

Kids Corner

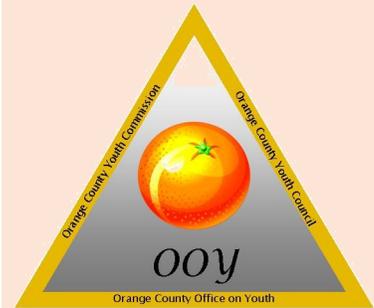
ILLNESS POLICY

Since we are beginning to enter into cold and flu season, we wanted to update everyone on our illness policy so that you know what to expect from us, and what we expect from you. In our Parent Handbook on page 13 it reads:

“OCSACC staff will conduct Daily Health checks on all children when they arrive at the center. There are certain circumstances which will prohibit the child from remaining on site - because of potential exposure of germs/infection to other children and staff. Children will not be allowed to attend the Child Care program for the day if they have any of the following:

- ◆ *A temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit;*
- ◆ *Recurrent vomiting or diarrhea (twice in two hours); or*
- ◆ *A communicable disease (including but not limited to: pink eye, head lice, chicken pox).*

In the event a child displays any of the above, parents or emergency contacts will be notified and expected to pick up the child as soon as possible. When children at the site have been exposed to a communicable disease, parents will be notified within 24 hours or the next business day (if appropriate to wait). Notification of exposure to life threatening diseases will be reported within 24 hours. Notification may consist of a sign hanging at the sign in area or notes and/or phone calls to specific parents depending upon the situation. Parents also are required to notify the Child Care site in the event their child contracts a communicable disease ~ notification should occur within 24 hours or the next business day as appropriate. Please notify your Site Director if your child is sick and will not be attending for the day or if the illness is communicable so that



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming OOO and OCPR Activities; pg.2

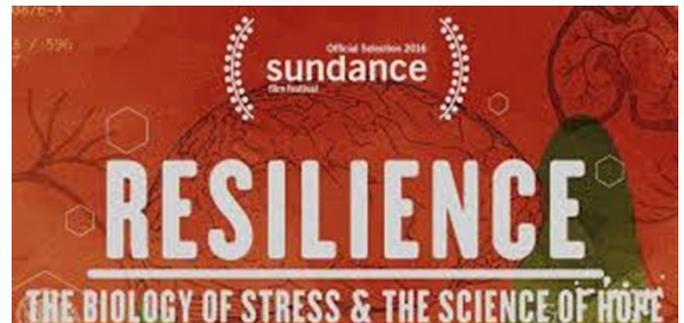


ILLNESS PAYMENT POLICY

When children become sick we understand that it can create hardships financially especially if you have weekly child care fees accruing. *“In the event a child becomes ill and must be out of school and child care for an extended amount of time, **a doctor’s note is required.** Once the note is on file, charges will accrue for the first three (3) days and will not begin again until the child returns to the child care program.”* (Parent Handbook; pg. 8)

OFFICE ON YOUTH AND PARKS & REC. EVENTS

- **January 1st—30th: ALL CHILD CARE PARENTS** need to update their paperwork
- **January 17th:** FREE Screening of Paper Tigers @ OCHS (7:00—9:00pm)
- **January 18th:** Lee-Jackson Day; County Offices Closed; ALL CHILD CARE SITES OPEN
- **January 21th:** MLK Day: **ALL CHILD CARE SITES CLOSED**
- **January 22nd:** Valentine’s Day Fundraiser START
- **January 24th:** FREE Screening of Resilience followed by a Panel Discussion @ OCHS (7:00—9:00pm)
OCPR—FREE Winter Financial Well-Being Seminar: Saving for College and Retirement Planning (5:30—8:00pm); Register by Jan. 11th to guarantee child care and dinner
- **February 6th:** OCPR—Pathway to eBay Class (5:30—8:00pm); Space is Limited. Registration is \$7 and due by Jan. 25th, after that there will be a \$3 late fee
- **February 8th:** Valentine’s Day Fundraiser ORDER FORMS DUE
- **February 14th:** Valentine’s Day
- **February 18th:** President’s Day: Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day (PTC); County Government CLOSED; **ALL CHILD CARE SITES CLOSED**
- **February 23rd:** Father-Daughter Dance @ OCHS: K—3rd Grade (4:00—6:00pm)
4th—8th Grade (7:30—9:30pm)
- **March 16th:** Mother-Son Dance @



OCSACC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Natalie Monaco

School: *Gordon Barbour Elementary*

Grade: *3rd*

Favorite Subject: *Reading*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Playing the game "15" in the Gym.*



Joseph Mayer

School: *Locust Grove Elementary*

Grade: *4th*

Favorite Subject: *Math*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Playing in the Gym*



Joseph Snell

School: *Orange Elementary*

Grade: *4th Grade*

Favorite Subject: *"Science is my favorite subject in school because it's a mix of reading and math, and I get to test things that I make."*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Playing with all the Legos*

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WINTER TIPS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Send your child(ren) to school with a coat/hat/gloves (*if you need help purchasing hats/gloves, let your site director/manager know*)
- Call Child Care to inform us if your child is sick or has been picked up early

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

“In general, OCSACC (sites) follow the lead of Orange County schools regarding winter precipitation. It is easy to make the decision when precipitation is imminent or occurring - the Child Care sites will automatically be closed. However, when the School System remains closed for a period of time, we recognize that this places a hardship on parents. Therefore, every attempt will be made to re-open the sites as soon as the roads and parking lots are safe for travel.

Delayed openings may occur when appropriate in order to allow staff and parents safe travel to the sites during the daylight hours.

In the event the Orange County Schools closes early (for any reason) the Child Care sites will open immediately. The staff asks that parents attempt to pick up the children as soon as possible to allow the staff and parents safe travel in the daylight hours. This does not mean that parents are expected to pick children up within the first few minutes of (the) day. If you do not work in the immediate area - please contact your child’s site to establish what the weather is currently doing and how quickly you will need to make arrangements for your child.

There will be NO fees assessed for days closed due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances which require the closing of the Child Care program. Site Directors will adjust the fee for the week to reflect a credit for days closed due to weather or other unpredictable occurrences” (Parent Handbook; pg. 10).

All closings and delays will be posted on each child care site’s voicemail message and the Office on Youth Facebook pages. There will also be an email sent out through OnCare to the email address we have on file. If we do not have an email address on file for you, be sure to give us one to receive these notifications.



“Orange OoY”

Once a child care parent friends us, we add them to a Private Group for parents only. We use this to provide updates on inclement weather closings, emergencies, and other information!