



Sierra Parent Representative Meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2019

Meeting was held in Sierra Atrium from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Welcome- Gemorial Johnson, Sierra Director

- Thanked those in attendance for coming.

Transition Update- Gemorial Johnson

- Started by requesting feedback on the recent August Transitions.
- Parent in attendance stated that it was the smoothest Transition they have experienced.
 - It was also stated that a shorter Transition seems to work well for the children.
- It would be helpful to have certain information to prepare children for Transition at home.
 - For example, sending out notice of transitioning from assisted toileting to independent toileting when transitioning from Early Preschool to Preschool.
 - In addition to the General Transition Meeting in May, we will send out important transition milestones in a document specific to your child's age group.

NAEYC Re-Accreditation- Gemorial Johnson

- NAEYC Accreditation is awarded to childcare centers that successfully and continuously meet the standards put forth by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The JCCC has been NAEYC accredited since 2001.
- We are up for re-accreditation and submitted our Annual Report on August 30, 2019.
 - We can expect a NAEYC Accreditation Site Visit anytime from Annual Report submission up to August 30, 2020.
 - We anticipate a visit in the next few months.
- In the meantime, you will see an increased presence of Directors and Education Coordinators in the classrooms. In addition to their normal assistance in the classroom, they will be conducting more classroom observations and providing targeted feedback to the teachers.

- For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, please check out the following website: www.naeyc.org/accreditation/early-learning/benefits.

Upcoming Events- Gemorial Johnson

- Curriculum Night is Thursday, September 19th at 4:30 pm
- We will NOT be hosting a Fall Crawl this year; we are currently discussing logistics for that event to see how it will work for next year.
- We will **no longer** be hosting a Feast of Thanks at JCCC.
- There will be a Canned/Non-Perishable Food Drive November 15th to 22nd.
 - When donating, please double check the expiration dates. The Donation Center **cannot** accept food donations that are expired.
- Read for the Record will take place on November 7th.
 - We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius for you to sign up to read to your child's class.
- Please be advised: Fall Pictures will take place on 3 separate days according to your child's building. We are working with a new vendor for Fall Pictures and will provide more information soon.

Teacher Turnover- Gemorial Johnson

- We understand the impact staff resignation has on the children, classrooms and the center as a whole. Unfortunately, summer is traditionally a period of high turnover for the center.
- Once we are informed of a resignation, we strive to inform you as soon as possible and communicate action plans for the classroom affected.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding staffing changes, please reach out to your building's Director or Executive Director.

Questions and Answers

Can JCCC host more opportunities for child-led service projects?

We currently do two service projects during the year for the children: the Canned/Non-Perishable Food Drive and filling bags with necessities and fun things for the Children's Home at Christian City. We can certainly explore more options for providing those "learning experiences" for our children. Please reach out to the center if you have any suggestions or ideas.

What if we are out of town during Family Conferences October 7th to 11th?

These are Parent Requested conferences and are optional if you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher. If you cannot be here during that week, please reach out to your building's Director or Executive Director to schedule an alternate time. We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius closer to the week if you would like a conference.

Is Show and Share still on Fridays for all classrooms?

Yes, for Early Preschool and up, Show and Share is every Friday across the board. If your child's teacher changes it for a certain week, they will communicate the change through the My Bright Day app.

Can we send our own blanket for nap time?

Yes, you may send your child's blanket from home for nap. It will be washed with the rest of the blankets and cot sheets during the week. We do provide every child with cot sheets and a blanket for nap so, if you do not want to send a blanket with your child, you do not have to. Please make sure the blanket is sized for a child and not an adult.

Are we still able to view weekly lesson plans?

Yes, all Weekly Lesson Plans are posted by Friday the week before it is applicable in the classroom. At the moment, we can no longer send lesson plans electronically in the new system we are utilizing. If you have questions about different activities, please reach out to your child's teacher.