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Rhinelanders Report

Saving the Saturday Program

Since its founding in 1989, the Saturday Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Teens has received City government support. Sadly, that may soon change. Mayor Bloomberg's budget proposal for next year eliminates the Department of Youth & Community Development's Out of School Time, Option II program which provides almost half of the Saturday Program's funding.

The Saturday Program enrolls 144 young people ages 5-20 and is the only program specifically for Deaf youth in the NY area. Activities include arts, dance, games, sports, community service and field trips. Parents learn American Sign Language and about social services for their families.

Help us save this important resource for the Deaf community. Contact sulingm@childrensaidsociety.org for a sample letter you can send to your City Council Member about this important issue.



Important Dates

Celebrate Rhinelanders at Calle Ocho

April 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Look for your invitation soon!



Benefit Committee Meetings

February 27 at 9:00 a.m.

March 13 at 9:00 a.m.

March 26 at 9:00 a.m.

April 2 at 9:00 a.m.

After School Performance:

If the Shoe Fits, February 27, 6:15 p.m.

CAS Board Journey to Rhinelanders

March 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Food Drive for Yorkville Common Pantry

March 9-13; Drop-off in lobby

Advisory Board Meeting

March 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Program Dates

February 28, March 14 and 28

Program Closings

Spring Break for all Early Childhood, Nursery and After School (Administrative Offices Remain Open): April 9, 10, 13-17

Spring Recipe: Fruit Parfaits

As made by Teachers Katherine and Amy and the Rhinelander After School Program. Serves 2.



Ingredients:

- 8 oz vanilla yogurt
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- pinch of lemon zest
- 1 cup sliced mixed seasonal fruit such as berries, bananas, melon, or grapes
- 4 vanilla wafers
- 1 plastic Ziploc-type bag
- 2 x 8 oz plastic cups or parfait dishes

1. Put vanilla wafers in plastic bag, seal, and crush using the back of a large spoon.
2. Mix vanilla yogurt with lemon juice and zest.
3. In each cup, layer fruit, yogurt and about $\frac{1}{2}$ cookie crumbs.
4. Top with remaining cookie crumbs.
5. Serve and enjoy (refrigerate if serving later)

Recycling



Rhinelander is going greener and we need parents and caregivers to help. Look for recycling containers for cans/bottles and office paper throughout the building and a bin for newspapers in the lobby. Dispose of garbage and recycling in appropriate containers and, if you have any questions, please ask the staff.

Go Healthy; Go Kids

Rhinelander is piloting the "Go Kids Program" to encourage pre-schoolers to make healthy choices. Children learn about "go foods" like milk, fruits, veggies and whole grains and "slow foods" such as candy and cookies. Teacher Doris Burgos includes songs, movement and yoga in each session. Go Kids is offered each Wednesday through April in Enrichment Workshop, Nursery School and Kinder Club classes.

Celebrate Rhinelander Most Needed Auction Items Dinner Out; Sports and Theater Tickets; Spa Visits; Catering



Auction proceeds pay for playground equipment; teacher training; scholarships; and the Saturday Program. For donor forms, visit www.rhinelandercenter.org

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