

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 by now connecting you with your child(s) day-to-day. Each classroom is responsible for sending out monthly curriculum goals for the classroom to keep you all in the loop.

I just have a few quick reminders for you all with the weather changing I want to make sure that parents are bringing/packing their children appropriately. Spring & Summer time are our prime for messy projects and water activities outdoors. We ask that you provide extra clothes, sunscreen, sunhats, and extra shoes if you choose.

I would also like to take a quick moment to welcome all of our new families that have joined our Discovery Gardens Family for the month of May. We are thrilled to grow with you and your family, Welcome!

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,

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Summa Summa, Summa Time!

With summer approaching quickly I want to remind all parents to make sure to check with your child's teacher about expiration dates on your child(ren)'s sunscreen applicators. Our staff are checking dates and reminding parents as they notice expired dates. Also, if you have not sent your child with any sunscreen we ask that you do, we would like to protect their skin from any burns. Sunscreen that will need to be sprayed on the child will be applied to the child outdoors to keep children from inhaling the fumes. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

May 27

No School In-Service Day

May 30

No School In-Holiday

June 10

No School In-Service Day

Important Announcement

Sign In & Out

Parents we know that many of you come-in in a hurry to get off to work in the morning, or sometime may be distracted by your sweet children trying to show you something in the classroom. We ask that you please take a moment to remember to sign your children in & out daily. This is a requirement not only by our company but by the Multnomah Early Child Care Division.

How to identify new faces/working interviews?

New potential employees have to meet very specific qualifications to do so, for instance, completing their background check. 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

Reminder for all Centers: Our Annual Butterfly Release is still going on this year, Butterflies will be here next month (June) and we will be ready to release in July this year! We will inform all parents when they arrive if your children don't announce it first ☺.

Kenton

At our Kenton location we are in transition of opening up another Preschool Room mid-June. Currently the center is undergoing certification with our licenser as well as the health inspectors of Multnomah County to get the room up and going. If you have any questions please contact our Kenton site Director, Ms.Sanita.

With the summer also rolling on in, we have also professionally installed an air conditioning system into the wobbler classroom. The children should have a cool summer this summer. We look forward to seeing Mr.Sun come out from behind those beautiful clouds.

Lombard

At our Lombard location we are working very hard on our Playground. This month we will be adding our Music wall for the children to explore different sounds created by the wind outdoors. Soon we will also be getting rid of our trampoline, this is a requirement by our insurance company that will need to happen sooner than later for liability reasons. The children will miss jumping but it will create another open area to do more fun outdoor activities. We love hearing from you all, if you have any feedback on how things are looking out there so far, please reach out to us. You may contact me directly or also speak to Mrs. Netra directly with any more suggestions you may have to make our playground a fun & safe outdoor learning environment for the children.

Last but not least, for Lombard Parents (ONLY), we will be conducting a **Tea Social** on **Saturday, June 4th, 2016** at our Lombard location at **10am**. Mrs. Netra and myself will take this time to answer any questions that you parents may have regarding Discovery Gardens Child Care. We have chosen a Saturday date to give parents time to find a sitter outside of DG, because we are **not** able to provide child care for our Tea Social events since they are optional. This event will be child free to be able 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

Please congratulate our team here at Columbia Knolls for working so hard on their education, majority of our staff are currently working on their CDA portfolio. Nice work ladies!

I know we say this often, but we want to also thank Heads Start for teaming up with our Columbia Knolls location. You've helped tremendously with not only new toys, activities, play structures, etc. for our children but the tools for our teachers to succeed and better teach our children as well. Thank you!



Parent Resources

Vroom Brain Building Moments

Vroom is an app created to turn family routines and moments into educational experiences that boost early learning. This app helps parents and caregivers turn daily routines (bath time, meal time, bed time) and transitions into quick learning educational activities. This app is absolutely free and very easy to navigate, when you begin using the app it will ask you for your child(ren)s information to set activities Developmentally Appropriate to your child.

Learn to Swim!

Free swim lessons from June 14-17th at ALL Portland Parks & Recreation Pools! (*except Grant Pool-tentatively opens August 1st). Walk in registration at ALL pools will be Saturday, June 11th between the hours of 8am-11am. If you'd like more information, please visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/aquatics.

May 14th 2016

Will be the 10th Annual St. Johns Bizarre. There will be over 70 craft vendors, live music, food, games, and more exciting entertainment. To walk and browse the event it's free. Anything additional prices may vary. For more information regarding this event please visit: portlandsundayparkways.org

Mark your calendars for the **Rose Festival** coming up as well on **May 27th-30th**. This year's theme will be "Excessive Celebration." The kickoff will begin that Friday with fireworks and live music! \$8 per person, children under the age of 6 years are free. For more information, visit: rosefestival.org

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