

TPCDC Newsletter

September 2016



Welcome an exciting new school year at TPCDC! Thank you to all the families who have expressed appreciation for the quality of care and education that the children receive (especially as recognized in our attainment of MSDE Program Accreditation renewal and MD EXCELS Level 5). Thanks to all who shared suggestions through the family survey and through other means. We will continue to work very hard as a staff to improve the program while keeping in place all the things that you have come to value in the TPCDC community. Please continue to give us support so we make this an even better program for children and their families, as well as for the caring staff. The teachers created a summer program that was fun-filled and adventurous with so many educational and thrilling field trips, and then worked even harder during the professional week to prepare their classrooms for the fall learning activities. They even squeezed in many hours of Professional Trainings on topics of Creative Lesson Planning and Sign Language in Care.

Don't forget that we are recruiting parents for our Board. Thank you to the past 2 years' members...they worked energetically to help TPCDC, and are some are ready to pass on the baton to new volunteers. Please let Terry know if you are interested in joining; elections will be in early October.

Important Dates to Remember- TPCDC 2016-2017 Calendar

September 5th- TPCDC Closed for Labor Day

September 8th- TPCDC Board Meeting -7:00pm

September 9th- Parent Orientation Night (6:15-7:30)

September 12th- School Age Full Day when MCPS is closed for a Professional Day, field trip to the Baltimore Zoo.

Parent Orientation Night

Please join us for the **Parent Orientation Night** on **Friday, September 9th**, from 6:15- 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with the teachers in their child's classroom to learn more about the classroom activities, goals and age-appropriate learning activities as well as get answers to questions and share ideas. We are providing childcare and pizza, but please be sure to sign up so we can plan accordingly.



Join the TPCDC Board of Directors

We need you to join the Board of Directors this coming school year! The board is responsible for determining policies and oversight of employee benefits. They provide assistance with personnel, finance, operating policies and program matters, like nutrition and staff development. If you think you might be interested, contact the office or talk to one of the current board members. At TPCDC, we encourage families to participate as much as possible, and serving on the Board is one way to help the Center run smoothly and keep the high quality of care and learning that you have grown to know and rely upon for the children. Being an involved parent and sharing your skills is a great way to ensure that all the children have the best start possible. All parents are requested to participate in at least 2 volunteer activities each year.

Annual Board Election

The **Annual Board Election** will be held in October, and the elected board will be installed on Oct. 10th at the General Board Meeting/Townhall. Again, we will provide childcare and pizza, but please be sure to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Fall Clean-up Day

Are you handy with a broom, hammer, and rake or paint brush? Come spend a couple of useful hours sprucing up the Center on our **Fall Clean-up Day** on Saturday, October 22th, from 9 am to noon. We also are in need of a parent coordinator for this event. **Note: childcare will not be available at this event.**

Staffing Patterns!

Staff bios posted in both buildings; one next to the office and the other is inside the church building hall. Please take a moment to learn a little about your child's teachers.

TEDDY BEARS

Ms. Ana Rodriquez
Ms. Martha Talento
Ms. Reina Vasquez
Ms. Dorothy Battle
Ms. Amanda Dullin-Jones

MUNCHKINS

Ms. Yanira Salgado
Ms. Beatriz Perez
Ms. Pam Colvin
Ms. Razia Begum
Ms. Amanda Dullin-Jones
Ms. Marcenia Jenkins
Mr. Leo Lopez

RAINBOWS

Ms. Teresa Abanto
Ms. Beatriz Ramirez
Ms. Corina Powell
Ms. Rosa Lopez
Ms. Brenda Roberts
Ms. Ada Cruz

EXPLORERS

Ms. Selvi Vijayakumar
Ms. Indhira Hill
Ms. Arly Reyes
Ms. Sherri Smith

BRIGHT STARS

Ms. Brenda Roberts
Ms. Christine Bui

SHINING STARS

Ms. Rosa Lopez
Ms. Pam Colvin

SCHOOL AGERS

Ms. Dorothy Battle
Mr. Stephen Lopez
Ms. Janeth Castro

TEDDY BEARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Ana

Dear Parents, we are excited to have your child join the Teddy Bears. We look forward for a great year. In the month of September, we will spend time getting to know each other by doing different interactive activities such as singing the children's and the teachers' names during group time. We will also utilize movement and music to encourage the children in developing their social skills in large group as well as energizing their gross motor and artistic skills as they dance and listen to music. Also, we will have numerous art activities using paint brushes, sponges and other manipulative mediums for them to get familiar with creativity and to foster fine motor skills. We cannot wait to get to know each other and build bonds to work together in behalf of our children.

MUNCHKINS NEWSLETTER-Ms. Pam

This month we are getting to know our new surroundings, classroom, teachers, friends and belongings while working on building our self-confidence, cognitive skills, and large and small muscle abilities. In this new environment, change can be a little scary, so there may be some tears from the kids or you as well. No worries, this is normal and we will get through it together! An activity to help cope with emotions with emotions will be a play the teachers will put on about where the parents go to after they take the Munchkins to school. Another activity will be to look in a mirror and build self-confidence by saying what they see and what they like about the person they see in the mirror. We will be talking a lot about ourselves and various activities families do, so please be sure to bring in a recent family photo. See you in the Munchkins and please let us know ways we can build bonds to help the children grow and learn this year!

RAINBOWS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Beatriz Ramirez

A new school year is an exciting time for children, teachers, and parents. In the Rainbows, we are making new friends and learning new skills. We welcome everyone to the Rainbows classroom. During the first several weeks of September, we will become familiar with the classroom and school routines. We will introduce each learning areas, describe each material and encourage the children to explore them. We will also practice some strategies to support children to investigate and make independent decisions about play activities. We will also incorporate strategies to support children's social-emotional development so they become more comfortable and secure in the new classroom. Throughout the "Beginning of the Year" study we will read the following books: Wemberly Worried, The Kissing Hand, Charlie Anderson, A World of Families, Jalapeno Bagel, Too Many Tamales, and Penny Butter Fudge. We will also create 3-D art by using recycled materials. There will be many opportunities for the children to practice their small and large motor skills. We are looking forward to the many fun and educational activities in the Rainbow classroom.

EXPLORERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Sherri

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. The beginning of the school year is always exciting for us. We experience so many new things; new classroom, new teachers, new friends and new activities. During the first several weeks of the school year, we will be busy supporting the children's social and emotional development with strategies to help with morning transitions, becoming familiar with classroom rules and routines, and becoming comfortable with their new environment. The teachers will be a support to the parents by answering questions, encouraging involvement in classroom activities and making families comfortable as they drop off and pick up their child daily.

Show-n-tell in the Explorers will start in October. This follows the theme of the month. Each child has a day to share their individuality and creativity. On Friday, October 21st, we will be going to “Disney on Ice”. In addition to the children who regularly attend school on Friday, we have available 2 tickets for non-Friday children and 2 tickets for chaperones. Please contact the office if interested, the tickets are \$14 each.

We look forward to working with your family.

BRIGHT STARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Brenda

Welcome Back! It’s going to be a fabulous year. This year will be filled with lots of fun and exciting learning activities. Your child will be given the opportunity to explore and be creative. For the month of September we will focus on “Getting to Know You”. We will provide activities that emphasize music, art, language and movement. Please note that MCPS will be closed on Monday, September 12th. TPCDC will be open and we will be going to the Baltimore Zoo. Please make sure you sign the permission slip. We will post all important information on the bulletin and some information will be emailed. If any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with the classroom teachers.

SHINING STARS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Pam

Welcome New Shining Star Families, we can’t wait to hear all about your extra-curricular summer activities! Starting off the year, we will explore the appropriate things about ourselves, while getting acquainted with our new teachers and surroundings. To help the children feel more secure, we will create a set of classroom rules made through the children’s words and ideas. On September 12, MCPS School is out! TPCDC will be going to the Baltimore Zoo, so be sure to sign up if you plan on your child attending. We look forward to a fun-filled year together!

SHOOLAGERS NEWSLETTER – Ms. Dorothy

Welcome Back! Returning and New Schoolagers! We are so excited and ready for the 2016-2017 school year. This month we will be talking about ourselves, getting to know our new surroundings, teachers and classroom. We can’t wait to hear about all of your summer endeavors! We will be taking full advantage of this beautiful weather by doing outdoor activities, neighborhood walks and playing at nearby parks. On September 12, 2016 we will be going to the Baltimore Zoo. Please be sure to sign your child up for this fun fill day! If you have any question please feel free to talk with any schoolager teacher.

