



AAAEYC WINTER/SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello everyone -

As I write this the Olympic games are playing on the television. Some of the best winter sport athletes are competing for world recognition. I think of all the skill practices, repetitions, trials and competitions that it took for those athletes to get to this point in their lives. Some of the athlete's earliest coaches may or may not have recognized the great potential that each of these athletes had but, they did realize that they had potential to learn the skills of the sport. The children that we work with everyday have the potential to achieve many different things. Our challenge as early educators is to provide children with solid bases of knowledge, experiences and life skills that help children on the road to their full potential. And who knows? We might be teaching the

next Olympian, inventor, or superstar. We are teaching the next teacher, librarian, business person and more. We just don't know at this point who those young children we have in our classes will be.

What we do know is that as educators we need to continue our professional development. AAAEYC is offering some great opportunities to do that. The AAAEYC conference on March 20th offers great training sessions. Check them out and get your registration in quickly. You don't want to miss it. AAAEYC will also be offering the Young Child Celebration program on April 22nd. Again, you will want to be there.

AAAEYC is committed to being a valuable resource to the early childhood professionals who are our members. Please let us know how we can serve you best. Tell

board how we can do that for you by emailing me at poviatt2@aol.com.

Important Upcoming dates

Conference:

Saturday, March 20
Fairlawn Village Preschool

Young Child Celebration:

April 22, 6:30 - Guys Party Center

Board Meetings :

(all members welcome)
March 18, 5:30—Fairlawn Village Preschool

April 8, 5:30—Fairlawn Lutheran Preschool

Planning Retreat:
May 14, 5:30—Fairlawn Lutheran Preschool

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Young Child Celebration

In partnership with Summit County Children's Services Board, AAAEYC invites you to join us as we experience

Hip-Hop-Ademics with Brian Holland

An educational tool, instructed through Hip-Hop Music that literally wraps (Raps) kids into learning!" No boring drills! Check him out at <http://www.hip-hop-ademics.com>

A little bit about Hip-Hop-Ademics:

Hip-Hop-Ademics initially began as a graduate school project. While pursuing his master's degree in education, Brian's interest in the rising popularity of hip-hop music and cul-

ture combined with his awareness of the declining success of existing academic programs to reach children and instill in them a love of learning inspired him to create a program where Hip-Hop and Academics meet. Hip-Hop-Ademics is the result of his efforts.

Brian Holland's mission is to educate children, parents and teachers through hip-hop music! Hip-Hop-Ademics is a supercharged curriculum designed to infect three to nine year olds with a desire to learn and achieve academic success. It lays a foundation for your child's academic future by using 21st century tools. No more

boring drills and out touch manuals that rely on repetition at the expense of joy. Our program is committed to assisting parents and educators to reach children who are used to fast paced, colorful, interactive stimulation.

Registration information for this and other training opportunities available at

<http://www.aaeyc.org>

Change Bandits invade Fairlawn Village Preschool

In the fall of 2009, we had a very special visitor come to your school to meet the children. It was ZIPPY, from the University of Akron! As we all got to give him hugs and high five's, we found out that it was ZIPPY'S 50th birthday! So we all sang "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to him. ZIPPY is a very big kangaroo.

In January, we began participating in the "Have a Heart-Do Your Part" change bandit campaign for Akron Children's Hospital. The funds raised will go towards new equipment the doctors need to help the children get better. We have talked about how the doctors have helped some of us get better and our own trips to the hospital.

Our little "change bandits" are collecting coins to put into LARGE plastic change barrels. As the children bring in their collected coins, they write their name on a big heart and take it down to the "Have a Heart" wall. We have lots and lots of hearts on the wall!

For fun, the children try to pick up the containers to see how heavy they are. Some have found it impossible to pick them up! They also have made guesses as to how much money they've collected. Guesses range from *one dollar to one million dollars*. When we are done, we'll have a party to celebrate how much we have collected, with big heart cookies!

UAEYC Student Group Helps the Community

The University Association for the Education of Young Children, which is the student chapter of NAEYC at The University of Akron, has been very active during the past year. This group, which includes students majoring in Child Development, Family Development, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, and Speech Pathology, meets once a month during the school year to work on service projects for the community. Projects the students have worked on recently are:

- Making 30 blankets for children living in local homeless shelters
- Collecting and wrapping 86 pairs of shoes for children living in shelters
- Having a baby shower for moms and children who are clients of local pregnancy care centers
- Collecting and distributing almost 800 books to children living in shelters
- Making thank you valentines for staff of local child care centers

In addition to their many service projects, the group has also sponsored speakers from organizations such as Info Line, Children Services Board, United Disabilities Toy Resource Center, Summit County Juvenile Court Guardian Ad Litem program, Head Start, and the Public Library.

The members of UAEYC have fun while doing good things for their community. And while most members are child development and early childhood majors, the group welcomes anyone who is interested in encouraging optimal development of children. For more information about the organization, contact the president, Stephanie at sbe6@uakron.edu or the faculty advisor, Susan Witt at susan8@uakron.edu.

The Resources for Early Childhood Educators Lab, housed in the Main Library Children's Library, now has DVDs approved by ODJFS to be used by child care centers as part of their required training.

Call 330.643.9050 for a complete list.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

Go to

<http://www.naeyc.org/membership/join>

Get discounts on AAAEYC events and trainings!

The Resources for Early Childhood Educators Lab, housed in the Main Library Children's Library, now has a 27" laminator. Registered users can drop materials off to be laminated or come in when staff is available for while-you-wait laminating. 330.643.9050

Professional Development Institute

The Board has been working hard on the annual spring Professional Development Institute. To be held this year on Saturday, March 20 from 8:00—1:30. We are again being hosted by the Fairlawn Village Preschool housed in the Unitarian Universalist Church at 3300 Morewood Rd in Fairlawn. The topics covered this year include, music and movement, cultural diversity and inclusion among many others. For more details and registration information check out the web page www.aaaeyc.org

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Our Vision

A.A.A.E.Y.C. Strives to lead and consolidate the efforts of individuals and groups working to achieve healthy development and constructive education for all young children.

Our Mission

A.A.A.E.Y.C.'s mission is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children and their families in Summit Portage and Medina counties of Ohio with special emphasis on the developmental and educational services and resources; and to foster the growth and development of the membership in their work with an don behalf of young children.

**Express your voice,
Engage in a professional
community,
Influence the future of Early
Childhood**