

# Discovery Gardens Families

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the holidays are approaching, many families are focused on either their own busy lives, or giving thanks to the community, while others are feeling the pain of need. For families that have been with us for a year now may know, but this Thanksgiving we want to ask for your assistances with reaching out to those who are in need.

We are not only feeding those who are hungry, but also to show kindness & support to those who are feeling the pain of misfortune. We would like to ask for your help, you can contribute anything to help fill baskets. For example:

- Food items (canned goods, boxed pastas, gravy, potatoes, etc.)
- Gift Cards
- Fun activities for children/games
- Recipe's
- Anything you can think of will work

Last year we fed not only our families in need but also had enough baskets to help a few staff members as well donated the remainder of the food boxes to local charities for them to give out. Any donations large or small will make a BIG difference in another's life. Your kindness & generosity are greatly appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of so many people, right here in Portland!

**~All donations will need to be in by November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thank you all so much for your help.**

~If there is anything that we can do to help YOUR family out this holiday season, please feel free to contact me directly, it will be held in confidentiality. We want to be able to provide support for our families enrolled in childcare also, helping our Discovery Gardens Community 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](mailto:destiney@childcarediscovery.com)

Warm regards,

Destiney Clark

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## Upcoming Events

### November 23

No School In-Service Day

### November 24

No School-Holiday

### November 25

No School In-Service Day

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## 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.**

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## More Important News

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at our Lombard location from **9pm-7am December 31<sup>st</sup>. \$50 Per Child**

### Kenton

Kenton Parents (ONLY), our **Tea Social** will be held on **Saturday, November 12th, 2016** 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. 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.

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, please welcome Miss Amanda back from her maternity leave, she will be in the wobbler room as the main teacher. We will still have Miss Dawna as well as Miss Paige in the back-wobbler room. Misty and Amanda will team up in our toddler room while Hanna & Reyna run the Preschool room.

### Lombard

Lombard Parents (ONLY), our **Tea Social** will be held on **Saturday, November 5th, 2016** at our Lombard location from **10am-12pm**. Miss Earenya and myself will take this time to answer any questions that you parents may have regarding Discovery Gardens Child Care. 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



## Parent Resources

### Very Eric Carle Traveling Exhibit

**ALL of NOVEMBER from 9am-5pm:** Step into the pages of your favorite books by Eric Carle! Create artwork using many of Eric Carle's materials and techniques. Enjoy a gallery of prints from various book series. This event will be held at the **Portland Children's Museum (4015 SW Canyon Rd, PDX); free for members/\$10.75 for non-members.**

### Portland Pet Expo

**November 15-16:** This event is free, fun for the whole family-including your pets! They host tons of exhibits, pet training workshops, adoption for those looking for a new family pet, and tons of resources for any question you may have regarding your pet. Lastly there will be a Pet Costume Contest, so bring your pet ready to win! For more information please visit: **portlandpetexpo.com**

### TurkeyTrot

**November 24<sup>th</sup>:** For any of your runners, this event is untimed and a great run for all ages. This event is kid friendly so feel free to bring your strollers, costumes and run/walk 4 miles with friends and family enjoying the beautiful scene between the Oregon Zoo and Japanese Gardens finishing at the Zoo. **\$25-\$40, orc.net**

### Macy's Holiday Parade

**November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Floats, photos, Santa. Music; what better way to get ready for Christmas.

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### **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!

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