



# BARLINA HOUSE PRESCHOOL

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

### Mrs. G and Mrs. Tracey Tuesday/Thursday Class

February is a short month for us but still very busy. We have a gym day scheduled at Grand Oaks on February 7<sup>th</sup> along with vision and hearing screenings on February 12<sup>th</sup>. These screenings will be held during class times and no preparation is needed. The children listen with headphones to some "beeps" and look into a machine that looks like a microscope.

For our Valentine's Day celebrations on February 14<sup>th</sup>, you are welcome to send in cards for your child to share with classmates (sorry no food or candy items). Please do not address the cards to classmates as they are "delivered" while children are seated in a circle. However, we encourage you to help your child sign their own name on the cards. Signing a few each day makes this task possible and fun.

Our dramatic play area had a Pizza Hut restaurant last month! The children were so excited to take turns to prepare pizza for their friends and serve them just like in a real restaurant. We also made a football for the letter F. The children had to cut out the football shape and add yarn for the stitching. This activity really helps with fine motor skills. Everyone did a great job! Some other projects were painting a rainbow for the letter R and making a lollipop for the letter L. We continue with the letters of Y, Q, S and U.



### News from Director: Donna MacCrindle

Preschool registration is now open for next fall. Registration can be completed on-line or at the administration office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding preschool registration, please free to contact me at 815-477-5403 or by email, [dmaccrindle@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:dmaccrindle@crystallakeparks.org).

We will be having a fun gym day at Grand Oaks on Thursday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. You will drop off and pick up at Grand Oaks. A flyer will be going home with more information.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. The children are welcome to bring cards to share with their classmates. We do not allow food items to be distributed due to severe allergies. We will offer a "Valentine's Workshop" on Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 -11:00 am. The children may bring their Valentines, and we will help them sign their names. In addition, we will complete a craft project. More information can be found in the Crystal Lake brochure on page 25.

The McHenry County Health Department will conduct Vision and Hearing Screenings on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be sent home and include a practice sheet for you to use with your child. The screening will be easier for your child if he/she knows what to expect.

District 47's Kindergarten registration will be at their C.O.R.E. Center, 300 Commerce Drive on February. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup>. Information is available on the District's website, [www.d47.org](http://www.d47.org).

I have created an online survey for the first half of the school year. I would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to complete it. This survey will help me see if we are meeting your child's needs and if there are other things you would like the preschool to offer. **The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Barlina>**. If you would rather have a paper copy, please contact me at [dmaccrindle@crystallakeparks.org](mailto:dmaccrindle@crystallakeparks.org). Your feedback helps make our preschool the best it can be. Thank you.

Additional Park District activities are available for your child...check out the Park District website or brochure for more information. Here are a few: Daddy/Daughter Date Night Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Sweetheart Tea – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.