

Pre Enrollment is ending - Opening very soon !



## Construction Progress

Robert Kumicich, Construction Manager, Supreme Contractors, Inc

Construction continues to progress at a remarkable rate inside The Little Green Tree House. Drywall installation has been completed and painting of the interior areas is now in full swing. All of the wall and trim finishes are being coated with eco-friendly, 100% recycled paint from Earth Paints Collection Systems. The new textured plank flooring is manufactured from recycled material and has been installed throughout the classrooms all Low or NO VOC. The installation of all interior trim, cabinetry, counter tops and plumbing is also nearly complete.

The LGTH's private outdoor play area was conceived and designed with numerous child friendly play amenities. The play area is now well under construction and most of the play area's equipment has been delivered to the site and is being installed. Along with the play equipment, a Forever Lawn™ turf system has been installed for shock absorption as well as beautification. Soon a natural garden area will be set and mobile play equipment will be in place for the children's open-air enjoyment. Once all of the equipment has been placed we will

install an eight-foot high perimeter fence around the entire play area and walk way to ensure the safety of all of the children.

The LGTH's indoor play area is also having its finishing touches completed. This fun-filled space designed for all kinds of indoor activities will be available for the children on a daily basis. It also features the "tree house" which will be a fun place for imaginative play, storytelling and lots of other kid-friendly uses.

With all of the work reaching its conclusion, it will not be long before the children of The Little Green Tree House will be able to attend and start enjoying their wonderful growth and learning experiences.



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## The Importance of Hand Washing

Erin Lyon, Director of Education

At Little Green Tree House your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us and we will be adhering to only the highest standards of health and safety. We are following strict guidelines for all children and staff at the center to help prevent unnecessary illnesses. While not all illnesses can be prevented, hand washing is the most effective way to stop the spread of illness and to help keep all of us healthy. Children will be required to wash their hands when they first arrive at school, before all meals and snacks, after using the bathroom, after sneezing or blowing their nose, after their diaper has been changed, after handling pets and after touching open sores or cuts. The hand washing procedure will include wetting of the hands, soaping and lathering hands for 20 seconds, rinsing hands, drying hands with paper towel and then using paper towel to turn off the water. If children are too young to do this on their own a teacher will assist in the process.

## CPR and Safety Training

Erin Lyon, Director of Education

The Little Green Tree House is going above and beyond the standards for our CPR and First Aid training at the center by getting more teachers certified than is required by DCFS. All staff will receive an initial training by our Director of Education and Assistant Director of Education on the procedures to follow in the event of an emergency. Prior to the opening of Little Green Tree House, we will host an all day training course presented by a certified CPR and First Aid trainer for select staff. After this first training course we will offer a second training for the remaining staff also by a certified trainer. It is our goal to have all staff members trained and then certified in CPR and First Aid procedures.

## Curriculum Theme for June

Erin Lyon, Director of Education

Throughout the school year we will be focusing on all kinds of exciting and different themes to help expand each child's knowledge and learning experience. These themes will also help guide the teachers and give them solid support for their lesson planning each week. Our very first theme for learning and for the month of June is called **New Beginnings**. With a brand new school and great new teachers, families and children all together, what better way to start off than to focus on new beginnings? During this unit teachers will create fun and exciting lesson plans focusing on the skills that will help each child grow in all areas of development. Exploring topics like friendship and sharing, their classroom rules and routines, similarities and differences between themselves and their friend's children will be growing cognitively, socially, building language skills and learning basic math skills. All while having so much fun in their new environment they don't even know they are learning!

*Human beings are the only creatures that allow their children to come back home.*

Bill Cosby

*'A child Educated only at school is an uneducated child.'*

George Santayan

## Get Ready, Get Set ... Soon to Be Enrollment Time!

Elizabeth Geldhof, Director of Business Operations



Soon we hope to have all of our necessary inspections complete. I have spoken to many of the perspective parents and know how you cannot wait to see the Little Green Tree House. We can't wait for you to see it either!

The anticipated schedule of how we are going to handle the tour and enrollment process once the inspections are complete:

June 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> projected final construction and Business License Inspections

to be completed.

June 16<sup>th</sup> – DCFS scheduled to review LGTH for licensing. **IF THIS DAY GOES AS WELL AS WE EXPECT WE WILL THEN:**

Call each family in the order of their Pre-enrollment Status Number to be invited to tour the space and begin the process of enrolling their child(ren). **Once you hear from us, please call us as soon as possible as the call back for appointments will only be held for 24 hours.**

Appointments will be secured to insure we follow the status number sequence. Please mark your calendars for our opening

date on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

No payments will be required from you until we receive our DCFS License either on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. But all other paperwork can be completed prior to those dates.

If you have already completed the paperwork found on our website please be sure to bring it with you. If you have not, no problem as we will have full packets ready for the enrollment process.

### Reminders:

- We will need a copy of the Birth Certificate of your child.
- We will need a completed child medical form.
- Your banking information will be needed to set up the Direct Debit process as the Little Green Tree House will not accept cash or checks.

If you choose NOT to enroll your child at this time, you will be removed from the pre-enrollment waiting list.

We apologize in advance for the redundancy; reoccurring information is all required on separate forms.

## Eco Friendly Merchandise Arriving!

Elizabeth Geldhof, Director of Business Operations

Furniture, trucks, and all sorts of construction--oh my! Deliveries are now coming in fast and furious. One of our major providers for the Little Green Tree House is a company by the name of Community PlayThings and their business principles say it all. **Product safety** and **environmental responsi-**

**bility** are the most important commitments we have to our customers and the children in their care. They are cornerstones of our philosophy of craftsmanship and community. They inform all our products, each of which is durably crafted to last for years of safe and resilient play—the best form of reuse there is.

Our ten-year warranty says it all. **That warm, soft maple we use?** It happens to grow fast, reforest well and come from the Northeast—close to our woodshops instead of thousands of gallons of gasoline away. And that smooth protective gloss on our products? It's a carefully selected water-based lacquer we chose specifically for its low emissions—a key reason our

products are indoor air quality certified. **Today more than ever**, our commitment to environmental responsibility and safety is as solid as they come. The children we all care about deserve nothing less."

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## Quick Reference:

### Center Will Be Closed On the Following Holidays

#### In 2009

Friday, July 3 (Fourth of July)

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)

Friday, November 27 (Day after)

Thursday, December 24 Center will be open 7am – 1pm

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

### Hours Of Operation

Monday – Friday; 7 am – 6 pm

#### Drop Off/Pick Up

Drop off at 7 am

Pick up no later than 6:00 pm

**Telephone Number 312-492-9876**



## For Growing and Learning

### We Would Like to Introduce You to Some of Our Teachers

Esmilyn Johnson, Assistant Director of Education

We have a diverse group of teachers which we are excited to have on board at the Little Green Tree House. Their creativity and knowledge will enhance children's learning in all areas of development. Among the extraordinary teachers that we have hired, this month we would like to showcase Heath Davis, Medina Velky and Kelly Carpenter.

Heath Davis is an Assistant Teacher in our four-year-old classroom and comes to us with a Bachelor of Arts degree with specialization in Early Childhood Education. He is an outgoing, energetic individual who has a background working with children. He

has worked at Brookfield Zoo, where he facilitated educational programs for young children by connecting young children and their parents with animals and nature through playing and learning. We believe he is a good fit for our center based on the quality of care we will be providing for our families. We cannot wait for Heath Davis to get started.

Medina Velky is one of our Lead Infant Teachers and she has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. She brings with her over seven years of experience working with Infants and Toddlers. Me-

dina is eager to get started; she is big on developmentally age appropriate activities for young children and stresses the importance of literacy in Early Childhood. Medina not only works with Infants and Toddlers but also works with children beyond that age group, and she has the expertise to nurture and address children's needs. Medina is an asset to our Childcare Center and we are glad to have her as a part of our team.

Kelly Carpenter is one of our Lead Toddler Teachers and has five years experience in Early Childhood Education. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree

with a specialization in Human Science and Early Childhood Development. Kelly is from Colorado and when she saw our center on the internet she loved what we represent with our mission and the quality of care we will be providing families. So, she decided to apply for an opening as one of our teachers.

We are so fortunate to have teachers like Heath, Medina and Kelly who believe in our mission statement and will go the distance to make sure all of the children at the Little Green Tree House have a positive growing and learning experience.

#### We are on the Web:

[www.littlegreentreehouse.com](http://www.littlegreentreehouse.com)

*Our commitment to you: respond to your questions and inquiries in a timely fashion. We want to get to know you and the only way to do this is through open lines of communication.*

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