

Ministerial Day Care Association

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Children's First Learning Centers

8409 Hough Ave.

12421 Superior Ave.

1416 Hayden Ave.

Superior Academy

7020 Superior Ave.

Brackland Academy

12416 Brackland Ave.

Church of the Master

4050 Monticello Blvd.

St. Mark Head Start

11123 Buckeye Road

Cory Head Start

1117 East 105th St.

Avon Head Start

10902 Avon Ave.

Zion Chapel

4208 Lee Road



Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!

December

Brinda James 12/3
 Readous Eatman 12/8
 Jacquetta Duncan 12/13
 Carla Brown 12/14
 Claudia Horton 12/18
 Patricia Cunningham 12/18
 Sandra Herron-Mitchell 12/29

We Have Exceptional Employees!!

Thank you to everyone who nominated a co-worker as an exceptional employee. It is an honor to be recognized by one's peers. The four exceptional employees selected are: Felecia Poon, Bertie Richards, Barbara Kendall and Carla Brown.

Ms. Poon's nomination said she is pleasant and "doesn't just educate the children. She nurtures them."

Ms. Richards' nomination said, "she is an all-around person. There is nothing you ask her that she will not do."

Ms. Kendall's nomination said she recently received her CDA and "has been a great infant teacher and overall employee."

Ms. Brown's nomination said that "she is always on time and works well with others."

Congratulations on being **EXCEPTIONAL!**

Shout Outs To...

A special thank you to Ms. Annie Acy, who has played an important role in the collaborations with private providers. She also recently celebrated her 70th birthday. Happy Birthday Ms. Acy!

Claps and cheers to Ms. Lisa Emory, an assistant teacher at Church of the Master, for receiving her CDA.

Ms. Felecia Poon, a head teacher, has added MEd to her credentials. Be sure to congratulate Ms. Poon on getting her master's degree in Education.

Our Vision: "The Sooner They Start, The Further They'll Go."

Ministerial Day Care/Head Start Association, a visionary trendsetter, will meet the diverse needs of our children, families and communities by offering high quality, comprehensive services, in an environment where diversity is valued, power is shared and individuality is respected and rewarded. We will develop and sustain relationships in the community, building partnerships and opportunities that are responsive in meeting and exceeding the performance standards of our lines of business. We will be the stellar early childhood development and supportive services agency committed to excellence at all times.

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Executive Director's Notes

Give Gift Of A Head Start Education

To my staff,

Thank you for providing quality services to the children we serve. You have met our target at getting the M-Team completed and at making sure the children are assessed and evaluated. You have done an excellent job.

The real work starts now – getting the children kindergarten-ready.

The holiday season is upon us. As we prepare to celebrate with our families, keep in mind that a Head Start education is one of the most important gifts that can be given to a child.

Our parents and staff play a significant role in shaping our young peoples' lives.

MDCA firmly believes in providing children with the educational tools that they will need to thrive later in life. Our HighScope curriculum is one way that we do this. Parent involvement is another.

Parents, I encourage you to begin 2011 being as active as possible in your child's Head Start experience.

Happy Holidays!

Verneda Bentley

Family Literacy Library



Children's First Learning Center Hough was the site of the traveling Family Literacy Library in November. The participation was great. Alienna Johnson, who is pictured left with Beverly Wright, MDCA's Family Partnership Manager, and Faith Houston, who is pictured right, were two of many children who enjoyed the event. All children who participated received a book.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4: Home providers breakfast and informational @ 10:30 a.m. at Superior Academy.
 Dec. 15: Private Providers Meeting @ 1 p.m. @ Superior Academy.
 Dec. 16: Parent Policy Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. at Superior Academy.
 Dec. 17: All centers have Holiday celebrations and Double Sessions end.
 Dec. 24 & Dec. 31: All facilities closed.

Mr. Green's Gift Giving



*There are great things happening at MDCA-Head Start centers. Mr. Charles Green made Christmas come early. He donated a monetary gift that made it possible for the students and parents at Cory to enjoy a digital camera, crock pot, paper shredder and deep fryer. **Thank You, Thank You Mr. Green!***

2-Year-Old Student Reads

Two-year-old Aaron Scales, who is in Ms. Kimberly Steele's class at Superior Academy, can read. He hasn't sat down with a book just yet, but he definitely recognizes several words on cards.

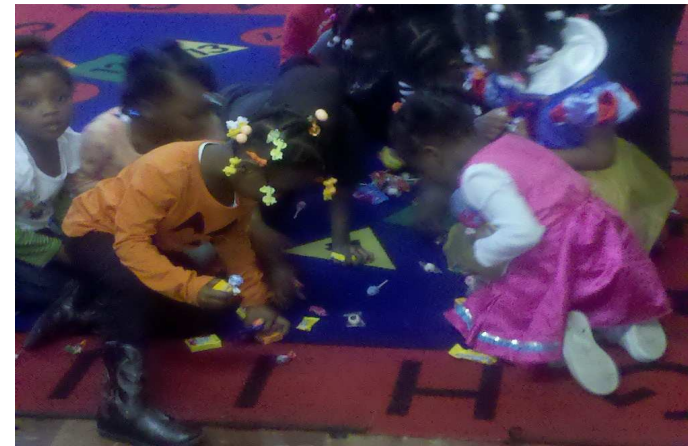
Ms. Steele said she noticed something really special about Aaron in June and started working with him more intensively. Their hard work is paying off.

When Aaron isn't in class, Ms. Steele says, his classmates miss him because they often look to him for the answers. We are so proud of Ms. Steele and our reading star, Aaron Scales.



Pictured right are Ms. Kimberly Steele and Aaron Scales

Cory's Harvest Day Celebration



Children at Cory United Methodist Head Start had a great time at their Harvest Day celebration. The children enjoyed hitting a pumpkin head piñata, grabbing candy and dancing to music.

Puppet Show & Stay-In-School Lesson All In One

Large group time was extra special for students at Superior Academy the week of Thanksgiving. The Urban League put on a puppet show to encourage the children to **Stay In School**. Puppets also conveyed the message to the students that they could be anything that they want to be.



