What is Parent Tot...a place where parents and their children can play, explore, learn and grow together!

The Parent Tot Center (PTC) is located at the District 158’s Early Childhood Center, room 328 @ Chesak Elementary School, Door 4, on the Reed Road Campus. Parent Tot is a drop- in center that is open only to District 158 residents, proof of residency is required. The program is fee based; $25 per year/ per child. This yearly fee includes unlimited playgroups, programs/classes/concerts or events sponsored by the Parent Tot Program; you must be a registered and paid participant of the Parent Tot Program in order to attend playgroups or special events. If are experiencing a financial hardship please speak to Carla Elam, Parent Coordinator, in confidence to make other arrangements. Parent Tot is a wonderful program for all families in our community to enjoy and take advantage of all the learning opportunities that the program has to offer. The program is structured for children, 1- 3 years old but children ages 4 and under the age of 5 years old, as of September 1, 2019, are welcome to attend as well. Children under the age of 1 year old as of September 1, 2019 are free. At the center parents and children can; interact with each other in an age appropriate and stimulating environment, network with other families and find resource materials on various subjects related to children. The Parent Tot Center has many toys, developmental activities, crafts activities, children's books and DVD's, parenting books, magazines, brochures and take home activities available for checkout. Throughout the school year the Parent Tot Program will sponsor family nights, concerts, storytelling and musical events and parent classes. Stay informed with all Parent Tot happenings by visiting our website. Registration and payment is required for use of the Parent Tot Center, stop by and see what we have to offer your family…your first visit to Parent Tot is FREE!

Hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 8:30am-10:45am AND 1:00pm-2:30pm
(We are not open for play on Fridays, as they are reserved for special events that require advance sign-up and we follow the school calendar schedule.)

Important little tidbits:
Please read the following carefully as the Parent Tot Center is an enjoyable place to visit with your toddler when everyone follows these guidelines.

All parents must sign in and out each time they visit the center. Each family will be asked to complete online the registration form, pay and a Parent Tot ID card will then be issued. The ID card is proof that registration and payment has been done and MUST be worn at all times in the building.

Please RSVP on a weekly basis, via the RSVP document, that is located on the District website, for days that you will be visiting Parent Tot, as this will expedite your check in at the Early Childhood office and your Raptor/visitor pass will be printed and waiting for you.

Once you are a registered and paid participant of the PT program, you MUST wear your ID card and lanyard when visiting Parent Tot, along with your printed daily Raptor pass. This is for the safety and security of everyone at the school.

Please be considerate and respectful of the ECC classes that are in session when at PT... quiet voices in the school and no loitering in the hallways, office or foyer area. We will be moving around to different areas within the Early Childhood Center and this is a great opportunity to teach your children how to walk in the school hallway with you and use a quiet voice.

For the safety and health of all participants, we require everyone to wash their hands with soap and water upon entering the Parent Tot room or use the hand sanitizer.
Cubbies are located in our room for your belongings. Strollers should be parked in the hall outside our room.

Please wipe down toys that have been in your child's mouth - wipes are scattered throughout the room. Please be very attentive to this and carry a few wipes around with you.

Please make sure you take time before you leave to clean up all your messes...toys, art area, puzzles, books etc. This is a great way to teach your child the importance of cleaning up.

There are restrooms and changing tables located down the hallway for PT use, along with ECC students and faculty. Please be considerate of our preschool friends that also use these restrooms and changing facilities.

As always, you, the parent, need to keep a watchful eye on your child/children at all times while at the PT Center and redirect if necessary. There is a wide range of ages at PTC, so please be sure your child is playing appropriately to ensure the safety of everyone. No children are to be left unattended at the center.

Please help us reinforce positive behaviors for playing with our friends at the Parent Tot Center. Play nicely. Use kind words. Keep your hands to yourself.

If your child has a cough, runny nose, not feeling well or a fever within the past 24 hours please do not bring them to the Parent Tot Center and expose the other children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

No snacks or drinks (children and adults) are allowed in the Parent Tot Center.; there are too many allergies and it makes a mess. Infants that need a bottle or to be nursed are the exception to this rule.

When checking out materials, keep in mind they are due back in 2 weeks, if you don't plan on visiting again soon, please don't check out items.

Please limit your cell phone usage to a few minutes while at the center. Make this time be about your child.

The PT center is a great place for meeting new people and for socializing with other adults, but please remember the reason for visiting...your child. Also, please keep in mind that small ears are always listening and be mindful of your conversations.

The Parent Tot Center follows the school calendar and is closed when school is not in session. If I am absent I will post that the center is closed on the website and PT Google calendar, on the main windows of our room and send out an email.

Have fun watching and interacting while your toddler explores and learns about new things around them.

Questions???
Email celam@district158.org or Call Carla Elam, Parent Coordinator © 847.659.5721