

# TPCDC Newsletter

April 2016



This time of year parents of preschoolers begin to anticipate the huge moment of going off to 'Big School'. They may question whether their child is ready for kindergarten and how they will handle the transition from the familiar TPCDC environment. On April 8, from 5-6 pm, we'll have a Kindergarten Transition Information session, and even if your child is not starting Kindergarten in 2016, I encourage parents to attend. We will talk about ways to tell your child's readiness and share ideas to smooth the transition.

Also, in our area, we are blessed with a variety of options as your child becomes a school-ager. Choices between public vs. private schools, language-immersion, enrichment or traditional program, accelerated or gifted/talented program abound. While some options are not available during the Kindergarten year, as a parent, it is beneficial to look at the possibilities early as some programs do require earlier registrations or have limited availability.

For your information, I've listed some helpful links below:

<http://www.naeyc.org/tyc/ARTICLE/TRANSITIONS-TO-KINDERGARTEN>

[http://search.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/search?site=mainsite&proxystylesheet=mainsite&client=mainsite&access=p&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&filter=0&numgm=5&output=xml\\_no\\_dtd&sort=date%3AD%3AL%3Ad1&q=kindergarten+registration](http://search.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/search?site=mainsite&proxystylesheet=mainsite&client=mainsite&access=p&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&filter=0&numgm=5&output=xml_no_dtd&sort=date%3AD%3AL%3Ad1&q=kindergarten+registration)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/enriched/>

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion.aspx>

## Important Dates to Remember

Apr.11-15 -Week of the Young Child

April 26 -Tuesday Public School Closed-TPCDC OPEN

## Week of the Young Child

We will celebrate the Week of the Young Child on the week of April 11-15, with special activities in the Center. There will be fun projects for the children to do in the classrooms, emphasizing the joys of being a child. We will also be doing our annual child performance for the finally of this special week! We encourage all families to attend!!

<b>WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD EVENTS</b>				
<b>April 11-15, 2016</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>4/11</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>4/15</b>
<b>Sports Day</b> Wear your favorite team shirt or jersey.	<b>TPCDC Shirt Day</b> Wear your TPCDC yellow shirt today!	<b>Costume Day</b> Dress up as your favorite character (non- scary and no weapons please).	<b>Pajama Party Day</b> Wear your most comfortable pajamas!	<b>Wild &amp; Crazy Socks</b> Wear your most colorful and unique socks.
Breakfast w/your child! 7:00-9:00am <b>Pot Luck Lunch Sign Up</b> Sign up in your classroom to bring an item to share for our Pot Luck Lunch!(Wednesday)	Breakfast w/your child! 7:00-9:00am	<b>Pot Luck +Lunch</b>	<b>Story Hour</b> for children.	<b>Classroom Mural</b> Show your school spirit by making a mural to rep. your classroom.
Olympic Day	Teacher Performance (for children)		<b>Special Snack</b>	<b>Children's Showcase</b> Come and watch your child(ren) perform.

### TEDDY BEARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Ana

Dear Parents, the Teddy Bears had a great time imitating animal sounds and actions while learning some facts about them. For the month of April, we look forward to continue to learn about animals, but this time we will focus on Baby Animals. The children will continue learning about colors of the different animals, how they move around, as well as how they are called as babies. All art activities will be based on the daily topics where the children will practice language, fine motor, and cognitive skills by painting and naming each animal picture. We will go to the petting zoo, for the children to have the opportunity to see some animals. Enjoy the spring.



### MUNCHKINS NEWSLETTER-Ms. Razia



Munchkin Families, Spring is finally here! Say goodbye to your hats, gloves and scarves! It's time to start wearing spring clothes! During the month of April, the Munchkins will focus of the study of clothes. We will discuss different types of materials and textures for clothing, how clothing is made and much more. We will learn about different types of clothing each season brings. The Munchkins will also discover how animals play a part in how clothes get made. We will also go on a field trip to a local laundromat to see how clothes get cleaned. We will focus on the following concepts: science, math, literacy, the arts and how they relate to clothing. We have lots of activities planned for this month and look forward to exploring the wonderful world of clothes.

### RAINBOWS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Beatriz R.

Children love balls. As they play with balls, they are improving their motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and timing. This month we will study the unit on balls. During this study, we will incorporate indoor and outdoor activities such as playing basketball, soccer, and bowling. In the classroom, we will set up a variety of balls and have the children name the different types of balls. In addition, the children will practice making predictions, comparing, sorting and classifying balls. During large and small group we will engage children in rich conversation by using new vocabulary, exposing children to numerous enjoyable stories poems, and doing art projects. Children love surprises, therefore parents you are welcomed to come to the classroom to play any of your favorite sport with the Rainbow children. Throughout this study we will read the following stories: Have a Ball, Bounce, Play Ball, Three Billy Goat Gruff, and The three Little Pigs. At home we are asking parents to reinforce the study of ball by helping your child identify the different kind of balls by looking at pictures. Together we will make this unit exciting, educational and fun!



### EXPLORERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Arly



Finally we are in spring mode and the Explorers are excited to see the plants growing! Our spring theme will be “Balls” which will include five investigation on our topic. Questions will include: “Do all balls roll?” “What makes balls move?” “Do all ball’s roll?” “Who uses balls?” and “What are balls made of?” Through these questions children will explore the balls which have fascinated them. These investigations incorporate indoor and outdoor activities about the scientific properties of balls. Our Show-N-Tell theme is “Balls” (Sports Theme), so please bring in an item related to a sport which uses balls. This could be sports magazine, favorite athlete, books about a sport, sports jersey, sports hat, sports shirt, sport equipment or anything related to this topic. We will visit Montgomery College to see a show “Zuma, Zuma; the imagination stage to see “Looking for Roberto Clemente; the movie theater to see “Born in China’ and the bowling alley in White Oak. We will start the rest time countdown calendar which starts on April 1st because rest time in Explorers will end May 1st! Please remember to check your child’s cubby for extra weather appropriate clothes. Enjoy Spring!

### BRIGHT STARS, SHINING STARS’ AND SCHOOL AGERS NEWSLETTER – Mr. Dorothy

Spring is finally here! This month we have a lot of outdoor activities planned. We will enjoy many afternoon walks around the neighborhood and to the park. We will also go on a field trip to Imagination Stage to see “Looking for Roberto Clemente on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Starting this month we will begin our vegetable and flower garden, so prepare to get a little dirty. Please have your child bring in recycled water bottles for our outdoor activities. Also remember sunscreen and bug spray is always welcomed just make sure you sign our form.



