

Little Folks News – March 2011

March is a significant month in our Little Folks calendar. The first big event is **Summer and Fall sign-ups for families currently enrolled in Little Folks**. This is from March 1 through March 31. Sign-up sheets will be in your child's classroom. Tell the teacher what days you prefer for both the summer and fall. You do not need to attend in the summer to reserve your space in the fall program. This is also the time to sign up siblings so that we can do our best to have a spot for them when they are old enough to attend. Be sure to double check that your child is listed in the correct classroom and for the correct days. You have the whole month to change, add, or drop days, so don't panic that you won't get on the list soon enough to get the days that you need. The class lists are in a constant state of change throughout the month. That's why we use a pencil with a BIG eraser. **I do need for you to finalize your needs by March 31 because open enrollment for new people begins Tuesday, April 5.**

The second big event is the **RUMMAGE SALE**. Katie Rabe and Trina Benson have the daunting task of organizing the Rummage Sale. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and by far the most labor intensive and complicated to get together. The money that we raise goes to buying equipment for the playground and classrooms, funding teacher appreciation activities, and providing money for Little Folks' scholarships. We need volunteers to help organize, price, and set out donations. We need people to take shifts to supervise the sales, man the cash box, and help people find the perfect items to purchase. Since Katie and Trina divide these tasks among many volunteers, things run smoothly and no one is run ragged from long hours. Contact Katie or Trina to sign up to help out. As donations are being dropped off and the merchandise organized, it's wonderful to see church members working side by side with Little Folks parents. The gym is full of laughter and energy as everyone does their part to make the Rummage Sale a success. The **Rummage Sale** is not just about the amount of money made for Little Folks. All of the items not sold are donated to **GAIHN** and **A Child's Haven** to help with the needs of their families.

For the first time, for the convenience of church members, we will have an early drop-off on the Sunday before the Rummage Sale (March 13) from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

The other drop-off days are Wednesday March 16 and Thursday March 17 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00p.m. Bring your items to the gym and we'll have receipts for you since all of the items donated are tax deductible. We take just about everything, but, give me a call at 235-1754(w) or 233-5003(h) if you're unsure if we need or accept the items that you plan to donate.

The sale days are **Friday, March 18, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, 7:30 a.m. – Noon.**

Thanks for helping out. I'll see you there!

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