



# February News

Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center

February 12, 2010

## HOTS MOVIE NIGHT

You're invited to join us for a family movie night at HOTS!  
Friday, February 12th  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Admission: a non-perishable item for the Family Impact Center

"Ice Age 3"  
"Dawn of the Dinosaurs"

Bring your lawn chair/blankets/  
sleeping bags so you can relax and  
enjoy the show!

Popcorn & Other Snacks provided!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 12th  
HOTS MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 12th &  
Friday, February 26th  
February Tuition Due

### Sledding Days

Thursday, February 11th  
Wed., February 17th  
Thursday, February 25th



## 2010 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment packets for Summer and Fall 2010 will be going out the week of February 22nd. They will include schedule request forms for both Summer and Fall. We will be asking these be returned no later than Monday, March 15th to ensure your child's spot in our program. If you have another child that needs a space for Summer or Fall, please contact Courtni so the appropriate paperwork may be provided. Thank you!

You're Invited to join us!  
Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church

### Worship Schedule:

Wednesday

5:45 pm--Family Dinner

6:30 pm--Worship (Contemporary Songs)

Sunday

8:00 am--Worship (Traditional Hymns)

9:15 am--Christian Growth (all ages)

10:30 am--Worship (Contemporary Songs)

A Church with a ♥ for you!

Thank you for your continued support and entrusting us with the care of your children!  
God's Blessings to You and Your Family !!!  
HOTS CDC STAFF & TEACHERS

## DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICE WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

As parents I am sure you have all heard the term Developmentally Appropriate practice (DAP). Some of you may not know exactly what that means. The National Association for the Education of Young Children's book, "Basics of Developmentally Appropriate Practice" describes it as, "teaching young children in ways that meet children where they are, as individuals and as a group; & helping each child reach challenging &

achievable goals that contribute to his or her ongoing development & learning".

For Early Childhood teachers, understanding how young children learn & develop is essential. The more we know about & tune into the way children in the classroom think & learn, the more effective & satisfying the tone of the classroom & the learning experiences become.

Children gain most from materials & experiences that

build on what they already know & can do, but also make them stretch a reasonable amount toward what they don't know or cannot know yet.

*Taken from "Basics of Developmentally Appropriate Practice"*

*For more information, a copy is available in the CDC Office.*

**Questions or concerns??  
Please contact Courtni  
Holst, CDC Director, at  
517-552-7218 or  
courtni@hotshepherd.org**



## Kindergarten "Readiness"

I am sure many of you that are parents of kindergarten-eligible children are wondering if your child is "ready" for kindergarten. If you would like to schedule a time to meet with your child's teachers to discuss this further, please let us know so that a conference can be arranged. Kindergarten Registration for Howell schools is Tuesday, March 9th. Registration packets will be available online at [www.howellschools.com](http://www.howellschools.com) & in all elementary school offices beginning February 16th. Please visit their website for more information.

## Great Start Livingston- The Place to Go for "All Things Early Childhood" in Livingston County

Great Start Livingston is a partnership of local professionals, community leaders and parents working with the community to build a comprehensive early childhood system for young children and their families. Through public and private funding this collaborative seeks to assure the highest quality resources and service integration to support Livingston County's children's physical & emotional health, child care, early education, basic needs, and provide resources for parents and professionals. Courtni Holst is part of this collaborative as the Co-Chair and some of our parents here at HOTS are part of the Parent Coalition. We encourage you to visit the website at:

[www.greatstartlivingston.org](http://www.greatstartlivingston.org)

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