please return the book and/or toy to NLSC. Remember to keep the book and toy in the green PAT bag.
- ⇒ We do not check immunizations of children and adults at playgroup. Concerns about contagious diseases are the responsibility of those attending the session.
- ⇒ Parents, remember that YOU are responsible for your child(ren) while at playgroup. Playgroup is a time for you to interact/play with your child(ren). Observe and encourage while you play together.

Reminder:

- ⇒ Our office will be closed November 22-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ⇒ The last playgroups at NLSC for first semester will be Nov. 15 and 16.
- ⇒ Playgroups will resume in January. Watch for that date.
- ⇒ The PAT office will be closed Dec. 22—Jan. 2 for Winter Break.
- ⇒ Remember to Like Us on Facebook! [Olathe Schools Parents As Teachers](#)

Our Location is moving!!!!



**WE ARE PLANNING TO MOVE OVER
WINTER BREAK- DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!**



Parents as Teachers™
Affiliate

OLATHE PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT)

Parents as Teachers is a voluntary and free program sponsored by the Olathe School District. It is designed for all families with children prenatal to 36 months living in the Olathe School District.

Mission: To provide the information, support, and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Notification Statement of Non-discrimination

The Olathe Public Schools prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability in its programs, activities or employment, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups to its facilities as required by: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other relevant state and federal laws. Inquiries regarding compliance with applicable civil rights statutes related to ethnicity, gender, age discrimination or equal access may be directed to Staff Counsel, 14160 Black Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66063-2000, phone 913-780-7000. All inquiries regarding compliance with applicable statutes regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent General Administration, 14160 Black Bob Rd. Olathe, KS 66063-2000, phone (913) 780-7000. Interested persons including those with impaired vision or hearing, can also obtain information as to the existence and location of services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by disabled persons by calling the Assistant Superintendent General Administration. (04/13)