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EXTRA.....EXTRA.....READ ALL ABOUT TSOC
We are now enrolling 1st and 2nd shifts

20 Tips for a
Successful Year for
Your Child



1-Eat a good breakfast every morning, don't let them skip breakfast.

2-Wake them up early enough to get up on time so they are not tardy! Even if that means waking them up 15 or 30 minutes earlier than they used to wake up.

3-Be sure your child gets a good night sleep turn in early.

4-Have them prepare all of their things the night before, including clothes or uniforms, socks, shoes, book sacks, homework assignments in book sacks, etc. down to the finest details, even hair

accessories.

5-Children should keep their book sacks, desks and rooms organized so they can find what they need easily and nothing gets lost.

6-Praise your child, encourage them, use positive reinforcement, work closely with them. Let them know that you are available to help if needed.

7-Create a study routine for your child a good rule of thumb is to have them do their homework right when they get home.

8-Go over homework together.

9-Check their book sacks for notes, missed assignments, book orders, etc.

10-Promote healthy habits like healthy, low in sugar, fresh fruits and vegetables.

11-Children should ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask questions-that is how we learn.

12-A stress free child is a happy child. A happy child will do better in school.

13-Children should start reviewing

notes at least three days before a test. Don't wait until the night before or worse-The day of the test to study for it.

14-Children should write down their assignment carefully. Have the number of a few classmates in case you forget to write it down.

15-Parents be a role model to your children. Your children learn from you. Be positive and supportive of the school system and teachers.

16-Have your child read to you often and regularly.

17-Have them put all of their things in their room right when they get home. This will alleviate the chances of losing or misplacing something. More time is wasted looking for a lost shoe or where they put their book sack.

18-Children should take notes when the teacher repeats something, tells them to write it down or that is very important or will be on a test, or if she writes it on the board.

19-Don't cheat, don't be lazy, do your projects and assignment ahead of time. Study and learn. You will be proud of yourself.

20-During tests, read all of the directions, follow directions, read the questions carefully, and double check your answers if you have time after you are done.

Information Provided by:
www.essortment.com



From the After school Corner:

Ms. Anitra-Site Director

Ms. Norma-Enrichment Instructor/Math Instructor Teacher- Welcome to TSOC- She has experience as a Math Tutor and is Bi-lingual (Spanish/English)

Ms. Brenda-Enrichment Instructor

Open Position-We are now hiring

The after school students are in the process of completing educational assessments. The assessments will help the teachers to be able to serve the students better. They are also preparing for the End of Grade Test. If you would like to come and volunteer with this task, please see Ms. Pam.

For Johnny Appleseed Day, the after school students will do Apple Math Facts (word problems) and will make an Apple Pie.

Mrs. Anitra would also like to thank each parent and/or family member that has participated in the family events and she is looking forward to the future participation.

From the Kinder Prep Corner

Mrs. Chona-Lead Teacher
Ms. Shontavia-Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Brenda-Floater



The Kinder Prep students have been extremely busy and we are here to say that we have great teachers and the best Kinder Prep that you will come across. Just look at what they have been doing in the months of August and September:

-They have already mastered counting to 10 in Spanish NOW they are learning to count to 10 in French!

-They are learning Sign Language (Alphabets and their names)

-They are learning shapes (squares, circles, triangle, and rectangles) by making cookies

-Learning measurements by making Jell-O

-They are learning the letter "B" so they made "B"anana Pudding to coincide with the letter "B".

-For Johnny Appleseed Day this month, they will count apples and make an Apple Pie together as a class.

If anyone would like to volunteer in the Kinder Prep class, please see Ms. Pam!

Summer Camp 2009 Fine Arts Camp



We hosted our 8th Annual Summer Camp Program. The summer camp ran from June 15, 2009-August 17, 2009. This year our program implemented a Fine Arts Camp. The students participated in Theater Arts, Stepping, Poetry, Modeling, Music, Arts, and Photography. At the end of each camp, the students "showcase" their talents and what they learned that week to their family and friends.

The students also got the chance to participate in our weekly swimming and movies outings as well as attending our Fun Friday Field Trip.

The Harnett County Sheriff Department sponsored a week GREAT (Gang, Resistant and Training) program for our middle and high school students. The camp was located at Overhills Middle School and the students participated in fun and educational activities for the entire week from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. The students really enjoyed the camp. Kudos to the fine women and men at the Sheriff Department!

We are also thankful that we receive youth workers from the Harnett County Joblink and The Employment Security Commission. They did a great job!

From the Pre-Collegiate Corner

Pre-Collegiate Director-Ms. Pam
Pre-Collegiate Assistant Director-
Ms. Nell



During the 2008-2009 term our program handed out 17 scholarships to students attending Harnett Central High School, Overhills High School, and Triton High School. We presented the scholarships to them at their respective school and also gave them a personal “awards ceremony” at the center. In August 2009, we had to say goodbye to the 92% of our 2009 Graduates that started college in the Fall of 2009. We are so proud of them. We know that they will go far and the “Sky is the Limit”!

The Pre-Collegiate Workshops will begin October (however a one-on-one consultation can be made by appointment at any time)



We also had 3 of our Kinder Prep Participants to graduate and we had them a “special” ceremony and they started “big school” in August. Congratulations to them as well. We know they will take that Kindergarten Class by storm!

From the Harnett County Police
Athletic/Activities League

Ms. Nell-PAL Director
Mr. Walter-Athletic Director



For those that might not be aware, our program and Harnett County Sheriff Department has teamed up to organize a Harnett County Police Athletic League. The activities and games will take place at Williams Recreational Center in Bunnlevel, NC (off of Bunnlevel-Erwin Road). We have a lot of activities planned.

We just finished our Youth Flag Football League and the season was great! The age division was 4 to 14 years old. We had some great talent on the field, great family support, and great coaches that took out the time to volunteer their talents and expertise.

We were really happy to have Mr. McLean to come out and help run the drills and support the league. Mr. McLean is a graduate of North Carolina State University and a former NFL Player. He played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Thank you!

Adult Flag Football



We are now in the process of kicking off our Adult Male Flag Football Season. This league is for males 18 years of age old or older. Their practices began in August. Our team has already had 2 scrimmages and they are looking good!

The team is being coached by Coach Deoward.

The season will begin in two weeks. If you don't have anything else to do and you are looking for some great entertainment after church, please come by Williams Recreational Center at 2:00 pm. Don't worry about missing the game on TV just Tivo it and come out and see some live football!



We are seeking Volunteers to assist with all aspect of our organization. Anything that you can and will do will be greatly appreciated. Remember in order for our youth to have a bright future they must be equipped for the journey!

Upcoming Events:



September 2009

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| Open House | 9/14 |
| Grandparents Day | 9/13 |
| Mexican Independence Day | 9/16 |
| (On 9/16 Students will make Fried Ice Cream with their Grandparents to Observe Grandparent's Day and Mexican Independence Day) | |
| Staff Training | 9/17 |
| 21 st CCLC Meeting | 9/17&9/18 |
| Staff Training | 9/21 |
| Family Movie Night | 9/23 |
| Observing Johnny Appleseed Day | 9/28 |
| Dunn Expo | 9/29 |
| (Come check out our booth) | |

Newsletter Prepared by Ms. Pam

Chief Executive Director-Ms. Pam
Chief Financial Director-Ms. Nell
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Mrs. Anitra

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