

# April Newsletter - Chicago Heights

## Director's Desk



### Crystal Powell, Site Director

Hello everyone — my name is Crystal Powell, and I am the new site director here at Chicago Heights IAFC Early Learning Center. I am so excited to take on this new experience! I have an open door policy; please stop by my office and get to know me. If you have questions, concerns, or comments I'm happy to help!

For the month of April we are so excited to celebrate "The Week of the Young Child," as we have planned a fun-filled week of hands-on activities and games promoting movement- through music, food, and art. Parents are highly encouraged to participate in the classroom events. We will also be starting new projects this month based on the ideas and thoughts of the children. Please be sure to ask your children what they are studying; if possible, ask open-ended questions that will keep their creative thoughts flowing and brainstorming.

It is springtime again! The weather is getting warmer and the children will be going out every day! Please dress them accordingly and keep a change of clothing in your child's locker.

Parents, please be reminded that open enrollment and recruitment is an ongoing process. We appreciate you sharing information about the IAFC Early Learning Program with your family, friends, and coworkers.

We encourage all parents to participate in our monthly parent meetings, and to become active volunteers in the program. Parents, if you are in need of any resources, please contact your F.E.S. Judith Navarrete at (708) 365-1523 and Janice Edwards at (708) 365-1511 — please leave a message if we are away from our desk.

Also, this is friendly reminder that the "Coffee Café" is open during the hours of 8:45 - 10:15 a.m. please come out and utilize it!



### UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Monday | 4/1/19** | Field Trip to Kids Work Museum

**4/8 — 4/12/19** | Week of the Young Child

**Tuesday | 4/9/19** | Parent Committee Meeting and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at 9 a.m.

**Friday | 4/19/19** | Professional Development (**closed**)

**4/22 — 4/26/19** | Spring Break

**Tuesday | 4/30/19** | Field Trip (TBD)