

Director's Report for March 2017

- 1.) The Preschool, Pre-K teachers, Sarah and I have been meeting to discuss the plans for combining the two programs at the Pre-K House for the next year. We have met during January and February and have discussed how the program is going to look, how we are going to communicate the changes to parents, and how we are going to move and store the equipment. It was decided to have all the Pre-K children come to Willard during the Spring Break week allowing the teachers to clean and organize everything at both sites and move all the equipment from Willard to the Pre-K House. Sarah enlisted the help of her parents Carolyn and Alan Kortmeyer to bring their trailer to Willard on March 17th to move everything to the Pre-K House.
- 2.) We have had a lot of items that we won't need during or after the renovation so we have been selling items to other child cares and on the Facebook marketplace. I sold items from the Pre-K House, kid's kitchen pieces, wooden blocks, table, etc. to Northeast Family Center for \$120.00. Sarah has collected about \$100.00 so far from Facebook. We keep adding to the list every day as we continue to sort through all the stuff in every room.
- 3.) I submitted the United Way Semi-annual report for the Teen program and also submitted the United Way grant application for the Lakeview CLC. This year we are requesting \$15,000.00 for the CLC instead of the Teen Program. Gina Benne, CLC Coordinator, and I will present our program to United Way Expanded Learning review team on April 6th.
- 4.) I am currently working on a grant for the Child Care Grant Fund through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to help with the expense of the fire suppression system in the building. I will be requesting \$10,000.00 which is their maximum grant amount for the increase of licensed capacity of an existing child care program.
- 5.) I will be researching another grant for the purchase of new booster car seats for the preschool children this summer. They run about \$28.00 each and we will need at least 20. I am checking around for prices and will probably be able to get them cheaper at Wal-Mart or on sale somewhere.
- 6.) Thursday morning, March 16th, United Way is bringing cookies for all the Willard staff because we increased our employee giving to the United Way Campaign by 43.8%.
- 7.) We have a Boy Scout, Mitchell Strack, who will be finally completing his Eagle Scout Project at Willard yet this Spring. He is planning to patch, sand and paint the stairwell. He has been planning this for over a year and had originally told me it would be done last summer. I didn't know if I should still allow him paint the stairwell so I contacted Doug Klute at Cheever Construction because he is also very involved in the Boy Scout program. I wanted his opinion because I didn't know if I should tell him to stop his project or let him go ahead. Doug said to let him go ahead even though they will be repainting everything again. He said that Mitchell is probably at the maximum age to do this and only has so much time to complete the project and won't be able to wait until after our renovation. The project has been approved by the Boy Scout Council so all Mitchell has to do is set a date. It will look nice and clean for about a month.