

APRIL 2024

latchkey edition



CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

This month, we will celebrate our color of the month by wearing blue to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention. Show your support and advocate for the children in our community on April 10th, 2024 by wearing blue!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much for supporting our center and helping us meet our fundraising goals! Flowers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, May 7th from noon to 5pm.

ELECTRONICS

This fall, we began allowing electronic game systems (without internet access) for the School Age children on scheduled days off from school. This will continue into the summertime. If you have not completed an Electronics Policy permission slip and would like to, please pick one up from the sign-in/out desk, go over the rules with your kiddo, & return it to a staff member once complete.

Reminder:

**WE WILL BE CLOSED
APRIL 8TH, 2024 FOR THE
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE.**



A huge thank you to Stephanie Malloy and the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) for providing us with safe eyewear to protect our vision during this rare event and learning opportunity!

LOOKING AHEAD

May 7th, 2024: Fundraiser Flower Delivery

May 23rd, 2024: Last day for Shawnee Kindergarten
EARLY DISMISSAL for Temple Christian

May 24th, 2024: Last day of school for Temple
Last day of school for Cridersville
Last day for Shawnee 1st through 4th

May 27th, 2024: Center CLOSED for Memorial Day

June 3rd, 2024: Summer Session Starts

July 1st-5th, 2024: Center CLOSED for Summer Break

Better Together

BRIDGING THE GAP
BETWEEN SCHOOL & HOME



growing healthy habits

Introduce your kiddos to the basics of planting a garden and eating healthy through the process of planting seeds and caring for their garden. Children develop healthier eating habits and get excited about tasting food when they help grow the ingredients and make meals! A garden is a wonderful way to bond with your kiddos! You can grow flowers, fruits, veggies, or herbs. Comparing how long the different foods take to sprout, what they need to grow, emphasizing their bright colors once they are ready to pick, and even using this as an opportunity to show your children the importance of helping friends or neighbors by sharing your produce with neighbors- the opportunities for learning and growth are endless. Even if you don't have a green thumb, you can start small, with a window box of herbs in your kitchen or in a large planter in a sunny area. For more healthy food ideas and resources, visit <https://www.myplate.gov/>

