



## 2016-2017 EVENTS

### JANUARY 2017



#### **New Parents Club: BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby)**

Wednesday, January 18,  
11-11:45am

Winnetka Public Library, Winnetka  
Come hang out with new parents and talk about new books, great storytime songs, or share helpful tips with each other. Bring your baby age 0-17 months and make friends of all ages!



#### **27th Annual Networking Dinner**

Thursday, January 19, 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 educator in Early Childhood.



#### **5 (Dangerous) Things to Empower Your Child: The Importance of Risk-Taking Using Real Problems**

Friday, January 20, 9:30-11am  
Church of the Holy Comforter,  
Kenilworth

Join Gever Tulley, author of *Fifty Dangerous Things (You Should Let Your Children Do and Dangerism!)* Gever's work has shown that through play, risk-taking, and solving real problems, children develop responsibility,

persistence, and resilience. Hands-on learning experiences strengthen their innate curiosity and desire to learn. Gever will share new ways that children can explore their world and reveal the inevitable, powerful learning that results.



#### **Early Childhood Directors Roundtable** Tuesday, January 24, 9:30-11:30am

Winnetka Public School Nursery,  
Winnetka

Preschool directors of The Alliance's member schools convene seven times annually in order to talk with one another about matters of common concern, tour others' schools, and discuss different early childhood philosophies.



#### **BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby)**

Friday, January 27, 11-11:45am  
Northfield Public Library, Northfield

### FEBRUARY 2017



#### **Preschool-Kindergarten Summit**

Thursday, February 9,  
8:30am-3pm

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe  
Area preschool and kindergarten teachers and administrators are invited to this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event to learn about the latest research relevant to young

children in the preschool and kindergarten years and to facilitate positive transitions from preschool to kindergarten. The keynote address will be given by Erika Christakis, MPH, MA, M.Ed., childhood education expert and author of the New York Times bestselling book, *The Importance of Being Little: What Preschoolers Really Need from Grownups*.



#### **Parents As First Teachers: How to Cultivate the Whole Child**

Thursday, February 9, 7pm  
Washburne School's Little Theater,  
Winnetka

It is a fact: as a parent or caregiver, you are your child's first teacher, and what you do matters! Join a panel of accomplished presenters from The Alliance's Summit who will offer advice on how parents can build a responsive, supportive, emotionally-connected home environment. Presented in partnership with Family Action Network (FAN).



#### **BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby)**

Wednesday, February 15,  
11-11:45am  
Winnetka Public Library, Winnetka



#### **Early Childhood Directors Roundtable**

Wednesday, February 15,  
12:30-2:30pm

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**American Red Cross  
Babysitting Course**  
Monday, February 20,  
9am-3:30pm



**Live Webinar - Promoting  
Executive Function Skills: Help  
Children Manage Emotions,  
Stay Organized, & Meet Goals**  
Tuesday, February 21, 10-11am  
*This webinar for educators and parents  
will discuss: 1) the different skills that  
make up executive functioning, 2) how  
children develop executive function  
skills, and 3) strategies to promote  
executive functioning through social  
interactions. Presented in partnership  
with Pathways.org.*



**BYOB  
(Bring Your Own Baby)**  
Friday, February 24, 11-11:45am  
Northfield Public Library, Northfield



**Let's Play Community  
Play Date**  
Saturday, February 25, 2-4pm  
Clarkson Park, Northfield  
*Families come together to discover new  
area parks and promote the  
importance of children's unstructured  
play.*

## MARCH 2017



**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual ScreenBreak**  
Sunday, March 5 – Saturday,  
March 11  
*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 5  
*Come celebrate the kick-off of  
ScreenBreak Week with an event  
featuring the sensational music of Laura  
Doherty! This fun-filled celebration is  
perfect for the entire family, and it's  
sure to be a performance that you  
won't want miss!*



**Live Webinar - Play in the  
Classroom: Things You Should  
Know**  
Tuesday, March 7, 10-11am  
*This webinar for educators and parents  
will discuss: 1) the reduction in playtime  
in recent years, 2) different types of  
play & how they promote development,  
3) children's play skills by age, and 4)  
alternatives to TV and tips for  
encouraging different types of play in  
the classroom and at home. Presented  
in partnership with Pathways.org.*



**Early Childhood Directors  
Roundtable**  
Tuesday, March 14, 9:30-11:30am  
Rose Hall Montessori School,  
Wilmette

## APRIL 2017



**Early Childhood  
Newsletter**  
Distributed the week of April 17.



**Early Childhood Directors  
Roundtable** Wednesday, April 19,  
12:30-2:30pm  
St. Francis Xavier School, Wilmette



**Transition to Kindergarten  
Meeting** Thursday, April 27,  
9:30-10:30am  
Greeley School, Winnetka

*Parents of incoming kindergarten  
students and families who are new to  
District 36 learn about the District's  
history and philosophy, as well as what  
to expect during the kindergarten year.*



**Let's Play Community  
Play Date**  
Saturday, April 29, 9:30-11:30am  
*Please visit The Alliance website for  
program locations and details.*

## MAY 2017



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Inspiring Nature  
Play Conference: Inside Out**  
Wednesday, May 3, 9am-3:30pm  
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe  
*Join this professional development event  
featuring keynote speaker Chip  
Donohue, Ph.D., Dean of Distance  
Learning and Continuing Education and  
Director of the Technology in Early  
Childhood Center at Erikson Institute.  
Come away with practical and effective  
ideas for incorporating nature play into  
your early childhood programs and  
curriculum. Lunch and parking are  
included; 6 CPDU hours are available.  
Presented in partnership with the  
Chicago Botanic Garden.*



**Preschool Directors  
Roundtable: End of the Year  
"Dutch Treat" Lunch**  
Thursday, May 18, 1-3pm  
Hackney's on Lake, Glenview

## JUNE 2017



**Let's Play Community  
Play Dates**  
Monday, June 5-Wednesday, June 7  
9:30-11:30am  
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