# March Newsletter

# Discovery Gardens Families

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am hoping that some of you, if not all of you have received an email from your child(s) primary teachers. We now have individual classroom email accounts set up for parents to be able to contact your child(s) teachers directly for any daily comments, questions or concerns.

For the parents that have received an email could you please send me feedback directly, letting me know the pros and cons of our new system. We want to be able to make any changes that need to be corrected. For an example, dialogue of communication, who to ask what questions to, or it may be something simple as you are not receiving the emails. We want to make sure that we are meeting your needs as well as your child's. Your emails are important to us and we value your input.

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, the website, a questions or concern please feel free to contact me directly at: <a href="mailto:destiney@childcarediscovery.com">destiney@childcarediscovery.com</a>

Warm regards,

**Destiney Clark** 

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## How to identify new faces/working interviews?

I am sure that you have noticed some new faces at some of our centers. Apart of our interview process we have for new potential employees, are for them to complete a second interview after their sit down interview with one of the site directors. The second interview is what we call a working interview. They have to meet very specific qualifications to do so, for instance, completing their background check.



# **Upcoming Events**

#### March 11

No School In-Service Day

## April 15

No School In-Service Day

# May 27

No School In-Service Day

# **Important Announcement**

Parent Surveys coming this month. At our Kenton location Destiney will be sending out surveys to each parent viaemail. The parents will need to have them completed & sealed in an envelope by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please place in the tuition mail box at your child(s) center once completed. Thank you!

We are also having each family complete their Ages & Stages Questionnaire for each child attending DG, it has now become a part of the enrollment process, there are no exception. Mrs. Netra or your child(s) site director will be contacting each individual family to give more information on completing your child(s) ASQ.

We are now having our working interviews wearing our logo aprons to be identified. The more we grow the more staff we need on our team. Please feel free when you see someone with an apron on to introduce yourself as well.

# **More Important News**

We want to welcome all of our new families that have joined our Discovery Gardens family for the month of February. We are thrilled to grow with you and your family. WELCOME!!!

#### **Kenton**

At our Kenton Location we have Teacher Amanda who is expecting her first child this September. I know many of you have questions and concerns on how she is doing and wondering what is going on. She is almost thru her first trimester, and hopefully the second trimester will perk her right back up. Congratulations Amanda.

Teacher Yailin will be taking a leave for about 2-3 months beginning in April to leave for Cuba. She is going away to visit/spend some much needed time with family. We will be expecting her back in the summertime 2016. We will miss her while she's away and hope for a safe flight there. Have a great time Yailin.

#### Lombard

At our Lombard location we are working very hard on our garden. We want to get some parent input/volunteers creating a web for webbing ideas on gardening. You may speak to teacher Javier or teacher Heidi directly to find out more details regarding some of the ideas they are aiming to accomplish in the garden. Also there will be a web in the hall way heading to the back yard in the preschool room that all parents can add their input and ideas to as well as volunteer for participating.

It's also transition time. We have a few of our 24month old infants transitioning into the two-year-old room this month and a few fresh three year olds transitioning to the preschool room. Time for the next milestone in their lives.

#### Columbia Knolls

Columbia Knolls location is now officially apart of the MHCC Head start program! You may see some reoccurring MHCC staff come out to our centers to do check ins with Ms.Nova or any of our staff; some of extended team members are Robyn Harris & Dylynn Robertson from head start. They will be visiting on regular.

Within the next 30 days any of our Head Start Children (ONLY) will begin to have home visits as well. So if you are a head start family Ms. Nova will be talking to your personally.



# **Parent Resources**

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#### Omsi

Needing something to stimulate your child (ren) on the weekend. Visit Omsi, the first Sunday of the month to receive admission at \$2 per individual for an afternoon of fun!

#### **Reoccurring Field Trip**

Our Kenton Preschool and our Lombard Preschool and Toddler group both visit the Marquis Piedmont Retirement Center one Friday a month. They depart at 9am and return by 12pm for lunch at the daycare. Below are the dates they will attend this month by center.

Kenton: 03/04/2016

Lombard: 03/18/2016

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