

EVENTS.....



Our 4th annual fundraising event... a great success!

Malaika's annual fundraising gala took place on Thursday, November 3rd at the Milwaukee Athletic Club in downtown Milwaukee. It was a great evening with fine food, silent auction and wonderful people including honorary co-chairs, Craig Counsell of the Milwaukee Brewers and his wife Michelle. Craig signed memorabilia, posed for pictures and answered questions about his exciting season.

Event Chair Amanda Hoyer and Co-Chairs Dennis & Kellie Mueller, extend their appreciation to Craig and Michelle for their attendance and support.

Kathy Mykleby, Co-Anchor, WISN 12 News, served as MC, setting the tone with her lovely reminders to encourage guests to bid on the wide variety of auction items.



The following children sang and performed for an enthusiastic crowd: Shaniya Evans, Raymon Green, Shaniya Jackson, Mardale Rowe, Sylvia Thompson-Vargas, Brooklyn Williams (Joyce Mallory, Executive Director pictured).

A special thanks to all the businesses and individuals who contributed items for the auction and to the attendees who bid high in support of Malaika. The staff and parents of Malaika so appreciate all the generous support which enabled Malaika to achieve its goal to raise \$40,000 from the event!

Finally, a huge thanks to our Chair, Amanda Hoyer and Co-Chairs, Dennis & Kellie Mueller and to their team: Mary Emory, Wendy Moeller, Carolyn Peters, Tina Campbell, Tina Luna, Nancy Laskin, Kristen Benbazza, Jessica Mueller, Jason & Chrissy Shawger, Morgan Wick, Kelly Wiesner, Nancy Willauer and Allison Hogan.

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Craig and Michelle Counsell with Kellie and Dennis Mueller



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A special thank you to our Kohl's volunteers!



Peter Klode, John Emory Jr., Mary & John Emory and John Emanuel

NEWS

Kindergarten Expansion and New Teachers

Malaika is proud to announce that we are growing! We've added one K-5 class for 2011-12 school year. We now have two K-4 and two K-5 classes.

Our new K-5 teachers are Alexander Morgan and Rachel Girardin. Malaika is excited to have them join our team!

College for Kids

This summer 15 Malaika children participated in College for Kids (CFK). This is a hands-on enrichment program for children in grades K5-8 who have high academic potential, motivation, a talent, or an interest in computers, math, science, languages, creative arts and humanities. Now in its 31st year, the program is taught by UWM faculty or highly qualified and experienced instructors.

FALL FIELD TRIP

The children enjoyed their field trip to the pumpkin farm and apple orchard this fall. Our goal is to provide education through a wide variety of field trips. We now live in a time when many children think milk comes from refrigerators and vegetables are grown in produce aisles. The children had fun running through the pumpkin fields and sampling apples from the orchard. But our greatest hope is that they will leave with a greater understanding of agriculture and an appreciation for Wisconsin heritage.



5 STARS FROM YOUNGSTAR!!

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Hip Hip Horray! Because of Malaika's proven success, we have been recognized with 5 stars, the highest honor, by the Wisconsin Department of Children & Families YoungStar program.

Points are awarded across four categories - education qualifications and training; learning environment and curriculum, professional and business practices and child health & well being practices. Malaika has worked hard the past

four years to achieve its five-star rating without being accredited. The board and executive director set high standards for the early education and care program and provided the resources and support which enabled lead teachers to enroll in the associate degree program in early childhood at MATC. Malaika is working with a YoungStar consultant to make sure its rating is retained.



THANKS to St. Monica School's 5th grade Girl Scout Troop for donating seven boxes of books to Malaika. The books covered all MELC age groups from infants through K-5. Some books were given to parents at the Family Fun Night on November 17th.



TRICK OR TREAT

The children of Malaika enjoyed Halloween with a parade around the neighborhood dressed up in their favorite costumes. Upon their return, the kids went from classroom to classroom “trick-or-treating” for healthy treats. Quite often our children can’t trick-or-treat in their neighborhoods because it’s not safe. Malaika provided them a safe, fun and healthy experience for the fall holiday.

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STOP, DROP AND ROLL

The Milwaukee Fire Department stopped in for a visit and taught the children 10 fire safety rules.

- 1.) Don't play with matches and lighters.
- 2.) Smoke detectors should be on every floor and in the sleeping areas of your home.
- 3.) Test your smoke detectors every month.
- 4.) When you change your clocks for Daylight Savings, change your alarm batteries.
- 5.) In case of fire: **Don't hide, Go outside!**
- 6.) To escape during a fire; **Fall & Crawl**. Use the back of your hand to test if a door is hot before you open it.
- 7.) If your clothes are on fire; **Stop, Drop, and Roll** until the fire is out.
- 8.) Have an escape plan and practice it with your family.
- 9.) Choose a meeting place outside, such as a big tree or the end of the driveway, so you will know that everyone has gotten out safely. **NEVER** go back into a burning building.
- 10.) Know your local emergency number and how to dial 911.



SECOND STEP GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Second Step Guidance Curriculum. Such topics as *impulse control, problem solving* and *calming down techniques* are taught. These lessons give children the skills to compose themselves so that a given problem can be solved more effectively.

Malaika children will also practice using such skills as apologizing, ignoring distractions, and dealing with peer pressure.

Second Step provides children with the skills for learning and listening rules, which set the stage for future academic success and later lessons on identifying feelings, managing strong emotions, solving problems, and getting along with others.



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