



Closed December  
23 & 24 Christmas Eve  
31 New Year's Eve

## Pelham Road Baptist Church Child Development Center

### December at the CDC

#### November:

#### Canned Food Drive

The families of the CDC were very generous this year. The canned food drive collected three grocery carts full of food items to share with the East Side Crisis Center. The food was delivered Thanksgiving Week for families in the area. for next month's newsletter for all to see. This is a good way to start your child in helping others so we hope that you will bring items for the Canned Food Drive.



#### Tolbert the Turkey

Our turkey was the best dressed bird around this November! The CDC families were creative and festive with their decorations for our wall turkey. So many families wrote that they were thankful for their children and their families.

The CDC is thankful for all our families too!

#### Christmas Giving

The CDC is collecting small personal grooming

items, small toys, socks, gloves, hats and books for families seeking help from the East Side Crisis Center this Christmas Season. There will be a box in the CDC office for donations. Thank you for thinking of others.

**The CDC staff wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



Tolbert the Turkey is the best dressed turkey in town.

Thanks for all your help in making Tolbert a wonderful addition to our CDC.



### December 2010

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#### Special points of interest:

- ☺ December Plans
- ☺ Canned Food Drive Results
- ☺ Christmas Giving
- ☺ Upcoming Events

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## Your family's place on Pelham!



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**Are any parents interested in a 5 K program for next year here at the CDC?**

The cost would be more than the 4K classroom as a certified teacher would need to be hired, but we could offer small Kindergarten classes in a loving, Christian environment. There would be lots of opportunity to explore and work on social/emotional development, cognitive skills, and motor development. **If you are interested, let Susan know.**

## Thank You CDC Families!!

**We were able to purchase \$400 worth of new books for the classrooms because of your generous buying at the Usborne Book Sale during November. The books should be arriving the first week in December.**



## Washing Hands and Removing Shoes

### Washing Hands

Washing hands is the number one way to prevent the spread of germs. You need to use soap and water and rub them together for 10 to 15 seconds—or twice through the "Happy Birthday" song. Remember to turn off the water with a paper towel and to dry your hands thoroughly. Starting in January, parents are asked to wash their children's hands when they bring them into the classroom. This will help to keep germs from home from getting into the classroom. At the end of the

day we ask that you wash your child's hands again so that the germs they have collected do not go into your car or to your house. This is something new and may take you a while to make it a habit. Sometimes it is difficult with all that we have to do to drop a child off or pick up a child, but washing hands must be a priority for the welfare of all our children and teachers.

### Removing Shoes

Starting also in January, families who have babies in



We ask that families who enter Rooms 100 and 101 to please remove their shoes. This is to keep the germs and dirt off the floor of those children who spend so much time on the floor. These children have weaker and younger immune systems that we need to guard.

**Thank you for helping us with this!**

# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	We Rock, You Shop Sign-up	CompuChild 9:00 – 10:00	Stretch-n- Grow 10:30 – 11:30	Happy Feet 10:30 – 11:30	4K Library	We Rock, You Shop 9:30 – 3:00 Bring lunch & snacks \$10/hour/child
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Stretch-n- Grow 10:30 – 11:30	Happy Feet 10:30 – 11:30	4K Library	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	All Day Program w/ Happy Feet	CompuChild 9:00 – 10:00  All Day Program w/ Happy Feet	Stretch-n- Grow 10:30 – 11:30  All Day Program w/ Happy Feet	CDC CLOSED	CDC CLOSED Christmas Eve	 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			Stretch-n- Grow 10:30 – 11:30	Happy Feet 10:30 – 11:30	CDC CLOSED New Year's Eve	

## Learning Activities for December: Friends

- Cut snowflakes out of paper
- Find words that begin with the letter "F" like friend
- Draw a picture of a friend
- Visit your library
- Make a card to give to a friend
- Talk about why friends are important

Sing: **Friend of Mine**

Tune: *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

Will you be a friend of mine, a friend of mine, a friend of mine?  
Will you be a friend of mine and (insert an action) around with me?  
(Name) is a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine,  
(Name) is a friend of mine, who (insert same action) around with me.

- Help your child zip their jacket and take a walk
- Talk about how animals can be friends too
- Play follow the leader game
- Talk about your family celebrations or traditions
- Have a Happy Holiday!

**Saturday, December  
11**

**9:30 to 3:00**

**CDC and Family Life  
Center**

## We Rock, You Shop

This is a drop-in service for our families. The teachers will be caring for your children and will split the proceeds. The fee is \$10.00 per hour, the second child is \$5.00 per hour. Please supply all snacks and lunch. We will provide milk and water.

**Let us Rock While You  
Shop**

**Sign-up by Monday,  
December 6**

We will take care of your children from morning until after naps while you shop, cook, wrap gifts, or just put your feet up!

Your child/children will be cared for in a surrounding they know with people they know. The teachers will provide activities for the children and even a special story reading before lunch.



## January

Looking ahead to next month:

The CDC will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 AM.

The CDC Office will be working on having everyone sign-in using their password.

The CDC Office will be developing the new Parent Handbook and setting dates for the new school year which starts in August.

