

Discovery Gardens Families

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

"While we try to teach our children all about life... our children teach us what life is all about." Cheers to another great year, it is officially 2017! Happy New Years to you all.

I want to start off by saying thank you so much to all the families that came out to our end of the year Annual Christmas Party last month. I surely hope that you all enjoyed the entertainment and the food. Your presence mean a lot to us, we enjoy seeing you all. Thank you all for your support!

Lastly, please also make sure that you are reading the side margins and marking the dates that we are closed in your personal calendars. It is a new year and our dates are not the same as they were on last year's calendar. If anyone would like a hard copy of the closure schedule again, please feel free to email me and I will email it to you directly or feel free to ask your child's site director as well if they have one on hand. You can also export all calendar events straight from our calendar that's on the website as well.

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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Positive Parenting Tips

As a parent, you give your children a good start in life—you nurture, protect and guide them. Parenting is a process that prepares your child for independence.

As your child grows and develops, there are many things you can do to help your child. These links will help you learn more about your child's development, positive parenting, safety, and health at each stage of your child's life.

Please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/positiveparenting/index.html>



Upcoming Events

January 2

No School-Holiday (ALL locations)

January 3

No School-In Service Day
Columbia Knolls ONLY!!

February 20

No School In-Service Day
(All Locations)

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

Kenton

Kenton Parents (ONLY), our **Tea Social** will be held on **Saturday, January 7th, 2017** at our Kenton location from **10am-12pm**. Miss Sanita and myself will take this time to answer any questions that you parents may have regarding Discovery Gardens Child Care. Miss Alake will also be joining us as well to give parents the chance to properly meet her and ask questions to her specifically as well. We are **not** able to provide child care for our Tea Social events since they are *optional*. We do also understand that there are families that may need to bring their child along and that's okay too every situation is unique. We ask that parents that are bringing their children to take into consideration that with there are families that may not, and we would like to make sure to give everyone an equal chance to address any concerns or questions without interruptions. We hope that you & or your spouse will be able to attend. If you have more questions regarding this event, contact myself or Miss Sanita directly.

For our infant parents, Teacher Amalia has taken her maternity leave to give birth to her baby boy. Her sub teacher is Ashely. Ashely has been in the environment for a few weeks now undergoing training hands on with Amalia personally. Welcome Ashely to our team, we will miss Amalia, see you and your sweet baby boy soon.

Lombard

Welcome back Mrs. Netra! In case anyone did not receive a personal phone call from Destiney, we wanted to make sure to announce again that Mrs. Netra is back at Lombard. She will remain the Director at the Lombard location. Miss Earenya has stepped down to deal with some family things at this time.

Also at Lombard, we have two new staff members in the infant/wobbler room. We've had to hire more staff due to the rooms filling up to meet ratio. We have brought back in Teacher Brenda and hired a gentleman named Mordekai to fulfill these positions, please take a moment to get to know our new staff. For the next few weeks, we will have a lot of training going on in the wobbler room and throughout the overall center. Parents will also see our Administrative team more often now to provide more support for the center (Sheila, Sanita and Destiney).

Columbia Knolls

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. I want to take the opportunity to Congratulate our Columbia Knolls teachers for working hard on completing their CDA portfolios. Teachers: Megan, Nova, Sydney, Wenona and Sonya congratulations 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 varies milestones. Also please pay close attention to all closure dates for Columbia Knolls making sure that you are adding them to your calendars.



Parent Resources

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African American Story Telling

Jan.30th (6pm-645pm): Stories are meant to inspire, entertain and provoke. Join Habiba, a native of Ghana, in learning stories about African history. Free at the Kenton Library.

PDX Parent Care (Family-Friendly Volunteer Weekend)

Join us this inauguration day weekend for a family-driven movement of giving back, healing, and empowerment. This event is a continuation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day service, because volunteering isn't a one-day event: it's a life-long commitment. Let's do this, Portland!

If interested please visit:

pdxparent.com/pdx-parent-cares-family-volunteer-weekend

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

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