

Discovery Gardens Families

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

March flew by quickly and has been a super busy month at all facilities. We had some new employees join our team, some leave, and some come back. Lots more training happening, causing upper management to step in the classroom a little more than usual. With that being said, I wanted to personally apologize to any parents that have had any delays with receiving their tuition receipts. We tried to convert to an online QuickBooks system and it caused nothing but a headache. Now we are using our desktop edition again but having hiccups with sending them via-email. If you have not received your receipt and need a copy please email me personally and I will personally print you a copy.

During the month of April, students will be focusing their curriculum based upon gardening, compost, worms, Lady bugs. Some centers will may be doing Easter celebrational activities, please be sure to check your child's classroom newsletters for more detail. This may be the perfect opportunity for you parents to get involved.

Lastly, please also make sure that you are reading the side margins and marking the dates that we are closed in your personal calendars. 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:

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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

March 27

No School **All Week-
Columbia Knolls ONLY!!**

March 30

No School-In Service Day
(All Locations)

March 31

No School In-Service Day
(All Locations)

Important Announcement

Spring is here!

Sibling Day-10th

Good Friday-14th

Easter-16th

Administration Appreciation Day-
26th

Earth Day- 22nd

Parents we ask that you remember to send your children to school with an extra change of clothing, coats, hats, 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

During the scheduled Tea socials, we will be discussing a new sign in and out system called Procure as well as the system Tadpoles that we will begin to use within the next few months.

Kenton

Recently at our Kenton location we have gone thru a transition in teachers in our Toddler room and now we have two new teachers, Ashely and Mercedes. Ashely was originally our infant room teacher that covered Amalia's maternity leave but now Teacher Amalia is back. Mercedes is a teacher that has been with our company in the past and has now returned. Her and Ashley are now the full-time teachers in the Toddler room and so far, have done a wonderful job implementing the curriculum goals and traditions passed down from the teachers prior. Please take the time to get to know our new Toddler Room teachers and welcome them.

Lastly, Kenton Parents (ONLY), our **Tea Social** will be held on **Saturday, April 8th, 2017** at our Kenton location from **10am-12pm**. Miss Alake 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 Alake directly.

Lombard

Welcome our two new Infant room teachers Noel and Babetta and our new Preschool teacher Kenneth to our team. All teachers are undergoing in depths trainings from either Mrs. Netra, Miss Destiney or some of our other experienced teachers who have been with the company for multiple years carrying the experience and educational background.

Lombard Parents (ONLY), our **Tea Social** will be held on **Saturday, April 22nd, 2017** at our Lombard location from **10am-12pm**. Mrs. Netra and myself will take this time to answer any questions that you parents may have regarding Discovery Gardens Child Care. Mrs. Netra 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 Mrs. Netra directly.

Columbia Knolls



Parent Resources

Day of the Children, Day of the Books

Saturday, April 15th (2-4pm) At the St.Johns library they will have free crafts, live music, face painting and literacy activities to honor bilingual children literacy. Every child that attends will also receive a free book.

Spectra Gymnastics

Every Saturday families are welcomed to join open gym. Spectra's sensory Saturday is an all-inclusive play time for families. \$5
9am-12pm

Friends of the Library Spring used book sale

April 22nd, Thousands of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and more. Free admission, Lloyd Center Double Tree Hotel Exhibit Hall from 9am-9pm

Earth Day Spring Festival

Sunday April 23rd, from 11am-2pm PSU Learning Gardens Laboratory will be celebrating the season of Spring with live music, free food, garden tours, kid activities, raffle prizes, and plant sales. Free admission. 6801 SE 60th Ave, PDX 97206

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

For our wobbler parents, Teacher Tajanee is returning to work April 3rd! We are happy to welcome Tajanee and her baby boy Myster.

For the month of April, we will hold parent teacher conferences on our closure dates. Please make sure that you make time to sit with your child(ren)s teacher to discuss your child(ren)s growth.

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.

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