

Discovery Gardens Families

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the holidays are approaching, we want you to all save the Holiday Party into your calendars. December 19th, 2016 we will be our Annual Christmas party from 6pm-830pm. Please join us for a night of fun enjoying good food (Taco Bar), getting to know other families, meet and greet with Santa (with personal photos to capture the moment), face painting, balloon art, and much more! We hope to see you all there.

We will also have our videographer by the name of Ime, some of you have meet him but in case you have not, he will be there interviewing a few families for our upcoming YouTube channel. They will be testimonial based videos. I will contact the families chosen to speak prior for a brief prep of what to expect. If you and your family are interested in doing a testimonial video, please contact me personally. - Thank you

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, the website, or just a general questions or concern please feel free to contact me directly at:

destiney@childcarediscovery.com

Warm regards,

Destiney Clark

Parents Coordinator

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Due by December 15th 2016

New Year's Party: We are beginning the sign up for our Annual New Year's party. We would like to get a head count early this year. Please sign up now if you are interested. You can put the fee in the tuition box in a sealed envelope that says new years on the front with your child(ren)s name. Each center will also have a sign-up sheet for you to sign off agreeing to participating. Payments are due during the time of sign up **NOT** the day off. We ask that parents pay before **December 15th**. It will be held at our Lombard location from **8pm-7am December 31st. \$50 Per Child**



Upcoming Events

December 23

No School In-Service Day

December 26

No School-Holiday

January 2

No School-Holiday

Important Announcement

WEATHER CHANGES

As weather permits; if inclement weather occurs, Discovery Gardens will follow Portland Public Schools recommendations. Any questions or concerns please contact your site director or Destiney Clark.

Parents we ask that you remember to send your children to school with an extra change of clothing, coats, hats, gloves, rain boots, etc. With the weather changing to the next season we would like to make sure that all children are coming to care dressed appropriately.

TUITION

Parents we ask that when writing your tuition checks please use the memo section to write in your child(ren)s name. Thank you very much.

More Important News

Thank you so much to all the families that came out to our end of the year Tea Social last month. Your questions, concerns, and values mean a lot to us. Thank you, Kenton, & Lombard Parents

Kenton

Parents please get to know our newest member to our Director Team: Alake Patterson. Alake has many years of child care experience and currently furthering her education in the field. We are aware of how change may affect the families we care for; we want you know that Sanita will still be at the Kenton location but will be in a new position doing Human Resources. Miss Alake has begun her training and will continue her training until January 2017 hand and hand with Miss Sanita. Sanita, Mrs. Netra and myself will all remain on site a few doors down so you will all still have the contact with Sanita. Her new role will focus primarily on Human Resources as well as some of the financials. If you have any questions regarding the new changes, please contact me directly.

Finally, we would like for parents to know that Mrs. Reyna is no longer employed with Discovery Gardens, some of you may have noticed not seeing her around lately. We have spoken to each of the Preschool Parents regarding new changes but we'd ask if you'd like to ask myself or Sanita a question regarding Reyna please contact us directly. Thank you.

Lombard

Congratulations to Miss Brittany in completing your CDA. The CDA (Child Development Associate Credential) is a nationally recognized entry level credential in the field of Early Childhood Education. It is issued by the Council for Professional Recognition. The CDA is designed for those individuals who are working with young children in all settings. Congratulations Miss Brittany.

At Lombard, we have two new staff in the infant/wobbler room. We've had to hire more staff due to the rooms filling up to meet ratio. We have hired two dedicated ladies to fulfill these positions; Miss Taylor and Ariel, please take a moment to get to know these ladies. For the next few weeks, we will have a lot of training going on in the infant room and throughout the overall center. Parents will see our Administrative team (Sheila, Netra, Sanita and Destiney). We will be there to provide hands on training & support.

Columbia Knolls

I want to take the opportunity to Congratulate our Columbia Knolls teachers for working hard to completing their CDA portfolios. We all know that this has truly been a long exhausting journey and you've accomplished your goal; Continue to strive ladies!

Parents please check out the resources that are accessible for you at the front desk that provide parents with positive parenting techniques when dealing with various milestones.

Lastly we want to thank all the parents who came out for their home visits earlier last month. We were able to set goals, provide resources, and catch up. Thank you!



Parent Resources

ZooLights in SW PDX @ Oregon Zoo

It wouldn't be the holidays in Portland without a visit to the Oregon Zoo's annual winter festival, ZooLights. As you walk around the zoo, you'll see a dazzling display of a more than million and half lights, and experience your zoo in a whole new light. ZooLights runs from November 25, 2016 to January 1, 2017 (**400 SW Canyon Rd, PDX**); **\$4.95-\$9.95**.

Meet the Grinch Storytime in NE PDX

December 4th 11am-1130am: Meet the Grinch and hear the original The Grinch Who Stole Christmas while drinking hot chocolate on a heated deck. Have your pictures made with the Grinch afterwards (1600 NE Alberta St, PDX 97211). For more information please visit: **greenbeanbookspdx.com**

Gingerbread Adventures

Nov. 19th-Jan 2nd: Run, run as fast as you can to the Gingerbread Adventures, an exhibit that takes a sweet and smart look at the science behind a favorite holiday activity- gingerbread houses! With giant sculptures and fun activities, Gingerbread Adventures is a treat for the whole family to enjoy this holiday season. **omsi.edu/calendar**

For more fun family activities and events please visit pdxparents.com/event-calendar.

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