



Steel Valley Family Center News



NOVEMBER 2023

Staff Message

A huge thank you to Kim Adley, who came as 'Miss Straw' for a Halloween Storytime for our younger children in late October. All of the children who came had a great time! In November we will have a Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at 5 p.m. to discuss the upcoming holiday season. Dan will continue to have Home Run Dads meetings in November and will complete the course with a party for the dads on Friday, November 17. Additionally, we will have a Beverly's Birthdays party on Tuesday, November 21 for children who have birthdays in November and December. As a reminder, the center will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

We would also like to give a big welcome to Brittney Hauslee, our newest family development specialist here at the Family Center. Next time you are at the center please make sure to say welcome! November will be a busy month but we hope that you are able to stop by one of our events. Finally, the staff would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

- Family Center Staff

Events Calendar

Friday, November 3; Friday, November 10 & Friday, November 17

Home Run Dads, 10 a.m.

Join Dan for a morning of conversation with other dads where you can share your feelings about the ups and downs of fatherhood. Anyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend!

Friday, November 3; Friday, November 10 & Friday, November 17

Drop-In Playtime, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We will have drop-in hours in our playroom on Fridays, so anyone is welcome to bring their children but an adult must be present and stay with the child for the whole time. Childcare is not provided; children must be supervised by their parents.

Tuesday, November 7 - Parent Council, 5 p.m.

We will have our parent council meeting to discuss what is going on in the center for the months of November and December. Food, transportation and childcare will be provided for this meeting. Please call the center by November 3 to RSVP.

Wednesday, November 8/22 - Storytime at the Library, 11 a.m.

Join Robin at the Carnegie Library of Homestead for storytime! She will read a book, do a craft and all children will get a snack to take home.

Our Mission

We are an educational community that advocates and advances equitable opportunities for every learner.

Our Vision

Through equitable access, all learners will achieve their full potential.

Staff

Senior Site Director

Holly Cherpak

Senior Family Development Specialist

Jasmine Purkey

Family Development Specialist

Brittney Hauslee

Robin Mercuri

Drug and Alcohol Case Manager

Sharlene Sikorski

Fatherhood Facilitator & Van Driver

Danny Martin

Receptionist/Recruiter

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Main Number

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Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday



Events Calendar

Thursday, November 9 - Bank On It with PNC Bank, 10 a.m.

PNC Bank will be here to teach a class about the importance of banking. Are you interested in attending? Breakfast, transportation and childcare will be provided.

Tuesday, November 21 - Beverly's Birthdays Party, 5 p.m.

This is a Beverly's Birthdays party for children who have birthdays in November and December. If your child is invited to the party you will receive an invitation in the mail.

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 - Center Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Tuesday, November 28 - Center Closed (Professional Development)

Saturday, December 2 - Pictures With Santa, 10 a.m. - Noon

Prior to the Homestead Christmas parade, we will have pictures with Santa at our center. Plus, Reading Ready Pittsburgh will be partnering with us and handing out free books! This event is open to all children in our community.

Tuesday, December 5 - Parent Council Christmas Party, 6 p.m.

Join us for our annual Christmas party! We will do a \$10 gift exchange for any parents who are interested. We will provide dinner and transportation for this event.

Resources

Bread Donation Giveaway

This will take place outside the family center along 8th Avenue every Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. If you need bread for your household, please stop by.

Diaper Bank

The family center gives out 50 diapers and a pack of wipes per child, per family, every month. If you are interested in receiving diapers please call or stop by.

Community Events

Wednesday, November 15 - Rainbow Kitchen Resource Fair, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our neighbors at Rainbow Kitchen, at 135 East 9th Avenue in Homestead, will hold their monthly resource fair. This event is a great opportunity for families to learn more about the services available in their communities.

Tuesday, November 21 - Salvation Army Turkey Dinner, 4 - 6 p.m.

The Salvation Army in Homestead, at 104 East 9th Avenue in Homestead will hold a dine-in only dinner. If you are interested in attending please enter through the Big Red Door in the alley. If you have Any questions please contact the Homestead Salvation Army at 412-461-2460.

Monday, November 20 - Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, Noon - 2 p.m.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be at Steel Valley High School, at 3113 Main Street in Munhall, providing free medical services ranging from immunizations to physicals.

Storytime With 'Miss Straw'

Check out these photos of Kim Adley, a.k.a. 'Miss Straw' reading to our family center children. We hope everyone who came out had a great time!



Thank You

- 412 Food Rescue
- Costco
- Irish Festival
- Salvation Army

What's Happening at AIU

AIU Family Centers Earn Blue Ribbon

The AIU's Family Centers just received an award that demonstrates just how critical these centers and their staff members are to their communities. Nine of our centers, along with our Family and Immigrant Connections program, have achieved Blue Ribbon status through Parents as Teachers, a renowned childhood development organization that gives parent educators and parents the tools and training to help children grow.

"I'm delighted that the Parents as Teachers National Center has recognized the AIU's Family Centers and their exemplary commitment to their communities," said Lori Vollman, program director of the AIU's Family and Community Engagement Services, which oversees the family centers. "I am extremely proud of our family center staff and the work they do every day to support families."

The following family centers are now Blue Ribbon-certified through September 2028:

- Clairton
- Duquesne
- East Allegheny
- Family and Immigrant Connections
- Highlands
- Lincoln Park
- McKeesport
- Steel Valley
- Sto-Rox
- Wilkesburg



Congratulations to everyone involved in this wonderful achievement!

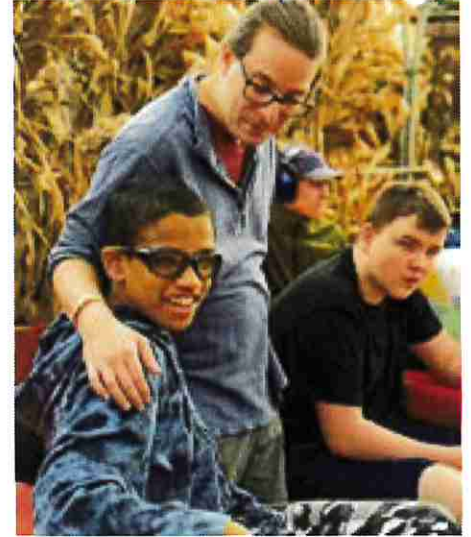
PBIS Secondary Student Summit Held

The AIU's Training & Consultation Team recently hosted its first PBIS Student Summit. The event brought together more than 80 secondary students from Elizabeth Forward, Highlands, North Hills, Quaker Valley, West Allegheny, and West Mifflin Area school districts and Community School East. Each



student in attendance belonged to their respective school's student team for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). School-wide PBIS is most effective when student voice is part of the process, which is where student teams come into play, said TaC Coordinator Shanna Bradfield. "As much as we can make the program student-driven, we see better implementation."

Down On The Farm



On October 11, students from several classrooms at Pathfinder School enjoyed a hayride to Simmons Farms, where they were met with a play area, including a special obstacle course, blooming fall garden and pumpkin patch. Students were thrilled to leave with their own pumpkins.

Work for the AIU

- [Administrative Support, Adult ESL & Family Literacy](#)
- [Fatherhood Facilitator](#)
- [Family Development Specialist, Sto-Rox](#)
- [LTS Itinerant Hearing Teacher](#)
- [Paraprofessional At-Large](#)
- [Substitute Custodian](#)

This is just a small sample of the jobs available at the AIU.

For more information, visit: aiu3.net/careers.

November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Home Run Dads – 10 am Drop-in Playtime – 10 am – 1 pm	4
5	6 Bread – 9 am Parent Council – 5 pm	7	8 Story time at the Library w/ Ms. Robin – 11 am	9 Bank on it with PNC Bank – 10 am	10 Home Run Dads – 10 am Drop-in Playtime – 10 am – 1 pm	11
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19	20 Bread – 9 am Beverly's Birthdays – 5 pm	21	22 Story time at the Library w/ Ms. Robin – 11 am	23 Center Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	24 Center Closed	25
26	27 Center Closed – Staff Professional Development	28	29	30		



THE RONALD MCDONALD CARE MOBILE

As a collaboration between UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, Inc., the Care Mobile offers no out-of-pocket cost medical care to children throughout Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas.

Have any questions or need more information?

Call 412-352-1059 or visit us at www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic

Follow and like the Care Mobile on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/CHPCareMobile

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- ▶ Immunizations
- ▶ Routine physical exams
- ▶ Sick child visits
- ▶ COVID-19 vaccine for approved ages
- ▶ Adolescent and young adult health care
- ▶ Referrals for specialty care
- ▶ WIC (Women, Infants & Children) form assistance

ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CARE MOBILE ARE AT NO OUT-OF-POCKET COST

SERVICES ARE COMING YOUR WAY! LOOK FOR THE CARE MOBILE ON:

LOCATION: Barrett Elementary & Steel Valley High School

DATE: Barrett - October 27th

TIME: 9:30am - 2:00pm

High School - November 17th

Registration will close at 1:30pm.



Ronald McDonald House Charities
Pittsburgh and Morgantown



ANDERSEN CORPORATE FOUNDATION



CARNEGIE OF HOMESTEAD

Fall Story & Play Time

**Wednesdays @ 11 AM in the
Children's Room**

Come join us for fun fall stories and play in
the athletic club gym!

Special guests include Miss Robin from the
Steel Valley Family Center & Hugo the
robot from Fine Art Miracles

FREE TUTORING



WHEN: Wednesdays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

WHERE: Carnegie Library of Homestead

- Our tutoring program is available to all students
- Tutoring sessions are 30 minutes each
- Please register for a slot by calling 412-462-3444
- Please bring your textbook and/or homework
- Snacks provided

