

# Playtime Press



April 2018

## SUMMER OPENINGS

As many of you know, Playtime Learning Academy has been full in all classes most of the year. Occasionally a space will open in one class or another and we go to the waiting list to let people know. However, we anticipate having additional openings in many classes on May 29th as we transition into summer schedules and move ups. So, if you have a friend who might be wanting to get into classes at Playtime, now is the time to come in and put a hold on those upcoming spaces. As a thank you to our current families for the referrals, you will get a free date night for anyone who enrolls for a summer space from your referral.

## SCHOOL CHOICE... LAST CHANCE

### April 17th (noon)-April 24th

Hillsborough County Schools offer parents the opportunity to choose the school their child attends. Your residential address determines your assigned school; but you have the option to apply to enroll in a different school of your choice through the School Choice Program. Applications were taken online in the month of January, but if you missed that in January, there is one more opportunity online April 17th-24th.

If you choose to attend your assigned school, you do not need to do a School Choice application. The Hillsborough County Schools website will give you all the information you need regarding School Choice and to determine to which school you are assigned.

Playtime Learning Academy provides before and after school care with transportation for: Northwest, Claywell, Essrig, and Citrus Park Elementary Schools.

Link for school choice website:

<http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/613/choice-dates>

## Important Semester Dates

April 3rd-4th Spring Picture Day (all classes)

April 13th— Bring your bike (trike) to school for the 10th annual Charity Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital

May 23rd— VPK Graduation 6pm at Sickles High School

May 26th—Last day of school year

May 7-11—Teacher Appreciation Week

May 30th—First day of summer programs

## SPRING PICTURES



Our wonderful photographer, Jen Bailey, will be back again in April for spring pictures. Mark your calendars. Each child will have their picture taken at Playtime on one of two days: either April 3rd or 4th. Siblings will be photographed together.

VPK graduates will have cap and gown pictures taken. More specific information will be coming from your classroom teachers.



## ST. JUDE'S CHARITY TRIKE-A-THON

**APRIL 13TH** (Mark your calendars.)

Each spring, our classrooms focus a week of study on Bicycle Safety using materials provided to us by St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Bikewell Bear and Pedals the Rabbit, help young children learn the basics of safe riding. The week culminates with a Trike-A-Thon in the Playtime parking lot. Children will bring their bike, trike, scooter, or ride-on toy from home to practice safe driving on our outdoor track. Parents are invited to attend to watch during their child's classroom's assigned time.

**We ask parents to make donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital during the week of our Trike-A-Thon.** St. Jude's donates prizes for individual contributions and Playtime donates an ice cream party to the winning classroom.

### Coaching Model at Playtime

#### Learning Academy

Did you know that Playtime has coaches that work very closely with our teachers to support best practices in your child's classroom?

Ms. Ali is the coach for the first floor (twos, threes, and PreK3) while Ms. Rita coaches our VPK and Part Time 3s programs.

Coaching is a more proactive approach than monitoring classrooms for compliance. Ms.

Ali and Ms. Rita are in the classrooms, with the teachers, working with the students, and helping the teachers grow in their profession.

The overall aim of the coaching model at Playtime is to improve professional practice and thereby increase the quality of early childhood education for young children and their families.

Playtime is a learning organization where open communication and idea development flow freely! Our coaching model encourages each teacher to always set goals to improve in a positive, supportive environment.



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### VPK PARENTS—\$20 TO RESERVE YOUR DVD'S

#### VPK Slideshow and Graduation Video

**For each VPK graduate, we need one picture of the VPK graduate as a baby send to: [VPKpictures@yahoo.com](mailto:VPKpictures@yahoo.com)**

Each year the staff and children work hard to put together a fantastic VPK Graduation ceremony, for parents and family members, to celebrate the move up to Kindergarten. As part of the program, we create a slideshow of memorable moments to share. Hopefully, by now you have emailed your child's baby picture to:

**[VPKpictures@yahoo.com](mailto:VPKpictures@yahoo.com)** for use in that slideshow.

This year we are also having a videographer record the graduation ceremony at Sickles High School on May 23rd. If you would like to purchase a video copy of the graduation ceremony and memorable moments slideshow, the cost is \$20. The two DVD set will be available to pickup on the last day of school—Friday May 23rd.

The graduation DVD and slideshow will **only be available by advance order purchase.** Orders will be taken now through May 19th in the office.

