



## 2017-2018 EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2017



#### **Early Childhood Directors Enrichment Speaker Series: What's New In Children's Literature**

Thursday, September 28  
4-5:30pm

Wilmette Public Library, Auditorium  
*Early Childhood Directors and teachers of The Alliance's member schools learn about new books in all domains, including fiction, non-fiction, picture and storybooks.*

### OCTOBER 2017



#### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Networking Breakfast**

Thursday, October 5, 7:30-8:30am  
Winnetka Park District's Community Room, Winnetka  
*Leaders of The Alliance's member schools and organizations meet to network and hear about The Alliance's plans for the upcoming school year.*



#### **Fort Building**

October 14 & 15, 11am-4pm  
Llyod Park, Winnetka  
*Fort building is a universal pursuit of childhood. All ages are invited to join the WPD, Tinkering School Chicago, and The Alliance as we spend the weekend in a creative, project focused environment, using simple natural materials to build something truly amazing. Drop in whenever you want to build, create, play, or just be inspired.*



#### **Early Childhood Newsletter**

Distributed the week of October 16  
*Early Childhood, The Alliance's 16-page, biannual newsletter features articles written by national and local experts, as well as a community calendar.*



#### **28th Annual Networking Dinner**

Thursday, October 26, 5-7:30pm  
Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth  
*Administrators, teachers, and other professionals who work with young children are invited to dine and listen to a nationally recognized and respected educator in Early Childhood. The keynote speaker will be Roberta Golinkoff, Ph.D.*



#### **Becoming Brilliant: The Science Of How Children Learn**

Friday, October 27, 9:30-11am  
Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth  
*Join renowned psychologist and author, Roberta Golinkoff, Ph.D., who will present findings from her most recent book [Becoming Brilliant: What Science Tells Us About Raising Successful Children](#).*

### NOVEMBER 2017



#### **The Rise Of Play: How We Can Support It At Home, In School, And In The**

#### **Community, Featuring Joan Almon**

Wednesday, November 8,  
9:30-11am

Church of the Holy Comforter,  
Kenilworth

*For 20 or more years children have had less and less time for their own free play. Fortunately, the trend is shifting as activists across the country offer opportunities for play, and health professionals call for play to remedy diverse problems such as obesity, ADHD, depression and anxiety. Today's emphasis is on child-directed play with loose parts – boxes, tubes, cloths, ropes, etc. that children can use in dozens of ways. We'll explore loose parts play and ways to bring it alive in homes, schools, parks, and neighborhoods.*



#### **NAEYC Annual Conference**

Thursday, November 16,  
3:00-4:30pm

Atlanta, Georgia

*Join The Alliance at the National Early Childhood Education Conference for a workshop entitled "Teaching Young Children In Affluent Communities: The Alliance for Early Childhood's Response to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges of Overscheduled Children, Too Much Media, and Too Little Play."*

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**DECEMBER 2017**



**Early Childhood Directors Roundtable**

Thursday, December 7, 12:30-1:45pm  
Ronald Knox Montessori School  
Early Childhood directors of The Alliance's member schools convene quarterly in order to talk with one another about matters of common concern, tour others' schools, and discuss different early childhood philosophies.

**JANUARY 2018**



**Biennial Preschool Survey Results Published**

Monday, January 15  
Alliance member stand-alone preschools are eligible to participate in and receive results from the biennial survey that investigates salaries, benefits, registration procedures, and more.



**American Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Monday, January 15, 9am-3:30pm  
Biannually, junior high students learn how to be effective and competent babysitters through this all-day course facilitated by Stephanie Figlioli, PT.



**Let's Play Community Winter Play Day**

Saturday, January 27, 9:30-11am  
Families come together quarterly to discover new area parks and promote the importance of children's unstructured play.

**FEBRUARY 2018**



**Preschool-Kindergarten Summit**

Tuesday, February 13  
8:30am-3:15pm  
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe  
Area preschool and kindergarten

teachers and administrators are invited to this third annual event to learn about the latest research relevant to young children in the preschool and kindergarten years. The keynote address will be given by Gever Tulley, Founder of Tinkering School and Brightworks School.



**American Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Monday, February 19, 9am-3:30pm



**Early Childhood Directors Roundtable**

Thursday, February 22, 12:30-1:45pm  
Baker Demonstration School

**MARCH 2018**



**24<sup>th</sup> Annual ScreenBreak**

Sunday, March 4 – Saturday, March 10  
Children and their families are encouraged to turn off their televisions and other screens for a week, and enjoy alternative activities at home or at events coordinated throughout the community.



**ScreenBreak Kick-Off Event**

Sunday, March 4  
Come celebrate the kick-off of ScreenBreak Week with a special program geared to families hosted by The Alliance. Program details and time to be announced.



**Early Childhood Directors Enrichment Speaker Series: Integrating The Challenging Child**

Wednesday, March 7, 4-5:30pm  
Location TBD

Early Childhood directors of The Alliance's member schools learn behavior management techniques that foster cooperation, practical techniques and scripts that motivate students to behave appropriately; and discipline as an opportunity to teach the appropriate behavior.

**APRIL 2018**



**Early Childhood Newsletter**

Distributed the week of April 16.



**Early Childhood Directors Roundtable**

Thursday, April 12, 12:30-1:45pm  
Joseph Sears School



**Let's Play Community Spring Play Day**

Saturday, April 28, 9:30-11:30am

**MAY 2018**



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Inspiring Nature Play Conference**

Wednesday, May 2, 9am-3:30pm  
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe  
Join this unique professional development event to gain new ideas for nature play for young children, a deepened awareness of new research, and a new network of local professionals. Organized by The Alliance and the Chicago Botanic Garden.



**Early Childhood Directors End Of The Year Lunch**

Thursday, May 18, 1-3pm

**JUNE 2018**



**Let's Play Community Summer Play Day**

Monday, June 4, 9:30-11:30am