

# TPCDC Newsletter

February 2017



## Director's Notes

There is so much that we adults can learn from our children about empathy, caring for others, and acceptance of differences of culture, life-style and even physical limitations. Although we all know how egocentric toddlers are said to be, I am amazed at the caring and concern that even our little Teddy Bears show to their TPCDC family members. If someone cries, they all gather around and make comforting sounds and actions, and ask, "You ok?" The Explorers were so delighted to be able to share all their "100 days of School" thrills and excitement with everyone! Even their why and how questions show that they are trying to make connections in the world for a better, more loving place, and that's what we can learn from them in this coming month of Love.

A cute look at children's perceptions and empathetic spirits:

[https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/11/young-children-are-bad-at-hiding-this-is-the-lesson-it-can-teach-adults?utm\\_content=buffereadec&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/11/young-children-are-bad-at-hiding-this-is-the-lesson-it-can-teach-adults?utm_content=buffereadec&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

Here's a good link to guide you to support your child in fostering greater empathy.

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/5-how-to-help-your-child-develop-empathy>

## Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – TPCDC Closed – President's Day

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert

## Summer Camp

The Summer Camp registration is now available. Summer session themes include: Pixar Adventure, Snack Attack, Life on the Reef, Oh, So Color Crazy, Stories Come Alive, Bubble-ology, Passport Adventures, Icky-Sticky Creations, Spirit Week, Summer Fiesta and Carnival Fun.

Check out our Summer Brochure available below. Also, please pass it along to anyone interested in summer camp.

[Summer Camp 2017](#)

## Family Winter Concert

Come socialize with our friendly TPCDC families, purchase light refreshments, and above all enjoy the performances! This event will take place Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm in the big gym. Tickets are \$8 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](http://brownpapertickets.com) (search TPCDC). The goal of the Family Concert is to fundraise to get TPCDC a New Playground. Thank you for all you support!

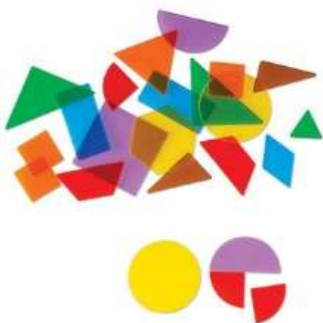


## TEDDY BEARS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Ana

Dear parents, the Teddy Bears seem to have had a great time learning about winter. During group time they were so eager to name what we need to wear when we go outside and mimick putting their jackets, mittens and other winter items. For the month of February, we look forward to talk about shapes, where the children will practice shapes recognition with hands-on activities about different shapes, through art, games and manipulating a variety of shapes. With these activities, we make sure to foster language, fine motor and social skills, encouraging the children to name shapes while creating art or playing in the classroom centers, as well as during interaction with each other. Happy Valentine's Day.

## MUNCHKINS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Razia

Welcome to the fantastic month of February! During the first week of February, we will be finishing up on our Science topic. Right afterwards, we will begin our topic on Community Helpers. Munchkins encounter all kinds of community helpers in their daily lives, from the mail man dropping off a letter, to a firefighter driving a fire truck. This month, we will learn about the roles of different kinds of helpers in the neighborhood and go on lots of





field trips to explore our community. The Munchkins will learn about what it takes to become a builder and how a house is built. They will also get a musical performance the following day and learn about instruments. On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will visit our local fire station. At the station, the Munchkins will have a tour, and a firefighter will speak to the class to tell them more about what firefighters do. Parents are more than welcome to come, too! The next week, we will learn about mailmen, dentists, and bakers. A dentist will come visit and the Munchkins will learn about dental hygiene. Then on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Munchkins will visit a bakery and get to bake something special! The following week, we will get a house-call from the doctor. Luckily, this doctor won't be giving the Munchkins any shots! Instead, he will give the children a close up look about what doctors do. A pharmacist will also come and talk all about medicine and how germs play an important factor when it comes to medicine. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have Pajama Day. Be sure to dress your Munchkin up in their favorite nighttime outfit! Finally, we will end our community-filled month with a potluck!

**RAINBOWS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Teresa**

Bread is our study this February. Much of the food children eat involves some bread, or often flour is seen in foods like pasta, pretzels, pita or other 'bread' items. We have decided to learn more about types of bread, how it is made, where it comes from and the ingredients it needed to make it. Using their cooking skills the Rainbows will be making their own playdough, following a recipe, as well as cheese quesadilla. The Rainbow children will be also be learning about the food pyramid including the bread group. They will also touch and taste different types of breads and explore the ingredients, tools and supplies are needed to make different types of bread. We will be adding a special sweet touch to our unit by having a friendship potluck lunch and exchanging cards for Valentine's Day. \*\*Friday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Potluck Lunch \*\*Tuesday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Exchanging cards\*\*



Parents Participation: Parents, feel free to share your favorite bake goods and recipes, come and read books, or do an art activity with the Rainbow children.

Have a sweet and happy friendship month from the Rainbow Staff

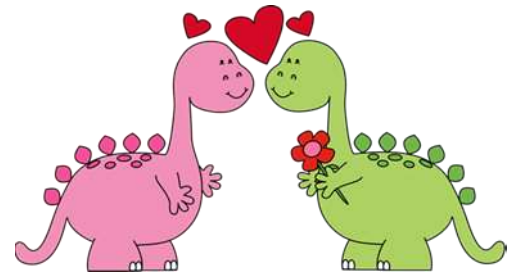
**EXPLORERS' NEWSLETTER – Ms. Indira**



February is Black History month and in honor of this month, the Explorers will be celebrate the positive achievement and contributions that people of color have made to society. We will explore past and present Civil Right leaders, educators, inventors, athletes, philanthropists and many others. Trips such as the visit the Reginal Lewis Museum of African American History and culture, Cirque Zuma Zuma African dance and Acrobats, Kofi's Drum and a visit to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial are planned. For show-n-tell each child/family will be assigned a picture/name of a Notable person of color. It is your( Parent) job to come up with 3 little known or interesting facts about the person you have been assigned. Parents and child innovatiohn is highly encouraged in ways the information is shared with the rest of the class. Please note that you can be as creative as you would like. Ideas include: children's books, poster board presentation, costumes, samples of inventions, music, food, photos, painting, drawings, poems and 3-dimensional displays just to name a few! The show-n-tell posterboards will be displayed in our Black History Hall of Fame. This assignment will be due the day of your child's show-n-tell. We appreciate all of your help!

**SHINING STARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Rosa**

February is here!!! This is a good time to talk about friendship, kindness, love, compassion, tolerance and equal rights. Shining Stars classroom will be talking about how important it is to have good relationships with family and friends, and also to treat others the same way we want to be treated. We have planned activities, games, arts and crafts to show our love for each other. This month we are also going to be talking about National Green Week and discussing ways and ideas how we can reuse and recycle to reduce pollution and save our natural environment. Remember that Spring Break is around the corner; don't forget to sign your child up for Spring Break Camp if you haven't done so.



**BRIGHT STARS AND SCHOOL AGERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Dorothy**

February is the month of Friendship, Peace and Love! All month long, the School Agers and Bright Stars will be working together to make a Friendship Quilt. The first week of February we will celebrate National Green Week. During this week the children will focus on waste reduction. We will have a selection of waste-free snacks. We will also have a Lantern Party on February 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the final day of Chinese New Year! In honor of responsible pet owners, we will be making Dog Biscuits and Cat toys. Happy February!

