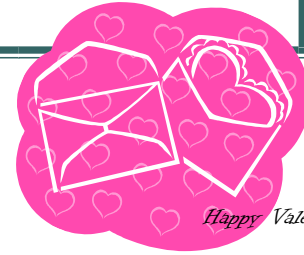


AFTER THE BELL RINGS....

UCPS After School Program



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Targeted Sites for Spring Break

Fairview
Indian Trail
Kensington
Marvin
Rock Rest
Stallings
Sun Valley
Weddington
Western Union
(Depending upon
enrollment.)

Dates to Remember

- *Summer Camp Enrollment for Existing Families is February 17-20*
- *Spring Break Enrollment for Existing Families is March 4-27 (No open enrollment.)*
- *Fall Enrollment for Grades 1-5 for Existing Families is April 21-27*

Open enrollment begins one week after dates above for those not currently enrolled.

Why Do We.....?

Why can't a school volunteer's child shoot basketballs in the gym at the same time After School is in session? Why can't a neighborhood child play on the playground at the same time After School children are playing outside? Why can't athletic associations have access to the gym before 6:00 p.m.?

These questions can be answered in two words: State Licensing.

All aspects of our operation are governed by regulations developed for child care centers by the Division of Child Development in Raleigh. We are required to have an application on hand for each child enrolled in the program. The

file contains contact information for parents, medical information, emergency contacts and other information that a caregiver may need.

When the State Consultant visits, any child in the area used by the After School Program is considered to be in the program, and we are expected to provide the required information. If we can't, we are assessed penalties that can ultimately affect the Star Rating for that site.

It's fairly easy to explain these rules to school staff. However, neighbors of the school often don't understand why their children can't be on school grounds at the same time as After School children.

The After School Program is in the process of having signs printed and installed at each elementary school. We hope that these signs will help explain why we have certain rules in place and will alleviate some of the questions to the schools. Signs have been installed at Marvin and New Salem and have been ordered for Benton Heights, Fairview, Unionville, and Rea View.

Staff Training Opportunities

BSAC Feb. 3&5

To Be Scheduled

Blood-Born Pathogen
CPR/FA

Saturday BSAC Class

Activities on January 26 Workday

Fairview After School enjoyed "Bike Safety" provided by the Union County Sheriff's Department. Children brought bikes and helmets and learned important safety tips.

Marvin After School celebrated with a pancake breakfast and had the American Red Cross present a safety program.

Porter Ridge After School enjoyed a fun filled day at the movies and had pizza.

Rea View After School enjoyed a pancake breakfast and made Chinese lanterns and masks while learning about the Chinese New Year.

Several After School Programs have their own websites—please check the school websites and look for the After School link.

Congratulations to....

- **Rea View After School Program**—the State Consultant visited on the January 26 workday (during the pancake breakfast!) and found no violations.
- **Stallings After School Program** received an unannounced compliance visit from the State Consultant and received no violations.