Our Site Coordinator’s Message

The month of December is a month of giving. Visit the community center to explore cultures from around the world and the many ways people give and receive during this festive time of the year. We also encourage you to share your gifts and talents with your neighbors by visiting the community center and signing up to volunteer.

Don't forget to check on your neighbors. Let us know if a senior or a family needs services, food, or support. We want to help! Give us a call and let us know what we can do to assist your neighbors in need.

We encourage you to participate in our annual "Door Decorating Contest." Take time to decorate your doors for Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukah, or something festive. Be very creative, as the winner will receive a gift card courtesy of Community Services Foundation! Benning Courts and The Pentacle Community Centers’ staff will judge the contest on **Friday, December 16, 2022.**

Finally, please collect old magazines throughout December so you can join us in January as we create vision boards to celebrate the new year.

Happy Holidays to you and your family from Community Services Foundation, Benning Courts, The Pentacle Apartments and the Community Center Staff!
ADULT EDUCATION

The Benning Courts Community Center will offer adult education classes to parents of youth who attend the after school and summer programs. Classes will begin in the fall.

Please stop by the center to learn about our free GED prep, job readiness opportunities, Digital Literacy, and Health and Wellness classes.

Class schedules will be flexible, so give us a call and let us know what days and times work best for you. You can attend some classes virtually!

ADULT & SENIOR UPDATE

OUR COMMUNITY MANAGER’S MESSAGE

As we approach the conclusion of 2022, we look forward to ushering in a new month and year with zeal and excitement! We thank each of you for your continued residency and cooperation as we close out this year.

It is our hope that you and yours will have the happiest of holiday seasons. To that end, we ask that you report any needed repairs as quickly as possible. Your advising us of any repairs as soon as you notice they are required will help ensure that you and our staff enjoy the holidays.

We also ask that you dispose of your trash as you create it. December is a month when we often have more garbage than usual.

As we close this year, we ask you to continue practicing COVID safety measures for you and those you are in contact with.

Again, wishing you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons!!!
Reminder Parent Meetings
Are held on the third Wednesday of each month.
This month we will meet on
December 21, 6:15 pm
Please Click on Link to Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82876252359
Meeting ID is 828 7625 2359

RESOURCES
Find food assistance, help paying bills, and other free or reduced-cost programs, including new programs for COVID – 19 at
https://findhelp.org/.
When you log on, insert your zip code to search for services and benefits in your area. You can also ask your Site Director for additional resources.

SMILE
As we were putting out cookies for Santa, I accidentally dropped one. “No problem,” I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

“You can’t do that,” argued my four-year-old.

“Don’t worry. Santa will never know.”

He shot me a look. “So he knows if I’ve been bad or good, but he doesn’t know the cookie fell on the floor?”

Please remember to get tested if you think you may have been exposed to COVID or have symptoms associated with COVID. Please click on the following link or type it into your browser to find a testing site near you.
https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing

REFLECTIONS

♦ Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. And, whatever brings you happiness. May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

♦ Sharing this season together is the greatest gift of all.
YOUTH & TEENS UPDATES

LET’S MAKE OUR SCHOOL YEAR GREAT! JOIN OUR AFTERSCHOOL CLUB!

Please email us or call us:
202 - 396 - 1268 or 202 - 399 - 6016

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Group and Individual session will focus on:

♦ Fun STEAM Activities
♦ At-Home Lesson Plans and Experiments
♦ Virtual Field Trips
♦ Hands-On Learning Instruction
♦ Digital Literacy
♦ Character Development
♦ Virtual Games and Trivia
♦ Health & Wellness
♦ Weekly Refreshers
♦ Reflection Time

Community Services Foundation is committed to providing the best learning environment for the community, whether in-person or virtually.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we adapt our programs and services to minimize any health concerns.

Please stay up to date regarding the Center's operations through correspondence from our team, posted notices, or simply call the Center if you are ever unsure. Again, thank you!

Virtual Class link below:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83192351995?pwd=R05ZUnQ0V3E5c1RTRFk1VjVQUy9GUT09
Meeting ID: 831 9235 1995   Passcode: 64317

SMILE

♦ Q: What does the Gingerbread Man use to make his bed?
  A: Cookie sheets!

♦ Q: What do snowmen call their offspring?
  A: Chill-dren!

♦ Q: What did one snowman say to the other?
  A: “Yeah, I smell carrots too.”

DECEMBER 2022 HOLIDAY CLOSURES

December 23rd Christmas Eve Observed
CSF Office Closes at 2:00 pm

December 26th
Christmas Day Observed (Closed)

December 30th
New Year's Eve Observed
CSF Office Closes at 3:00 pm
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Monday - Math

Tuesday - Reading

Wednesday - Spelling and Vocabulary

Thursday - Reading

Friday – Weekly Review of Monday - Thursday activities

3:00 - 3:30pm Arrival/Sign In

3:30 - 4:00pm Snack

4:00 - 5:00pm Youth Activity/Power Hour

5:00 - 5:45pm Supper

5:45 - 5:55pm Clean Up

6:00pm Dismissal
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