



# Urban Arts Academy

January 2016 Preschool Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

**January 18th**

No Preschool, MLK Day

**February 11th**

Preschool Play

4:30-6:00pm

**February 15th**

No school, President's Day

**February 25th**

**(DATE CHANGE!)**

Open House for Prospective Families

5:00-6:30

**March 17th**

Spring Festival

3:30-6:00

## Survey Results



Dear Families,

Thank you for your feedback in our survey over the past few months! Your responses overwhelmingly favored a change to a year-round format. We strive to serve our community in the best ways possible, and we are happy to announce that our preschool program will run June through May with limited time off beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

We are also excited to implement parent meeting groups in the future, offering parents the opportunity to connect with each other, receive expert advice and resource materials, and more!

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming changes, please contact Elizabeth at [eroach@urbanartsacademy.org](mailto:eroach@urbanartsacademy.org), or board member and Parent Liaison Ann Layne at 612-309-7165.

Thanks,

**March 23rd**  
No Preschool, Teacher  
Training

**March 24th-25th**  
Spring Conferences  
(No Preschool)

**Happy December  
Birthday  
to our friends!**

**Eliza T. -- 1/1**  
**Prudence R. -- 1/29**



## **Recall Information**

Your family's safety is important to Urban Arts. In an effort to bring awareness to the latest safety hazards, information on products your family may use will be provided in each newsletter.

Crib Mobile:

[Skip Hop Crib Mobile](#)

Ann Layne, Parent Liaison  
Elizabeth Roach, Preschool Director

## **Priority Registration Now Open!**



Priority registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now open for our current families! Register now to ensure you receive your preferred schedule.

On March 1st, registration will open to the prospective families who attend our Open House on February 25th, as well as the general public. We hope to see you returning next year! **The school year will start on June 1, 2016.**

The 2016-2017 calendar can be viewed [here](#)

The 2016-2017 rates can be viewed [here](#)

**To submit a registration, complete the form by following [this link](#), or submit a paper form in our main office.**

Cookware:

[Martha Stewart Cookware](#)

Bean Bag Chairs:

[Bean Bag Chairs](#)

Children's Pajamas:

[Zulily Children's Pajamas](#)

For more information about specific recalls, please select the highlighted links above.

For a complete list of product recalls, please follow [this link](#).

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## Don't Forget!



**Don't forget to sign your student in and out of their classroom, Early Care or After Care each day! Sign in sheets are located in each classroom by the door.**

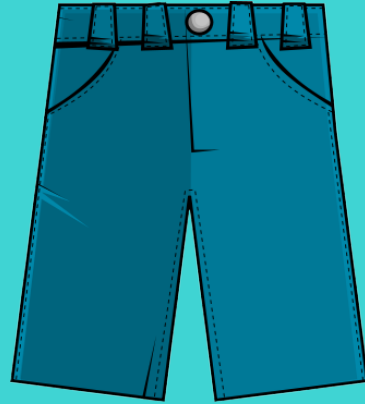
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## Pants Needed!



Accidents happen! Don't forget to send extra clothes with your child each day, or keep a change of clothes in their cubby basket.

When a child has an accident and we do not have any clean clothes available for the child here at school, we must call the family to bring additional clothes.

Urban Arts has a bin of clothes that have been donated to use for students who do not have any clean extra clothes with them. We are in desperate need of pants for this clothing bin! **If your family has gently used pants for children 3-5 years of age, please consider donating them to UAA.** We greatly appreciate your assistance, and your donation will help the children in our program feel more comfortable when accidents happen.

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**Date Change for the Open House**

Scholastic Book Club! When you order books, we earn points that we can spend on books and resources for our classrooms.

To order, visit:

[scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub)

Please use the code

**GWVP9**

when ordering so that Scholastic will know that you are an Urban Arts parent.

The deadline to place an order is

**Wednesday, January 27th.**

Please see Elizabeth with questions!

## UAA is Nut Free!

We are a nut-free facility! Please do not send peanut or tree nut products with your child for snacks and lunches. Sunflower butter is a great alternative to peanut butter!



Please note, the date has changed for the Open House for prospective families. The Open House will now be held on February 25th from 5:00-6:30. Interested families will have the opportunity to meet our teachers, see our space, and try a hands-on art project with their child! If you know of any families who are looking for a preschool for the 16-17 school year, please invite them to attend! **Our school year will start on June 1, 2016.**

## Artist of the Month:



### Gee's Bend Quilters

The quilts of Gee's Bend are created by a group of women and their ancestors who live or have lived in the isolated African-American settlement of Gee's Bend, Alabama along the Alabama River. The quilts of Gee's Bend are considered to be one of the most important African-American visual and cultural contributions to the history of art within the United

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*Make a Difference!*  
**DONATE**

If you could donate any of these items, we would appreciate it!

pants for 3-5 y.o.  
facial tissue  
paper towels  
newspaper  
container lids/caps  
extra clothes  
air dry clay  
pompoms  
plants  
glitter glue  
plant foam  
drawing paper  
dry erase markers  
paint brushes  
paint  
markers

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States. Every quilt sold by the Gee's Bend Quilters is unique and individually produced.

Located just southeast of Selma, in the Black Belt of Alabama, Gee's Bend (officially called Boykin) is an isolated, rural community of about seven hundred inhabitants. Beginning in the post-reconstruction era of the late 19th century, Gee's Bend women made quilts to keep themselves and their children warm in unheated shacks that lacked running water, telephones and electricity. Along the way they developed a distinctive style, noted for its lively improvisations and geometric simplicity. From the 1960s onward, the community of Gee's Bend gained attention for the production of their quilts.

The quilts have been exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, among others. More than 50 quiltmakers currently make up the Gee's Bend Collective, which is owned and operated by the women of Gee's Bend.

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