



IWSE

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NEWSLETTER

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Ice Cream Social at IWSE Baby Toddler/ Teen Baby Nursery

This Fall we hosted an ice cream social at Baby Toddler Nursery. Outside of the summer-like weather and great ice cream and popsicles we had, we were fortunate to be able to enjoy the wonderful music of Nelson Gill.



Nelson Gill keeps the party going with the limbo and other favorites

Parents, staff and children danced to the limbo and other Caribbean classic children's songs. Everyone had an amazing time and really had a chance to sing, dance, laugh and unwind together. We are thankful to celebrate our IWSE family and appreciate everyone who was able to attend and make this event so special.



We also want to thank those families and businesses that donated the ice cream, supplies and paper products that made this event so successful. We could not have done this without all of the support from the community. If you missed out on our first annual IWSE ice cream social, keep an eye out for the next one in 2017. Hope to see you there!

Families and staff enjoy ice cream and live music at our Ice Cream Social at BTN

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Fatherhood Initiative hosts ongoing open MIC events at the Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center!

Our Fatherhood Initiative, facilitated by Teh'ray "Phenom" Hale Jr. meets with a group of young fathers on Thursdays, but every month or so we offer an outlet for self-expression and voice. Spoken word and poetry allows our fathers and others in the community to free themselves and their opinions through art and music.

The goal of our Fatherhood Initiative is to engage our young fathers in a mentoring environment that will help promote their connection to one another and in turn help them connect with their children and be the fathers we know they can be.



Open MIC night at Gibbs-Morrison Center sponsored by Evanston Community Foundation, IWSE and the City of Evanston

Baby Toddler Nursery:

As we move into the new year I would like to thank IWSE staff, board and families past and present for being an intricate part of our organization. You are key to helping us build positive sustainable relationships with one another as well as in the community. On that note, I would like to leave you with this quote:

"Forget all the reasons it won't work and believe the one reason that it will" -unknown

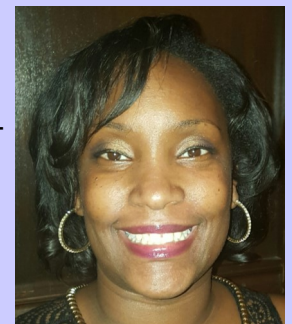
Have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

Pam Staples, BTN Site Director



Teen Baby Nursery: We want to welcome Tiffany Culpepper, our new site Director at Teen Baby Nursery and give her a chance to introduce herself!

My name is Tiffany Culpepper and here is just a brief glimpse into my life. I started my educational journey at Oakton Community College and finished at National Louis University where I obtained my Master's Degree in Early Childhood Administration. I believe that learning never stops and that a good jump start to education leads to much success. Over time I have had various roles in the field of early childhood supporting the growth and development of the many children and families that I have had the great privilege to work with. Some of the things that I like to do when I am not working, are traveling, reading and experimenting with new recipes.



Fall festival and gathering of parents and families with the Teen Baby Nursery and the Family Support Program!

This year Family Support and Teen Baby Nursery held a wonderful activity-filled Fall Fest. For the start of the program we focused on Early Literacy and how important it is to read daily to your children. We read a wonderful story by Eric Carle, "Brown Bear What do You See" and spoke about simple ways to engage and encourage young children to grow to love books and other printed material. Some of the activities that the families participated in were;



Paint your own Pumpkin place-mat, Pine Cone Bowling, Pin the Feathers on the Turkey, and for a sweet treat, Make your own Taffy Apples. The families had a wonderful time eating and getting to know the other families in the center. The next event will be a Winter Wonderland Celebration which parents are already looking forward to attending.



Dad helps with a wall art project

Upcoming Events at Infant Welfare Society of Evanston:

1. Staff Holiday Party Wednesday, December 21st
2. IWSE Board of Directors retreat January 28th 2017
3. Warm Your Palate annual fundraiser March 2nd 2017

Family to Family brings holiday presents to families and children at IWSE!

Every year IWSE reaches out to our community requesting support for families that may need presents and holiday gifts for their children. We create a list of interested families and match them with donor families to fulfill a holiday gift wish list. All of our families give the ages of their children and their wish list for presents. Names are kept anonymous. A few weeks before the holidays we start collecting the gifts and distributing them to our parents and families. It is a wonderful way to let families share their blessings and allow others to feel the joy of having enough gifts to give their children. We thank everyone who participates and helps to support this wonderful program at IWSE.

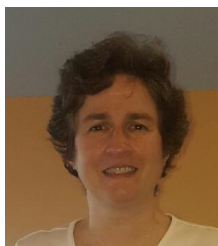


Presents gathered for Family to Family

Lets welcome our new staff at Baby Toddler, Teen Baby and the Family Support program!

Baby Toddler Nursery:

Margo Scholl, Assistant
Teacher



Teen Baby Nursery:

Ilesha Lane, Lead Teacher



Mary Aceron, Head Teacher



Lorie Saint Cyr, Teaching
Assistant



Nenette Hentz,
Family Advocate, TBN



Family Support:

Tawanda Moore,
Family Support Specialist



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IWSE Staff Spotlight:

Taliashia Borders has been promoted to Assistant Director at Baby Toddler Nursery. She will also continue in her role as Education Coordinator for both of our classroom sites. Congratulations to Taliashia in her new role!



Latisha Jones, teacher in TB1 at Baby Toddler will be celebrating her 9 year anniversary on December 17th, 2016. Lets congratulate her on all of the years of service and her commitment to our children and families.



Thank you Latisha!