

# PVCDC Newsletter

February-March 2022

## Director's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year 2022! I want to extend a warm welcome to the new children that we have in our care. Thanks to all the parents for putting your trust in us to take care of your precious jewel.

This year has started a little rocky for me. As you all are aware, I have been working from home for the past 3 weeks. I was not able to move around due to an injury to my back that also affected my leg. I've been going to physical therapy which has helped me to regain movement and strength.

I've started to come back to the Center for a few hours a day. I am still not where I want to be but I am getting there. Thanks for your concern.

I want to THANK my staff for the great job they are doing during my physical absence. I am not there to monitor every little thing that they do but I can see that they are still working and things are being taken care of.

Please read this newsletter entirely. I hope you like the activities we are planning for the children. We want them to learn and also have fun. Mark in your calendars the important dates that we have set aside. Help the teachers with the activities that they have planned. Let's create great projects with your children for Black history and 100 days of school.

Let's continue giving thanks to God for taking care of us through these hard times and keeping us safe.

Take care and hope to see you soon!

Laura Austin-Feagan, Director



Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mathias W.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarayah M.

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Connor M.

Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> Ms. TaiMecka



- 2/14 Love Day party
- 2/16 100 Days of school year project
- 2/17 Dress up for Black History
- 2/17 Turn In Black History project
- 2/21 Presidents Day center closed
- 2/28 Parent/ Teacher Conference Week
- 3/4 Dr. Seuss Birthday

## **Hello Care bears Parents (Infant Room)**

**Welcome back, and hope you all are having a wonderful year so far. In the month of February we are very excited about some of the things that we have in store for the children and their family including a family homework assignment. The infants will have their own little love party in their room in which their lovely teachers will provide everything but you all are more than welcome if you want the children to do their own type of Valentines' exchange among the three of them. This party will take place on February 14.**

**Then, on February 17, the children are asked to be dress up like a famous African American since we are celebrating Black history month. Here is the fun part where we talk about our homework assignment in which we are asking you all to be creative in doing the project. You can use shoe boxes, poster boards, magazine cut outs or whatever you want to create this project of what you think your child will be in the future. Please remember to have fun.**

**Now on to the exciting part, we have Connor who turns 1 on 2/10. Where has the time gone! And he is also learning how to walk. Look out, because here he comes.**

**Our only girl is learning how to crawl forward and backwards. She told the boys you will not be leaving me behind. Then we have Saint who is trying to stand up unsupported and learning how to pick up finger foods to put in his mouth on his own. And he now has 2 little teeth in his mouth.**

**In March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss all month. The children will dress up on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be creating different types of projects for them to do. If you have any books that you would like for your child to bring that deals with love, Black history in February or any Dr. Seuss books in the month of March you can.**

**Last but not least, please continue to bring in your children's supplies and make sure everything is labeled with the child's name; from clothes to bottles to bottle tops since majority are using the same type of bottles.**

**Mrs. Eronda JustBuddy Wilkerson and Mrs. Charlene Ward Dunn**

### Books of the Month

1. I am enough" by Grace Byers
2. Black is a Rainbow Color" by Angela Joy
3. "So Much" by Trish Cooke

In the month of March we will be showcasing different books written by Dr. Seuss.

### Bible Verses for the Months

Let all that you do be done in love  
1 Corinthians 16:14

Train up a child in the way he should go:  
and when he is old, he will not depart from  
it. Proverbs 22:6

## Toddler Room

Hello parents it's that time of year again when LOVE is in the air. We would like to send special HAPPY BIRTHDAY shout outs to Matthias and Ms. Mecka. The toddlers are still working on learning their assigned spots and putting away their toys.

Please remember that drop off and pick up are from 7am-5pm (9am is the cut off time) breakfast is from 8:15-8:30am.

If for any reason you need to speak with me or have concerns please feel free to contact me by calling the centers phone. My hours are from 7am-4pm. My goal is to make sure that we're all on the same accord.

We will be having a Love day party on 2/14/22. We are asking that they wear red, white, or pink on that day. Please see the Love party section on this newsletter.

We will be dressing up for Black History and doing a "What do I want to be when I grow up" project. Students are asked to dress like any famous black person and to do the project and turn it in on 2/17/22. I would like for all students to participate.

March 4<sup>th</sup> is Dr. Seuss birthday and we are dressing up as a character from one of his books. We all could use some luck this year so let's all wear green on 3/17/22 for St Patrick's Day.

Ms. Mecka



### Love Party



Every Year in the month of February we celebrate Love and Friendship with a party for the children. This year the Celebration will be held on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are asking all children to dress with something red, pink and/or white.

A letter will be sent home to ask parents for donations for that day. We will also be sending a class list so that the children can exchange cards with their friends.

Let's all Celebrate Love!!

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is the month when we Celebrate Black Heritage. We will join the celebration with different activities throughout the month. On, February 17<sup>th</sup> children will dress up as a famous Black person in history. They will also do a project titled "What do I want to be when I grow up". For this project we are asking parents to help their children come up with creative ideas. Use your imagination and creativity.

We will also read different books to teach children about all the Black Pioneers we've had through the years. Let's Celebrate Black heritage!

Hello Pete the cat Parents (Two Years Old Class)

I want to start off by saying Happy New Year to all my parents and hope all is well. This month we will be working on the letters (L, M, N, O) and the numbers (10, 11, 12) we have also been working on tracing and coloring inside the lines. We are also introducing them to say the numbers and colors in Spanish. We will be talking about famous African Americans as we will be creating some projects to represent what they are famous for. I am so proud on how our little two's are growing. Some of them are working on being potty trained, especially Justice and Ashton. I am very proud of them!

Sarayah will be having a Birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Birthday!

February 14 is our Love party. We will be sending home more information about this event.

To Celebrate Black History Month we will be dressing up as a famous African American and we are also asking for your help in our first family project. The project is called "What will I be when I grow up". With this project you can be as creative as you can be.

I also want to thank all my parents for all there help and for returning the homework and helping with learning at home. It helps me out a lot.

In the month of March on the 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss day and all children will dress up like a Dr. Seuss character. On the March 17<sup>th</sup> we want all the children to wear something green to represent St. Patrick's Day.

Please continue to make sure that children have all of their supplies and that everything is labeled with the child's name. Please make sure that your child has at least 3 face masks with their names on it too. There are times we need to change their mask. And if you send your child in with disposables ones, please send at least 2 more in case that they are wet or pop.

Ms. Tiffanie Dennis



The week of February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup> we will be scheduling parent teacher conferences via zoom.

If you are interested in meeting with the Director and your child's teacher to talk about child's progress, concerns, etc then schedule a time slot to do so.

We will be sending an email with more details..



Following PGCPs 100 days of 2021-2022 school years, we are joining the celebration with a small assignment.

On, Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we will like for each child to bring something that represents the number 100. It can be a collection of 100 coins, 100 legos, and 100 piece puzzle. You can dress up as a 100 year old person. Or design a t-shirt, create a poster board, make a drawing that represents 100 of something.

Hello Superhero Parents (Preschool Classroom)

Welcome to the first edition of the New Year. We are thrilled to see what we have in store for the New Year in the preschool room. We will continue to practice working on our sight words; spelling our names; recognizing the letters of the alphabets; counting with the goal of counting to 50 by the end of March; learning all of our shapes; and learning how to take our time when coloring and learning to color inside the lines.

We notice that some children are still having a hard time learning to hold the pencil the correct way but as a team we can work on this together. They will be introduced into learning how to cut with age appropriate scissors. We are asking that we, as a TEAM, continue to work with children so they can be the best they can be.

Ways you can help? Ask them what they learned today. Help them with their homework if they need help.

Beginning next month we will start introducing math into our learning activities. You can also help with them leaning how to hold their pencils the right way and recognize the letters in the alphabets. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the teachers. I am very proud of my students. I have seen improvement in their homework and remembering what they are learning. They deserve a pat on the back for their hard work.

In the month of February the children will be having a few things going on. A letter will go about items needed for our Valentine's Day party on February 14 and a class list so the children can exchange cards among their classmates. On February 18 the children are being asked to dress up like a famous African American and to turn in this family homework assignment. The assignment is to create a "What will I be when I grow up". You can be creative but have fun while doing it. You can use poster boards or shoe boxes, magazine cutouts or however you plan on decorating this for them, with them. Feel free to ask the teacher if you have any questions about the project.

Mrs. Eronda Just Buddy Wilkerson (am) and Ms. Tiffanie Dennis (Pm)

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### Classroom Wish List

If it is in your budget/possibility to donate any of these items, we will truly appreciate it.

Hand sanitizer

Popsicle sticks

Paint Brushes

Toilet Paper

Cotton Balls

White Copy paper

"TruRay" construction paper

Craft tissue paper

Color Copy Paper

Dish liquid

goggle eyes assorted size

Paper towels

Washable paint assorted colors



Everyone should have a handbook where you can find the daycare's policy. If you don't, please email me and I will send you one. I will take this opportunity to remind you of some policies that we feel there is a need to reinforce.

- **Arrival Time:** Children are to arrive between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am. We DO NOT accept children after 9:00am. You have a time frame of 2 hours to drop of your child at daycare. Please take advantage of those 2 hours. We have notice an increased number of parents calling to say that they are running behind. That is no longer accepted because there is a 2 hour time frame scheduled for that. Please plan ahead!
- **Breakfast** is served at 8:00am. Please have your child at the center by 8:15 if you want us to serve him /her breakfast. If your child arrives at 8:16 they will not be served. Your child will have to eat before entering the facility. You do not want your child to start the day without eating anything. Please plan accordingly!
- **School supplies:** Please make sure that you child has all items needed: book bag, lunch box, change of clothes (2 tops, 2 bottoms, 2 underwear, 2 pair of socks, 2 undershirts), bottles, diapers, wipes, food, etc. Also make sure that **ALL** items are labeled. We keep reminding about labeling the items and parents are still bringing them without. At the beginning of the school year we had requested a small clear plastic bin that can hold your child's extra clothes. If you have not done so, please bring one.
- **Thermometer:** All parents need to have a thermometer in hand to read their child's temperature upon arriving to the Center. We are asking parents to purchase a DIGITAL thermometer to do the reading. It's quick and easy and won't take too long of your time. The drop off process should be a quick one. Therefore the temperature taking should not take a long time.
- **Face Masks: All children in our care that are two years old and up are required to wear a proper face mask.** Please include extra face masks in your child's bag in case they are wet or they are worn/damage. Face masks need to fully cover the nose and mouth area. We have noticed children wearing the same clothe face mask for several days. This is not sanitary. Masks need to be change frequently. I am asking parents to have their children wear KN95 masks instead of the clothe ones. Those give them more protection. Yes, they are a little costly. But isn't your child's health worth it?
- **Homework:** The teachers send home work for the children to do. This is an opportunity for parents to interact with the child and see what they are learning academically. Please bring back the homework the next day along with the folder that is sent home in.
- **Birthday Celebration:** If your child is having a birthday and you would like to celebrate it while they are in our care, please send me an email so I can be informed. There are some guidelines that we need you to follow in regards to things to bring, time, etc.
- **Communication:** Any communication that needs to be done with your child's teacher needs to be done calling the daycare's phone line. DO NOT text or call the teachers cell phone to discuss anything that pertains to your child while he is under our care. Some teachers have exchanged phone numbers with parents and it is in violation of our policy. In order for the Administration to be able to get involved if a situation arises with any exchange of communication with parent/teacher, we need this policy to be strongly followed.