Check the Phone Line During Severe Weather/Disaster Events

Please keep severe weather/disaster magnets handy for a reminder about possible clinic closures during weather/disaster events. If you need a magnet, please ask at the front desk. If we have a snow or weather event, closures will be announced and updated through our phone line at 425.656.4215...no calls will be made. Please check our phone message before coming in. Thank you.

HELP! My Child Doesn’t Have any Friends: Tips for Fostering Positive Friendships

If your child is having difficulty making or maintaining friendships, please visit the links below. You’ll find ideas for parents to help foster positive friendships at home through modeling, rewarding specific skills, teaching problem-solving, the importance of providing structured play dates, etc. Please contact your therapist for additional assistance in this area.

Incredible Years Parent Resource index:
incredibleyears.com/ParentResources/index.asp

Incredible Years coping with peer problems resource:
incredibleyears.com/ParentResources/coping-with-peer-problems.pdf

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WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

Infant and Early Childhood Conference (IECC)

May 1 - 3 at the Tacoma Convention Center

For more than 30 years, this special three-day conference (featuring keynote speaker and more than 100 breakout sessions) has provided high quality training on every aspect of the education and care of young children (ages birth through eight) and their families. The purpose of the IECC Conference is to provide opportunities for families and service providers to come together to learn, share and advocate on behalf of all young children, especially those with developmental delays, disabilities and/or other special healthcare needs. View more information about this conference by visiting ieccwa.org.
Tips and Activities to Help Recognize and Promote Your Child’s Healthy Development

Children grow and develop quickly during the first years of their lives. As a parent, you are the most important person in your child’s life. You notice when your child smiles for the first time, rolls over, sits, walks and begins to talk. These moments mean that your child is learning! View information at parenthelp123.org/child-development to help recognize your child’s developmental stages and learn activities to promote healthy development from birth through age 6.

Smart 9-1-1

When you call 9-1-1 today, the operator receives very little information about you—basically just your phone number and your general location. In a situation where seconds count, being able to provide the operator with other critical information about you and your family the instant your call is made can be the difference between life and death.

Smart911 was created by leaders in the fields of privacy and information management with the firm belief that providing 9-1-1 with additional timely information about you when you call, can help speed and enhance the effectiveness of an emergency response.

Create a free Safety Profile to provide critical, lifesaving data to 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency call. It is 100% private, secure and used by 9-1-1 centers across the country. Sign up today at smart911.com.

Workshops and Classes

Kent School District Child Find Screenings

The Kent School District will offer free Child Find screenings for children three through five years of age who may have a disability. The screenings will be in the areas of language, learning and motor development. Early identification of disabilities assists parents, students and schools in the design of appropriate educational services. Screenings are held at 12033 SE 256th Street, Kent, WA. For more info or to schedule a screening, please call 253.373.7513.

2013 Screening Dates: 01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 03/01, 03/08, 03/22, 03/29, 04/05 & 04/26

Donor Corner

We Love Your Donations!

Donations to the clinic of a new or gently used iPad/iTouch/iPod or iTunes gift cards, in any denomination, are greatly appreciated!

Children’s Therapy Donor Recognition

Please let us know if you donate any new items to Children’s Therapy, such as Play-Doh, jugs of bubbles or a monetary/iTunes card donation, so that we can thank you by name in this newsletter.

We are so appreciative of and thankful for your donations!

Children’s Therapy Website

Back Issues of the Parent Resource Newsletter Available Online

Visit valleymed.org/childrenstherapy to view back issues of the Children’s Therapy Parent Resource Newsletter.
Opportunity for Free Orthodontic Treatment through Local Smiles for a Lifetime Foundation Chapter

Robert Haeger, DDS, Orthodontist, of Haeger Orthodontics is announcing an exciting new opportunity for our community at Haeger Orthodontics. His practice has started a new chapter of Smiles for a Lifetime Foundation that will annually award eight people complimentary orthodontic treatment.

Smiles for a Lifetime is a non-profit organization awarding orthodontic scholarships to children whose families are unable to pay for braces. The goal is to touch the lives of eight children a year by improving their smile and self esteem. Children who are good candidates are between the ages of 11 and 18, have orthodontic needs and would qualify for free or reduced lunch. The organization will also consider other situations such as a family with a large financial burden due to other medical expenses.

To nominate a child, simply contact Dr. Haeger’s office at 253.850.7043 and they will be happy to email an application. The board will evaluate all applicants and select those who have the highest need for a scholarship. The scholarships will cover 100% of the orthodontic treatment costs. The application deadline for the first set of four recipients is March 31, 2013.

P2P—Support for Parents of Children with Special Needs

Are you the parent of a child with special needs looking for supportive connections as you deal with unique issues not commonly shared by all parents? Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) (arcofkingcounty.org/our-services/parent-to-parent-support-program) is a network of more than a dozen community programs available to help. P2P is sponsored by The Arc of King County (arcofkingcounty.org/our-services).

A Wide Range of Program Activities

Program activities include parent support groups, information and referral, email support and information groups, Spanish support group, senior family caregiver project, parent education, recreation activities; 360 project; Vietnamese, Somali, French and German.

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If This is Your First Parent Resource Newsletter

Welcome to all of our new families! The Parent Resource is our bi-monthly e-newsletter, keeping you current with what’s going on that may be of interest to your family. Printed copies are also available at Children’s Therapy. We’ll keep you up-to-date about resources and events in the area, while providing information about Children’s Therapy policies and changes. We welcome your comments—please tell your therapist if you have any suggestions or input. Information about non-VMC sponsored events is for your consideration only: we cannot guarantee the accuracy/content of the listed events and services.