

NHA NEWS

SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR CREATING STRONG READERS



Reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping children develop into good readers and writers.

Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on children's literacy and learning.

Invite a child to read with you every day.

1. When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
2. Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
3. Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
4. Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
5. Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
6. Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.
7. Reading well is at the heart of all learning. Children who can't read well, can't learn. Help make a difference for a child.

Get ready to get CREATIVE!

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Summer ART CAMP!

Opens June 29, 2009

Contact your local Learning Center for details:

20 West Ave	203.852.1144
Meadows Gardens	203.899.0729
Colonial Village	203.831.8508
Washington Village	203.838.8471 x162
Early Childhood	203.838.8471 x187



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Project HOPE!

Help Norwalk Health Department promote its FREE HIV Testing in the Norwalk area. Call Lynette Gibson, AIDS Program Coordinator at 854-7979 to find out how you can earn a FREE Wal-mart gift card.

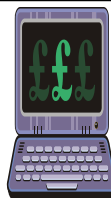
Norwalk Housing Foundation's Scholarship Awards Ceremony July 8, 2009



You are cordially invited to attend the 11th Annual Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony on July 8, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Please come and show your support for these recipients as they embark on this new journey. If you would like to attend, contact Nicole Ruffin at 838-8471 ext. 140 by July 6, 2009.

Feedback Welcomed!

Are you finding NHA News interesting? Your comments/suggestions are encouraged and your feedback matters! E-mail Nicole Ruffin at nruffi@norwalkha.org or drop her a note addressed to her attention.



Summer School for ESL and GED

Norwalk Adult Education will be offering an ESL and GED (English) program for adults at Brien McMahon during the summer. The program will be offered Monday through Thursday from 11:00am-1:30pm for five weeks from June 29, 2009 through July 30, 2009.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE COURSE.

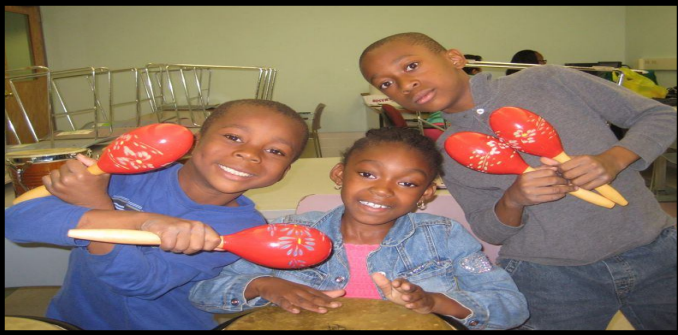
Registration will take place at Brien McMahon on June 25 and June 26 from 9:00am-12:00noon. Late registration will be permitted until June 28, 2009. If you have any questions, please call Adult Education at 854-4115.

Are you prepared?

The 2009 Hurricane Season is forecasted to bring 14 storms to the Atlantic Ocean, with 7 becoming hurricanes. Michele DeLuca, Norwalk Fire Dept. Deputy Director of Emergency Management will host a Seminar on July 9, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at 57 Ward Street (Irving Freese Community room) Norwalk, CT. Refreshments will be available. Call **838-8471 ext. 135** now to reserve a seat or to arrange transportation.

Congratulations Clarentz!

Congratulations to Clarentz Jean of King Kennedy who has received a tuition free scholarship to The Connecticut Friends School in Wilton, CT. In September, he will be entering 6th grade. Clarentz attends the Washington Village Learning Center as well. His interests include art, music, karate, and math. He also enjoys reading biographies about President Obama. Clarentz plans on attending college when he graduates from high school in 7 years. Way to go Clarentz!



Enroll your children in Norwalk Housing Authority's FREE Summer Program!

A \$4,000 Value Per Child



Norwalk Housing Authority's Summer Program provides our children with 35 hours a week of childcare for students in grades K-12. The program includes many opportunities for the students to take advantage of, such as trips, drama classes, art classes, literacy support, tennis lessons, science workshops, photography classes, swimming, picnics, book clubs, karate, and Latin drumming lessons.

Transportation is provided. The estimated value of this program is \$500.00 per week. The program runs for 8 weeks, from June 29th through August 21st. For Norwalk Housing Authority residents this complete summer program is **FREE!**

Register your child at one of our four locations!

20 West Ave, 852-1144

Washington Village, 838-8471 ext. 162

Meadow Gardens, 899-0729

Colonial Village, 831-8508

NHA Welcomes New Staff

Director of Maintenance

Dan Williamson joins us as Director of Maintenance. Since 1981, Dan has been an independent contractor for commercial and residential construction, supervising sub-contractors and suppliers.

WELCOME

FREE PROGRAMS WORTH \$1,000'S!

Why pay for Costly programs when you can get them here for FREE. If you or anyone in your household is interested in any of the programs, please call Learning Center staff at 838-8471 ext. 187.

BIRTH TO 5 YEARS OLD Est. Value, \$245.00 every 2 weeks

Swimming
Karate
Literacy & Parents as Teachers
Playwriting, Producing & Acting
Gymnastics

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Est. Value, \$285.00 every 2 weeks

Literacy Program
Swimming
Art Expression
Karate
Latin Drumming

MIDDLE SCHOOL Est. Value, \$335.00 every 2 weeks

Literacy Program
Digital Photography
Norwalk River Rowing
Tennis
Swimming
Playwriting, Producing & Acting
Leadership Academy/ Math
& Language Arts instruction

HIGH SCHOOL Est. Value, \$360.00 every 2 weeks

Literacy Program
Photography
Tennis
Midnight Academy Youth Computers
Lead Program Playwriting, Producing & Acting

ADULTS & Sr. CITIZENS

English as a Second Language (ESL)
Adults Job Skills (interview skills, creating a resume, Job searching)
Adult Computers (Internet programs, Microsoft Office Programs & typing)
FCA Intergenerational Program (Develops relationships between senior citizens and youth)
Financial Management Workshop
Credit Repair & Credit Counseling Workshop
First time homebuyers 8 Hour Certified Homeownership Education Workshop
Food Stamps Workshops
Money Management Workshop
Homeownership Program
Family Self-Sufficiency Program