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Chronicles

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Excitement Grows in Spring

The warm weather this spring has given us a taste of summer and that has gotten us very excited at Kids' Place. This summer will mark our 10th anniversary! We will celebrate ten years of helping kids learn and grow in a safe environment, ten years of fun times, crazy games, and fabulous field trips, ten years of laughter, sharing and caring . . .

Just look at this issue of the Kids' Place Chronicles and see what we mean. The caring, learning, fun and friendships that started back in 2000 are still happening today at Kids' Place!



Save the date
for the Kids' Place
10th
Anniversary
Celebration BBQ!
Wednesday, August 18th
6:00 p.m.
at North Shore Assembly of God
(Rain date: August 19th)

A Sneaky Snack

Everyone loves gooey, melted cheese. But it was April 1st when we had "grilled cheese" for snack. Sure enough, something was different about these sandwiches. The first bite told all. Instead of cheese, it was orange colored frosting between slices of toasted pound cake! APRIL FOOLS!



Kids' Place Summer 2010

- Week 1 (July 6-9) **Party in the USA**
- Week 2 (July 12-16) **CAMPING WEEK**
- Week 3 (July 19-23) **Spy Week**
- Week 4 (July 26-30) **CARIBBEAN WEEK**
- Week 5 (August 2-6) **SUPERHERO WEEK**
- Week 6 (August 9-13) **SURVIVOR WEEK**
- Week 7 (August 16-20) **Greatest Hits Week**

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takes wonderful care of our vehicles. We highly recommend them! They are located at 3 Birney Street in Peabody. Call 978-977-0199.



Thank you, neighbors!

We would like to thank Fuddruckers Restaurant of Saugus for holding a fundraiser for us on April 8th. Not only did families enjoy great food, but \$200.00 was raised for Kids' Place! Funds are going toward our new door buzzer/intercom system!



North Shore Assembly of God will be a free summer lunch site for ages 1-18. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each weekday from July 6th-August 19th. For a list of other meal sites go to www.meals4kids.org, or call 617-723-5000.

Kids' Place Recycling . . . Help us raise funds as well as protect the environment. Please bring us your old cell phones and used ink jet or toner cartridges. **Thank you!**

What we've been up to . . .



By Jordan, grade 2



By Ariana, grade 2



By Vanessa, grade 3



Healthy Kids

During Nutrition Week in March we learned about the importance of eating healthy and staying active. "Inspector Cyndi" came to help us solve the case of the missing nutrients. At the end of the week, we visited Shaw's Supermarket in Wakefield where we took a tour and got a taste of healthy foods.

"At the end they gave us free healthy food and a book that told us about healthy foods we should eat." -Irina (4th grader)

"I enjoyed eating healthy things and learning to keep our bodies safe. -Jarivel (2nd grader)



Plaster Fun Time by Victoria (5th grader)

On May 28th, we went on a field trip that all the kids enjoyed. We went to Plaster Fun Time!!! There we picked from very cool plaster pieces and painted them however we wanted. Jordan and I painted the first letter of our names. Naetyrah painted a gift for her mom. It was a very fun trip.



Easter

The season of Lent is a special time at Kids' Place. Chuckles, the puppet, brings his "Resurrection Eggs" to chapel to help us remember the true meaning of Easter. Inside each egg is something that tells part of the Easter story — a donkey,

a cup, a crown of thorns, a stone . . . The last egg we opened had nothing inside. Was it a mistake? No — it was a reminder that the tomb was empty!

When school was closed on Good Friday, it was pajama day at Kids' Place — with pancakes for breakfast, egg decorating and an Easter egg hunt.

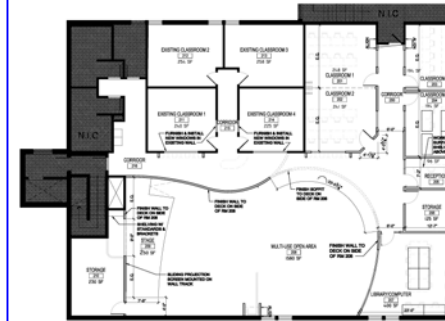


The KSR Project

In our fall newsletter we shared about the **Kids' Space Renovation Project** which, when completed, will enable us to double our enrollment capacity and allow more kids to attend Kids' Place. Through a grant from the Children's Investment Fund we

completed the architectural plans. These are drawings of what our new space will look like, done by architect Felice Silverman of Silverman Trykowski Associates, Inc.

To complete the project we will need to raise an estimated \$315,000. Please consider making a contribution to support our capital campaign. (Checks should be made payable to "N.S.A.G./KSR Project.") Thank you for your support!



Animal Week!

April vacation was quite a trip as we learned about the animal kingdom. We started the week with a visit to Revere beach for the Shore Bird Discovery program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. We explored the beach and learned ways to keep it beautiful and safe for wildlife and people. The next day we headed to the Stone Zoo. We ended the week with a trip to Petco to learn about the kinds of animals



we can keep as pets. We had fun seeing fish, ferrets, hamsters and hermit crabs.