



HAPPENINGS

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The Roaring 20's Auction and Gala

The annual Fruit & Flower Auction will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Wieden+Kennedy. This year's theme is the Roaring 20's and you won't want to miss it!

Interested in volunteering for the auction? Please email auction co-chair Shaunna Levy for more info: shaunnalv@yahoo.com

Ways To Give

Want to help out? Here are two easy ways that you can contribute to the auction today!

1) Donate wine for the "Wall of Wine"

We will have a special area of the silent auction area where you can "bid" on a bottle of wine. The wines will be hidden in bags, so when you place your marker on the bag, you will be surprised to see what you get! The wall of wine has always been a great success, and a whole lot of fun, but to be a hit this year we need wine! Please consider donating bottles of wine valued between \$15 and \$40.

2) Donate a TARGET gift card valued at \$20 and up.

Gift cards will help contribute to one really terrific item!

Wine and gift cards can be dropped off any time at the Center. Many thanks!!

Important Dates

Staff In-Service Day (Center Closed)	Feb 20
Parent Conversations	Feb 22 Feb 29
Date Night	Feb 24 Mar 30 Apr 27
Family Night	Feb 15
New Session of Love & Logic	Mar 6
Grandparents Day	Mar 16
Fruit & Flower Auction	Apr 28

Annual Forms Due

With the new year upon us, please take a few moments to update your general info and emergency contact forms. Please see Carrie at the front desk to review your information. And please remember to update contact info if you move, change jobs or get a new phone number.

Signing In

Beginning February 5, 2012, we will have a new sign-in policy for all parents at Fruit & Flower. **Please sign your child in/out at the main reception desk AND in your child's classroom.** Sign-in sheets are located in the white binders in each classroom. Find your child's name and fill in the time and initial. If you have any questions about the new procedures, please ask your lead teacher.

Did You Know?

- Each class has its own photo bucket site—view your children's activities safely online. Contact your lead teacher for password info.
- Family Night is February 15th from 5:30PM-7PM.
- Results from the speech and hearing test will be sent out Feb. 15th. Rescheduled testing date will be announced soon.

Love and Logic: Semester II

Space is still available for Semester II of the Parenting with Love and Logic Curriculum, a philosophy based on empathy, love and understanding, which strives to strengthen relationships within our family and community.

The cost is \$35 per family for all five sessions and childcare is provided. Each family completing all five sessions will receive a Love and Logic Parent Workbook and one Date Night Coupon! The first session begins Tuesday, March 6th and registration is at the front desk.

Solutions to:

- How to handle disruptions during meal times
- How to get children to stay in their own bed
- How to end temper tantrums
- How to discipline your toddler in public without creating a scene
- How to get children up and out in the mornings
- How to stop whining and bickering
- And many other day-to-day parenting challenges...

This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately!

Peter Koerner

July 03, 1928- Jan 16, 2012

“Peter Koerner died in his home in Portland on Monday, Jan 16, at the age of 83.

Peter served on several boards of directors, including those of the Oregon Humane Society, the **Fruit and Flower Day Nursery** and the Portland Art Museum.”

— Published in *The Oregonian* on January 22, 2012

Car Seats

With new safety practices in place, car seats are no longer available for loan from Fruit & Flower. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please ensure that anyone authorized to pick up/drop-off your child has the appropriate car seat and that it has been installed properly.



Date Night

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 24, 2012. Fruit & Flower Date Nights are held the last Friday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. Siblings are welcome and dinner is provided. The cost is \$20 for the first child, an additional \$15 for the 2nd child, and an additional \$10 for the 3rd child.



Parent Conversation: Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Two's

Wednesday, February 22nd 5:00-6 p.m.

Chrissy Verpoorten, Lead teacher for the Pineapples and Infant/Toddler coordinator will explain how young children learn through daily routines, whether it is their own schedule or a schedule structured by a teacher. Learning takes place during routine care times as well as play times. We will look at different teaching opportunities that arise during the day as well as characteristics of successful learners and what these children might do in their environments. Our goal as caregivers is to reassure our parents that their children will:

- be safe and happy in our program
- be with adults who are loving and responsive
- have interesting things to see and try
- learn to interact productively with other children
- frequently listen to spoken language
- develop important skills for continued learning



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Diaper Drop-Off

If your child has potty trained (congrats!) and you still have left over diapers, please consider donating them to Fruit & Flower. We can always use extra diapers for our little ones!

Parent Conversations: Creative Curriculum

Wednesday, February 29th, 5:00-6 p.m.

Join Naomi Seeger, Lead teacher for the Peaches and the Pre-school/Kindergarten coordinator for a talk about Creative Curriculum. Our preschool program can help prepare your child for success in school-and in life. New research on the brain and on learning shows how important the early years are in a child's learning and development. The Creative Curriculum employs developmentally appropriate practice which means using methods that match the way children learn so as to promote their optimal development and learning .



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Support

Fruit & Flower is Oregon's first child care center. It is a non-profit 501(c)3 and relies on donations to meet its annual budget and provide scholarship funding to 20% of its families.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Check with your company to see if they will match your contribution to Fruit & Flower. Many businesses will match payroll deductions, charitable giving, time spent volunteering, and other ways to support our school. For more info contact

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7 of the 8 women who founded Fruit & Flower Mission (from left to right): Helen Burrell, Lucy Schuyler, Kate Randall, Daisy Harker, Antoinette Montgomery, Clara Teal, Elise Montgomery