



## **Woodlands Parent Representative Meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2019**

**Meeting was held in Treehouse Movement Matters Room from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

### **Welcome- LaSahwnda Pearson, Woodlands Director**

- Thanked those in attendance for coming.

### **Transition Update- LaShawnda Pearson**

- Started by requesting feedback on the recent August Transitions.
- Parent in attendance mentioned the increase in illnesses during Transition.
  - Even with frequent hand washing and increased sanitization during illness outbreaks, some illnesses are more prevalent during certain times of the year. “Back to School” time is one of those times.
- 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.
- Parent in attendance requested that Transitions, logistically, be a little more organized. Specifically, in regard to the children’s clothes and other belongings being moved from class to class.

### **NAEYC Re-Accreditation- LaShawnda Pearson**

- 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 extra 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](http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/early-learning/benefits).

### **Upcoming Events- LaShawnda Pearson**

- Curriculum Night is Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 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 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius for you to sign up to read to your child's class.
- Parent Requested Conferences are the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. These are optional conferences and we will be sending out a Sign Up Genius closer to the day if you would like a conference with your child's teacher.
- 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- LaShawnda Pearson**

- We understand the impact staff resignation has on the children, classrooms and the center as a whole. Unfortunately, end of 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.

## Questions and Answers

### **What if we are out of town during Family Conferences October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>?**

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 to schedule an alternate time. We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius closer to the day if you would like a conference.

### **Do the Preschool children need to have a water bottle?**

No, we provide cups in the classroom for the children. However, the children really enjoy having their own water bottle.

### **How do the classroom-specific Support Staff transition during staff turnover?**

If the Support Teacher feels they are ready to take on the responsibility of Primary Teacher, we support them in making that transition. We also look at the dynamics between all the teachers in the classroom to make sure it will be a good fit for the classroom.

### **How do we know who is a permanent support teacher in our child's classroom?**

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your director about any specific staffing placements. We also have our My Favorite Things Bio Book at the front of each building with a bio for every staff member at the center. We will explore more options on how to communicate Support Staff placement in specific classrooms.

### **How will we know when our child's class has Enrichments, i.e. Movement Matters, STEAM & Science?**

All applicable classrooms have been participating in Enrichments since the beginning of August. We have not published a schedule yet, as we have been tweaking it to make sure it works well and can continue to work well. Once we have finalized the Enrichment schedule, we will make it available to you and will post it in your child's classroom.

### **Will there be an in-house Enrichment option for Music/Foreign Language?**

Wasn't sure how to answer this question.