

TPCDC Newsletter

February 2018



January has seen the full range of weather from spring-like to bitter winter, with much snow and ice; hopefully we'll have less bad weather in February. But, I want to thank all of you for your patience through the emails about scheduling changes. Remember that we have the announcement on TV (News Channel 7 & 8) as well as the list serve emails alerts (don't forget to accept the invitation to join the list serve so you'll get these alerts.) Please keep in mind that we follow the Federal Government as a rule for inclement weather, and you can go to: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/current-status/> if you are unsure of the decision of the Federal Government.

Several staff have gotten their good grades from their fall classes in Early Childhood Education field and are now enrolling for the spring semester. This is yet another reason to be proud of their dedication; they work full-time, take care of their families and go to class at night or on the weekends, working to become better teachers of the children.

Please save the date: Saturday, February 24th at 11 am will be the Winter Concert, starring Mr. Gabe, in the big gym with a fun atmosphere. Grandparents, neighbors and family members are welcome and tickets will be available soon. We also need parent volunteers to help with set-up, preparation, bake sale items, staffing tables and clean-up – let us know how you'd like to help. The planning committee will be reaching out soon to recruit you – please lend a hand.

Important Dates to Remember- TPCDC 2017-2018 Calendar

February 19th^h

TPCDC Closed: President's Day

February 24th

TPCDC Winter Concert (Doors Open at 10:30)



Winter Concert – Star Attraction ~ Mr. Gabe

Come socialize with our friendly TPCDC families, purchase light refreshments, and above all enjoy the performances! This event will take place Saturday, February 24th from 11am-12pm in the big gym. Tickets are \$5 per person. Stop by the office to pick up tickets now so you can avoid the long line at the door. Additionally, you can purchase tickets online through brownpapertickets.com (search TPCDC). The goal of the Family Concert is to fundraise to get TPCDC a New Playground. Our fundraising goal is to put at least \$4000 into the TPCDC Playground Improvement Project. We've just finished ordering the equipment, which should be ready for a spring install, once all the building permits are approved. Thank you for all you support!

TEDDY BEARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Ana

Dear parents, the Teddy Bears continue to have fun in the classroom while little by little they are developing their social, emotional and language skills. For the month of February, we will talk about shapes focusing on: triangle, heart, circle, and square. We will do activities related to the weekly topic, such as painting, pasting, counting and building with variety of shapes as well as incorporating games such jumping on shapes and the I Spy game of searching for shapes in the classroom and outdoors. With these activities we make sure to promote fine motor and gross motor skills as well as cognitive, social-emotional and language. On February 7th, we are going to Playseum in Bethesda as usual your child will need the TPCDC shirt and a picnic lunch. We have planned a Valentine Potluck lunch for the Teddy Bears on Wednesday, February 14th (Please bring a dish).

Happy Valentine's Day

Love the Teddy Bears.

MUNCHKINS NEWSLETTER-Mr. Leo

Hello! The Munchkins class is planning to fly into the month of February focusing on the topic of transportation! From boats to cars to spaceships, this month will cover all things that go. We will learn about how things move, be it with wheels, propellers, rockets or even horses! Our field trip on the 14th of February to the College Park Aviation Museum will provide a first-hand look at the machines that help us get from point A to point B. This month will be loaded with fun crafts and activities, science projects and cooking projects. We also hope to take a trip on the Metro train at nearby Takoma Station, and parents or relatives are more than welcome to join. It's going to be a fun month of learning, exploring and adventure. So pack your bags and join us on this educational voyage!

RAINBOWS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Corina

Do you remember, as a child, making a tunnel with a sheet in the living room or your bedroom? How much fun was that!

For the month of February the Rainbows will be exploring tubes and tunnels because they are fun and are all around us. Additionally, we will explore and discover by identifying key features and characteristics of tubes and tunnels; ways in which they are used, sounds they make, how they can move materials and how they are used everyday.

During this study the children will develop more literacy skills, math, technology and the arts as they play and gather information. Some questions we encourage you to ask at home are: what are some characteristics of tubes and tunnels? where can we find tubes and tunnels around us?. As a matter of fact, share a personal story about your experience with tubes or tunnels.

On February 14th, we will have our Friendship card exchange and Potluck. Watch for the sign-up.

EXPLORERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Indhira

February is Black History and in honor of this month the Explorers class plans to celebrate the positive achievements and contributions that black people have made to history and society. We will learn about past and present civil rights leaders, educators, inventors and philanthropists. Africans and people of African descent have made many contributions to the arts & entertainment, politics, education and athleticism. Notable names include Langston Hughes, Frederick Douglass and Ruby Bridges. Trips are planned to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History & Culture, the Frederick Douglass house and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial, as well as many other special sites this month.

For our Show –n–Tell theme each child/family will be assigned a name and picture of a notable individual on a poster board. These will be given out on January 19th, to ensure that each child/family has enough time to research the person of interest. You must come up with 3 little-known or interesting facts about the individual. Be as creative as you like. Parent and child interaction is encouraged for Show-n-tell ideas: Dress up/costumes; bring in the model/invention; pictures; paintings; drawings; short poems; children’s books about the person; food; recipes; maps; videos on a tablet; photos; or music. The poster boards will be displayed in our Black History Month Hall of Fame. The assignment will be due on your child’s assigned show-n-tell day, since February is a short month, please adhere to your child’s assigned date. Thanks for your cooperation.

It’s cold outside! Weather appropriately clothing should be in everyone’s orange cubby bag at all times. We’re outside several times a day and the temperature changes throughout the day. Please send appropriate outdoor gear to accommodate the changing temperatures. We want your children comfortable and warm. We will only take children outside who are appropriately dressed for snow play (water proof snow boots, snow pants, gloves, warm coat/jacket).

BEFORE & AFTERSCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Ms. Dorothy

This month we will first take a poll to predict if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow or not. Then, we will create a complicated tunnel to see if our hamster will make it out, and how long will it take him. We’ll decorate our February monthly banner celebrating the 100th day of school, followed by a mini-zumba session led by Ms. Brenda. Other activities will include a Presidential Relay Race and Black History Month fun facts. On Wednesday, February 14th, we’ll have a popsicle/ice cream social. On this day, we ask that if your child brings in cards or treats, please make sure that they bring enough for their entire afternoon class.