

# Center for Early Childhood Education

## Newsletter

Our Mission: To help all children in Howard County to be successful when they enter school.

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### Licensed and Accredited Pre-Schools

From time to time, we will share with you information we have about licensed and accredited pre-schools that are not-for-profit. Bona Vista Programs has a preschool program for all children called Keys for Kids. The seven keys are: half or full day options, teaching staff with degrees in education, focus on social skills and academics, secured entrances, nursing staff on site, therapy staff on site, if necessary, and potty training is available, if needed. For more information contact 457-8273 for or visit Bona Vista for a tour of the classrooms.

### Free Parent Education Classes Sponsored by Positive Results for Kids

Free child care will be provided. Please call (765) 868-4686 for a reservation. Classes are held at 1226 E. Hoffer Street.

#### Helping your Special Needs Child Succeeds at School

September 23, 7–8:30 p.m.

Presented by Angie Ramberger.

This session will help you identify your child's needs in the classroom, and provide suggestions on adaptations and tips to help your child be successful.

#### Autism Spectrum Diagnoses: What Parents Need to Know

October 16, 7–8:30 p.m.,

Presented by Sabra Rennaker.

Designed to differentiate between autism spectrum disorders, including autism, high functioning autism, Asperger's, and non-verbal learning disabilities.

#### Orthopedic Injuries in Children

November 20, 7–8:30 p.m.

Presented by Kirk Heathers.

This session will help you understand current pediatric orthopedic injuries and their management through therapy techniques.

For more information on the classes, call 868-4686 or visit [www.positiveresults.org](http://www.positiveresults.org)

**Activity Day for October is Thursday, October 9, 2008 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visit at your convenience. Remember we are located at 2725 S. LaFountain.**

### New and Improved Totes for Tots

Our staff has been working all summer to add more books and educational items to each tote. We have made sure that the bags and contents are clean and ready to start being used by your children. If you are on our list and haven't received a tote by now, we need to hear from you, call us at 455-9427.

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#### Is your child ready for college?

Well maybe not all the classes but Little Learners Child Care on the IU Kokomo is open to toddlers (ages 1-2) and pre-school (ages 3-6) children. The center is open to the public. Call (765) 455-9306 or email [childcare@iuk.edu](mailto:childcare@iuk.edu) for more information.



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If you have discontinued and want to begin again, just let us know. We'll be happy to put you back on our list to deliver or pick up. Please realize the toys in our totes are meant to help you teach your child skills, such as eye-hand coordination, problem solving, creativity, language development, comparing and contrasting items, noticing the difference in a plastic or stuffed animal and a picture of a real animal in the book, using the toys for imaginary play, or telling a story, etc. We try to coordinate some of

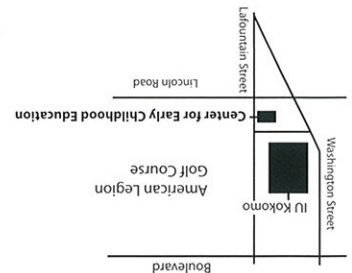
the items in the tote with the theme of the books. If you feel the totes we are sending for your child are too easy or too difficult, please let us know. We can change the level we send. Also, if you have a concern about some area of your child's development that we could assist with by the type of items we place in the tote, please let us know and we'll develop totes with materials that will focus on that area of the child's growth.



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