



## 2017-2018 EVENTS

### 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. Visit The Alliance's website to register.



#### The Anatomy Of A Meltdown: All Behavior Has Meaning

Friday, January 26, 9:30-11am  
Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth

When a child has a meltdown, it is not easy for anyone involved. In this workshop, parents will learn the difference between a tantrum and a meltdown. Using a neurosensory perspective, individuals will discover what is happening to the body when feeling overwhelmed, under attack, hijacked, and helpless. By understanding the anatomy of a meltdown, parents will be better equipped to offer help and support during these challenging times. Facilitated by Jennifer Rosinia, PhD, OTR/L.



#### 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



#### Tinkering Workshop with Gever Tulley

Monday, February 12, 9:30-11am  
Hubbard Woods School, Winnetka  
In this unique, participatory workshop, parents will collaboratively design, build,

and problem-solve a project using tools and materials. While the project is a surprise, participants can count on learning new skills, making mistakes, and coming away with concrete strategies to give children hands-on learning experiences which strengthen their innate curiosity and desire to learn. Gever Tulley is a TED speaker, founder of Tinkering School and Brightworks in San Francisco, and author of Fifty Dangerous Things (You Should Let Your Children Do), and Dangerism! Why We Worry About the Wrong Things and What It's Doing to Our Kids.



#### 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.

Symbol Key: Parent Educator Family Parent & Educator

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### **American Red Cross Babysitting Course**

Monday, February 19, 9am-3:30pm  
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### **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  
Sacred Heart School, Winnetka  
*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



### **Transition to Kindergarten Meeting**

Thursday, April 19,  
9:30-10:30am  
Greeley School, Winnetka  
*Parents of incoming District 36 Kindergarten students in 2018-2019 learn about the District's history and philosophy, as well as what to expect during the kindergarten year.*



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

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

## **MAY 2018**



### **Wild Play: Parenting Adventures in the Great Outdoors**

Tuesday, May 1, 7-8:30pm  
Washburne School Little Theater,  
Winnetka  
*There is growing research showing that nature is beneficial for children and their brains. Spending time in nature enhances physical, cognitive, emotional, and social growth. Learn from noted environmental educator, David Sobel, about ways to bring your children the joys of the natural world and why it is critical to their healthy development. Parents will come away empowered by concrete, easy, and developmentally appropriate ways to reconnect their children with nature.*



### **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