



2017-2018 EVENTS

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.



Understanding Your Child's Meltdown

Friday, January 26

9:30-11am

Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth

Tired, overwhelmed, and even angered by your child's meltdown behaviors? Attend this presentation to understand the anatomy of a meltdown, so you are equipped to offer help and support. Facilitated by Jennifer Rosinia, PhD, OTR/L.



Let's Play Community Winter Play Day

Saturday, January 27

9:30-11:30am

Watts Park, Glencoe

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.



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Early Childhood Directors Roundtable

Friday, February 23

12:30-1:45pm

Baker Demonstration School

Symbol Key: Parent Educator Family Parent & Educator

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MARCH 2018

 **24th 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, 3:30pm

Washburne School Gym, Winnetka
The Sky Squad acrobatic basketball dunk team is coming to Winnetka! This high energy team will thrill all ages with their dazzling acrobatic flips, twists and dunks from mini trampolines. Bring your entire family to this spectacular kick-off to ScreenBreak Week!

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

Wednesday, March 7

Hubbard Woods School, Winnetka
4-5:30pm

Early Childhood directors and teachers 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.

 **5th 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