



****NO MORE MULCH FUND****

We are fundraising to improve the Center's playgrounds by replacing the current mulch with permanent resilient surfacing. Phase I is to do the Preschool areas, at a cost of approximately \$18,000. Please watch for a variety of fundraising opportunities to help with this initiative, sponsored by the Center's Fundraising Committee.

Did you know that you can add a donation to your tuition check? Just write "Playground Fund" (and the donation amount) on the memo line. We can set up a donation category on your account, and your tax deductible donations will show up as "Charitable Contributions" on your regular tuition statement, and the money will go directly into the Playground Improvement Fund.

Also, the Center recently received a grant of \$2500 for participating in the NAP-SACC program, a nutrition and physical activity initiative at our Center. The staff participated in special training and we set goals for the program related to healthy eating and physical activity of both the children and staff at the Center. The \$2500 award will be used as follows: \$500 for outdoor play equipment and \$2000 for the No More Mulch Fund.

We have raised just over \$5000 to date for this project. We still have a long way to go with our fundraising efforts, but we are excited about the prospect of improving the playgrounds and the children's experience with their outdoor play. I am sure that you will also enjoy not having so much mulch going home on your child's clothes and shoes! We hope that you will please join us in our efforts to raise the needed funds to move forward with this initiative!





The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming!!

We will have our spring Book Fair during the week of April 18th. You will have an opportunity to purchase quality children's books at a good price, and our program receives many books (65% of total sales) for the classrooms. The classroom teachers will also post Wish Lists, and you may purchase those books specifically for your child's classroom.

Please join us in congratulating the following staff members who have anniversaries of employment at Victory Village:

Ms. Ana—March 1st—6 years

Ms. Claudia—March 8th—6 years

Ms. Kapila—April 1st—24 years!!!

Ms. Sara—May 1st—3 years

Ms. Zulaykha—May 18th—2 years

Ms. Toyia—May 20th—9 years

Ms. Carina—May 20th—6 years

Ms. Zeina—May 26th—3 years

Ms. Krishonda—May 28th—4 years

Ms. Tabatha—May 30th—3 years

CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Happy Birthday to the following staff:

March:

3—Shirley

14—Sara

15—Claudia



April:

13—Krishonda

15—Alice

26—Meredith



May:

2—Jackie

24—Angie

24—Houria

25—Mary

27—Tabatha



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Introducing our New Center Logo!!

We are so excited to introduce our new Center logo— featured in this newsletter, and soon to be featured on a number of items such as T-shirts, mugs, tote bags, etc., that we will sell as an ongoing fundraiser for the Center. Watch for upcoming announcements about how you can purchase logo items for your family! Proceeds this year will go to the No-More-Mulch Fund! Many thanks to our Board of Directors and Fundraising Committee for all of their hard work on designing and implementing our new logo.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please park only in designated parking spaces, and not along the curb, or in the handicap spot without a handicap sticker.
- Parking in spaces other than designated spaces can be hazardous to cars and pedestrians.
- Please do not leave children alone in the car, not even for a few minutes.
- Please buckle up the children!!

It is very important that everyone please cooperate to make our parking lots a safe place for everyone. Thank you!

Say Cheese!

Spring portraits, including graduation photos of rising kindergarteners will be taken on April 26th and 27th



Did you know?

Our center can make referrals for professional screenings and assessments of children who may need services to help them with developmental, behavioral, or speech/language needs. You may request a referral if you have concerns about your child in any of these areas. You may ask your child's classroom teacher, or the center director for more information. In most instances, the screenings are done free of charge.

In conjunction with the Creative Curriculum, we use center-wide quarterly thematic units to enhance our program of activities. These broad topics provide a framework for activity planning. The themes and timeframes are very flexible, so that teachers can branch off into areas of learning that are of special interest to the children in their groups. Books and special materials enhance the thematic units.

Themes for March-April-May are:

Plants/Flowers/Gardening
Insects & Bugs
Birds/Pets
Dinosaurs



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