



# PARENTS AS TEACHERS

## BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Spring 2010 Newsletter

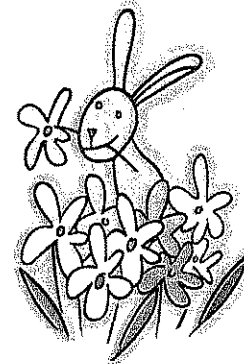


**THE PARENTS AS TEACHERS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 8TH-12TH**  
 Activities promoted in this newsletter will be held at the Paul Consiglio Education Center,  
 1501 NW Jefferson, Blue Springs unless otherwise noted.

### Spring Screening For Three and Four Year Olds

**3 Year Olds: March 24th**  
**4 Year Olds: March 25th**

If your three or four year old has not attended a preschool screening this year at the Parents As Teachers Center please take advantage of this spring screening opportunity. This screening is not appropriate for children who attended screening last fall or who will be age eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2010. Pre-kindergarteners will have the opportunity to schedule a screening appointment at kindergarten enrollment.



Children will be screened in the areas of language, motor, hearing, vision and general health. The screening assessment used for four year olds is the Dial-3. The screening assessment for three year old children is the Brigance Screen. Screening appointments will be scheduled between the hours of 8:30AM and 3:30 PM.

**Call 224-1740 beginning on March 16th to schedule your appointment.**

### INFANT MASSAGE

**March 18th: Session at 6:00PM**  
 Call 224-1740 now to reserve a space.

**April 27th: Session at 6:00PM**  
 Call 224-1740 April 20th or 21st  
 to reserve a space.

Massage is a wonderful way to help parents establish closer bonds with their babies. If you have an infant from 1 to 5 months in age please join us for this wonderful class. Studies show that touch plays an important role in infants' growth and development. It is also helpful in relieving colic and other symptoms of infant stress. Shelley McCormick, a parent educator and certified infant massage instructor, will lead these 90 minute sessions. This is a special time for parents and infants, we would encourage you to attend without older siblings.



### BOOK FAIR



**MARCH 24TH-25TH: 8:30AM-3:30PM**

We will be having a book fair during our three and four year old screening days. The books are offered through Scholastic Book Fairs and the selection will be geared to preschool age children. A percentage of sales will be returned to Parents As Teachers to be used to purchase books for our lending library and also to distribute to needy families.

# STAYING FIT WITH PARENTS AS TEACHERS

We are grateful to the following businesses for providing our families an opportunity to try one of their classes free of charge. Health, fitness and recreation should be incorporated into your child's life from the very start and these are great opportunities to become more familiar with the resources in our community.

## OPEN GYM TIME AT REBOUND GYMNASTICS

8316 S 7 Hwy (3 miles south of 40 Hwy on the west side of 7 Hwy)

One Monday morning each month Rebound Gymnastics will open its Preschool Area free of charge for a designated age group of our children. Parents will have the opportunity to play with their child using the fun equipment in the safe, structured area provided by Rebound Gymnastics. Group size is limited. Reservations are necessary. Remember this is a parent/child activity so wear comfortable clothing.

*Parents must sign a release for children to participate. Release forms are available on the Rebound Gymnastic website: [www.reboundgym.com](http://www.reboundgym.com)*



**March 8th: 10:00AM**

Session for 4 & 5 Year Olds  
Call 224-1740 on March 2nd or 3rd to reserve a space.

**April 12th: 10:00AM**

Session for 3 Year Olds  
Call 224-1740 on April 5th or 6th to reserve a space.

**May 10th: 10:00AM**

Session for 2 Year Olds  
Call 224-1740 on May 4th or 5th to reserve a space.



## L'IL KICKERS AT SPORTS CITY

425 NE Mock Ave

Sports City in Blue Springs is offering introductory classes from their L'il Kickers Program for children ages 18-36 months. These classes are non-competitive and designed to introduce soccer and movement skills. Parents participate with the younger children as they play games designed to develop listening skills, improve balance and foot-eye coordination. Parents will observe the 3-5 year olds as they improve coordination and learn basic soccer movement skills.

**April 16TH**

**Bunnies  
Hoppers**

**(18-36 months)  
(3-5 Year Olds)**

**10:30AM  
11:30AM**

Call 224-1740 April 8th or 9th to reserve a space in one of these sessions.

## SOC CERTOTS at the KC SPORTS LODGE

19310 East 50th Terrace in Independence

(From 40 Hwy go south on Little Blue Parkway to E 50th and turn right)

SoccerTots uses a variety of games to delight and engage children in physical activity. The curriculum is designed to develop motor skills, promote physical fitness, and create self confidence in children. This class will be offered for children from 18 - 36 months. For more information about the SoccerTots program visit the website at [www.kcsportslodge.com](http://www.kcsportslodge.com)



**April 13th: Session at 9:30AM**

Call 224-1740 on April 5th or 6th to reserve a space.

## L'IL HOOPERS at the KC SPORTS LODGE

19350 E 50th Terrace in Independence

(From 40 Hwy go south on Little Blue Parkway to E 50th and turn right)

Join us in this safe, learning environment while using the fun, action packed games that incorporate fundamental basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing and catching. This class will be offered for children from 3-5 years. For more information about the L'il Hoopers program visit the website at [www.kcsportslodge.com](http://www.kcsportslodge.com)



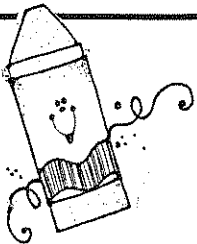
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# BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

## 2010-2011

To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age on or before July 31st, 2010.



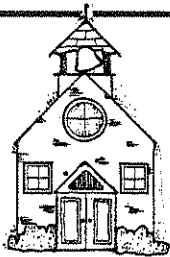
## READY, SET, OFF TO KINDERGARTEN

### MARCH 23rd at 7:00PM

### Blue Springs High School Commons

The Parents As Teachers program and Early Childhood PTA will co-sponsor this session for parents of children who will be attending kindergarten next year. Information on enrollment procedures, school readiness, and the kindergarten experience will be presented by a panel of school professionals.

This meeting is appropriate for adults only.  
We regret that space is not available for childcare.  
NO REGISTRATION IS NEEDED.



## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

### APRIL 29th: NOON to 7:00PM

### APRIL 30th: 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Parents are encouraged to enroll their child during one of these sessions. Enrollment will take place at the elementary building in your attendance area. Children should accompany their parents on the day of enrollment. Children must be current on immunizations before entering school. Parents will receive an exit visit and will be given enrichment ideas for the summer months.

Parents will need to take the following items to complete the enrollment:

- Child's state issued birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residency (a current gas, water or electric bill with name and address will serve as proof of residency)
- Child's social security number
- Parent photo I.D.
- Lease agreement-if renting
- Divorce decree & parenting plan - if applicable
- Adoption paperwork - if applicable



# PTA Today...the Early Edition

From the Blue Springs Early Childhood Parent/Teacher Association



## Parents As Teachers and Early Childhood PTA - Working Together

ECPTA is the Parent Teacher Association that supports the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program for the Blue Springs School District. We plan many events and activities to keep you involved in your child's learning at an early age! We also provide parents the opportunity to connect with others and serve the Parents As Teachers Organization. Come check us out - join us for an event before deciding whether to join. The cost for an annual family membership is only \$10.00. If you are interested in joining please contact Amanda Dornon: [amanda.dornon@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.dornon@gmail.com) or 816-682-4399,

### Join Us For Our Spring Events

Please RSVP for events to Amanda Dornon at [amanda.dornon@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.dornon@gmail.com) or 816-682-4399

**Lunar Bowl:** March 8th at 10:00AM

Looking for a fun activity during spring break? Bring all the kids and join us for bowling. Cost is \$3 per person. This includes shoes and one hour of bowling. Please RSVP by March 5th.

**Kindermusik** April 19th at 10:00AM

Bring the kids to the Parents As Teachers Center and listen to Mrs. Tawna do a demo music class. The kids will be shakin', giggling', and wigglin' by the end of the hour! Please RSVP by April 16th so she can bring enough instruments and supplies.

**Lunch Bunch** May 13th at 11:00AM

Bring your lunch and come to the Parents As Teachers Center. After enjoying lunch together we will take time to enjoy all the beautiful colors of spring. You will be able to help your child plant a flower to take home. Please RSVP by May 10 so that we will have an adequate supply of flowers and pots.

**Lunch Bunch at Waterfall Park** May 24th at 11:00AM

Pack your lunch, load the kids up, and meet us behind Bass Pro in Independence at the Waterfall Park. Lots of fun things for the kids to do. There may even be some ducks to feed!

Any questions about activities? Contact Romy Quick at [mattromy\\_quick@hotmail.com](mailto:mattromy_quick@hotmail.com) or 229-0164



**F.Y.I.** The most current issue of the Parents As Teachers Newsletter is available on the Blue Springs School District website:

<http://bluesprings-schools.net>.

You will find information about the program under the "Students and Parents" heading.