

Small Blessing Family Calendar 2007-2008

Following please find Small Blessings calendar for August 2007-July 2008. Holidays, FIS Meetings, Fundraisers and Activities for the year are all detailed below. You will notice that in consideration of everyone's time, some major changes have been made to allow for increased parental participation.

Families Interacting for Success (FIS) Workshop/Open Forum – A big change this year is to reduce the number of FIS Workshop/Open Forums by more than half so that our families can attend on a regular basis. The mission of this organization is to help encourage interaction, involvement, and communication within this community. FIS meetings are held at Small Blessings from 6:15 – 7:15 pm on Thursday evenings. Dinner and childcare is provided at no charge. In addition to an administrative update from Lee Ann, a short workshop is featured on topics like School Readiness, Working parents maximizing time with their children etc.

August 3rd (and 4th) - Professional Development 8:00 am – 5:00 pm both days (School Closed)

August 16th 2007 - Families Interacting for Success” Workshop/Open Forum. Topic: Open house with Lee Ann & Staff

August 18th 2007 - Kids Nights Out - 5:00-10:00

August 24th 2007 - Family Night with the Indianapolis Indians

September 2007– Art to Remember – Parents can purchase art transformed into magnets, coffee mugs & more made by your own little Van Gogh. Funds raised benefit classroom resources & art materials. In late September you will receive the selected art from your child along with order forms which must be returned by October 1. All items will be delivered to parents by 12/1, just in time for the holidays.

September 3rd 2007 – Labor Day (School Closed)

Sept 20th 2007 Families Interacting for Success” Workshop/Open Forum Get Ready for School

September 24th -25th 2007 – Picture Day

October 8th -12th 2007 – Infant/Toddler Conferences – Parents will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one conferences from 6 - 8 pm.

October 13th 2007 - Kids Nights Out -5:00-10:00

October 15th -19th 2007 - Preschool Conferences – Parents will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one conferences from 6 - 8 pm.

October 20th 2007 - Fall Harvest 4-7 pm - This year a completely new Fall Harvest will be unveiled. Pumpkins for sale, pony rides, hay rides, games, apples and a bake sale are all components under review. A small admission will be charged with all proceeds benefiting FIS (Families Interacting for Success).

October 27th – Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children - Fall Conference
8am – 3 pm (for Teachers)

October 29th - Nov 2nd 2007 - Scholastic Book Fair – Celebrate literacy at Small Blessings. Every book you buy earns books for SB classrooms. Build your home library or kick off your holiday shopping! NEW – There will only be one Book Fair this year.

November 15th 2007 - Families Interacting for Success Workshop/Open Forum – Topic: Working Parents Maximizing Time with Kids – Parents as Teachers

November 22nd – 23rd 2007 – Thanksgiving (School Closed)

December 1st 2007 – Breakfast with Santa – NEW - Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and photo with Santa. 9-11 am at Small Blessings.

December 2007 – Angel Tree Project – In the spirit of giving, Small Blessings will again support the Angel Tree Project. Angel Tree gives gifts to children with an incarcerated parent. You can contribute by purchasing, wrapping, coordinating or delivering the gifts. Wish lists will be distributed at the Breakfast with Santa on December 1 and also available in the lobby on December 3. If you would like to volunteer, please visit Janine at the front desk.

December 15th 2007 - Kids Nights Out - 5:00-10:00

December 24th – 25th 2007 – Christmas (School Closed)

December 31st - Jan 1st 2007/2008 – New Years (School Closed)

January 17th 2008 - Families Interacting for Success” Workshop/Open Forum. Topic: Creative Curriculum

January 21st – 25th 2007 – Infant/Toddler Conferences – Parents will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one conferences from 6 - 8 pm.

January 28th 2008 - February 1st 2007 - Preschool Conferences – Parents will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one conferences from 6 - 8 pm.

February 2nd 2008 - Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children – Winter Workshop 8am – 12 pm (for Teachers)

February 16th 2008 - Kids Nights Out – 5 pm -10 pm

March 3rd 2008 – Read Across America

March 15th 2008 – Health & Safety Fair – 10 am – 1 pm – Get the latest health & safety resources, free child id & fingerprinting, parent forums and more.

March 20th 2008 – Kindergarten Round Up – Come find out about Small Blessings Full Day Kindergarten Program.

April 3rd 2008 - Free Night at Children’s Museum.

April 13th – 19th 2008 – Week of the Young Child

April 17th 2008 - Art Auction– NEW – Mark your calendars for this brand new event that will showcase some of your child's best artwork from the year available for sale in their classroom. Collaborative classroom mosaic art will be auctioned live in the multi-purpose room. A variety show, silent auction and refreshments will also be offered. All proceeds will benefit art programs, supplies and the playground. This means no supplemental charges on your account for enhancement programs like Young Audiences. NOTE: Young Audiences is on the schedule to do a 3 series mosaic workshop in Nov/Dec 2007.

April 19th 2008 - Kids Nights Out - 5:00-10:00

April 25th 2008 (and 26th) – Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children State Conference – Professional Development 8:00 am – 5:00 pm both days (School Closed)

May 5th - 9th 2008 – Infant/Toddler Conferences – Parents will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one conferences from 6 - 8 pm.

May 5th 9th 2008 - Teacher Appreciation Week – Show gratitude for teachers that shape your child's life.

May 9th 2008 – “Muffins for Mom” – In honor of Mother's Day, Mom's can stop by the lobby for a complimentary muffin & beverage.

May 12th – 16th 2008 - Preschool Conferences – Parents will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one conferences from 6 - 8 pm.

May 23rd –4th 2008 - Annual SB5 – Bring your child's bike/helmet for our own race in the parking lot.

May 15th 2008 - Families Interacting for Success” Workshop/Open Forum. Topic: Managing Challenging Behaviors

May 17th 2008 – Garage Sale - 9 am - 3 pm – NEW – Save your gently used items for this new event that will benefit FIS. Items will be collected May 12-16 at Small Blessings. Families Interacting for Success sponsors Teacher Appreciation Week, Breakfast w/Santa, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dads, FIS Meetings/Dinner/Childcare.

May 26th 2008 – Memorial Day (School Closed)

June 13th 2008 - “Donuts for Dad” – In honor of Father's Day, Dad's can stop by the lobby for a complimentary donut & beverage.

June 21st 2008 - Summer Ice Cream Social – NEW Celebrate the first day of summer with Small Blessings families. Tentatively scheduled at Traders Point Creamery. 4-7 pm

June 28th 2008 - Kids Nights Out 5:00-10:00

July 4th 2008 – Independence Day (School Closed)

Kids Nights Out – NOTE – Kids Night Out will now be held bi-monthly.