



**GiGi's
PLAYHOUSE**
Down Syndrome Awareness Centers
Hoffman Estates

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Newsletter



9th Annual GiGi Fest

Our 9th annual GiGi Fest was held on October 7th and I'm sure everyone can agree it was a wonderful day! We had a great turnout along with wonderful weather and so much for the kids and families to do. GiGi's unveiled our 2013 calendar and all of our amazing "Calendar Kids" walked the red carpet, once again displaying how fabulously photogenic they are! For anyone that has not yet had the chance to see the calendar or purchase one, they are currently on sale at the Playhouse for \$12. All of the kids also had the chance to pick out their perfect little Goebbert's pumpkin and then paint it with a rainbow of colors. They turned out beautiful! The kids also *jumped* for joy at the opportunity to go crazy in the bouncy house and then afterwards were happy to head on over to the petting zoo. They were also able to climb on the fire trucks and participate in the soccer clinic that was put on by boys from St. Edward High School. There was plenty of food and drink for everyone thanks to Tommy's Red Hots, Home

Run Inn Pizza and many local grocery stores. The Cheer Gems put on a fantastic show for everyone at the fest! Great job Gems! A big thanks for all of you that came out to our 9th Annual GiGi Fest and also to everyone in the community for their donations and assistance! Can't wait for next year, the big 1-0!



Happy Halloween

On Saturday October 27th we had a spooktacular Halloween party here at the Playhouse! Everyone looked awesome in their costumes.

Each child went up on stage to strut their stuff! It was a great afternoon filled with crafts, games, and Halloween treats. One of the highlights of the party was a cookie decorating activity. All of the cookies looked and tasted great! Thank you to all of the families that joined us for the party!



Welcome New Families!

We have so many great new families that the Playhouse would like to officially welcome!

- Mikayla Bonnier and her family Genor and Charle Bonnier
- Ava Woloski and her family Sasha and Paul Woloski
- Lupita Rueda and her family Maria Carrera
- Giuliana Rodriguez and her family Peter and Angela Rodriguez
- Dean Petmezias and his family Vickie Petmezias
- Isabella Vazquez and her family Aurora Hernandez and Carlos Vazquez
- Julia Banek and her family Krystyna Banek and Richard Wozniczka
- Alessia Molinaro and her family Kimberlie Molinaro
- Sean Lucey and his family Amy and Phil Lacey
- Alonso Quinonez and his family Gustavo Quinonez and Mirena Romero
- Carolina Valdez Acosta and her family Javier Valdez and Martina Acosta
- Elijah Kunkel and his family Nikki and Nate Kunkel

If you lost count, that is 12 new families since the end of September! We are so happy to have you all and can't wait to see you at upcoming programs and parties. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with anything you need!

New Site Coordinator!

As of November 5th, Hoffman Estates has a new Site Coordinator, Ashley Knapp! Lori Baker will still be here in Hoffman but has transitioned into a new role next door with Inc. so you will still see her around the Playhouse! Ashley is very excited to meet all of you so make sure you stop by the castle and say hello next time you're here!



Registration for Spring Literacy and Math!

We will be sending out the registration packets for the next session of Literacy and Math Tutoring very soon so please keep an eye out in the mail for them! They are due back by Monday December 10th. You can also stop by and pick one up at the Playhouse if you would like! Spring session runs from January 6th 2013- May 11th 2013. Please call Ashley with any questions!

HoHoHo! Christmas Party!

Our official GiGi's Playhouse Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 15th from 11:00am-1:00pm! Keep an eye out for an email in the coming weeks with all of the details and check out our GiGi's Playhouse Hoffman Estates Facebook page for information too. It is going to be a jolly good time!

Please give Ashley a call at the Playhouse to RSVP to the party! We hope to see you there!!



Message Envy

We would like to send out a special thanks to Massage Envy of Hoffman Estates for their very generous donation. Stop by and get a massage to show that we support them too!

Massage Envy

2652 North Sutton Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192



November Calendar

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- 1 Open Play, 12:30pm-2:00pm
 - 6 L-M-N-O-P, 10:00am
 - 7 Special Intentions, 7:00pm
 - 8 Open Play, 12:30pm-2:00pm
 - 10 Crawlers, 9:00am
2 & Under 10:00am
Hop, Skip, & Jumpers, 11:30am
 - 11 Spanish Playgroup, 11:00am-1:00pm
 - 13 L-M-N-O-P, 10:00am
 - 15 Open Play, 12:30pm-2:00pm
 - 17 Kids Club, 10:30am
 - 20 L-M-N-O-P, 10:00am
 - 22 **Gobble 'Til You Wobble! The Playhouse is Closed. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**
 - 24 3-4 Year Old Playgroup, 9:00am
 - 27 L-M-N-O-P, 10:00am
 - 29 New Parent Group, 11:00am
Open Play, 12:30pm-2:00pm
 - 30 Friday Friends, 7:00pm-9:00pm

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