



June 2013

Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

Head Start leads the early childhood field with a strong, clear, and comprehensive focus on healthy child development. This includes physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, all of which are essential to children getting ready for school. Your child's teacher had this in mind as she worked with your child throughout the year. This focus will also help your child as your child transitions. **Transition** can include a change of school or a new classroom and teacher.

As a parent you can also help your child transition to this next stage by speaking with your child about what things will be like in the new setting. Your child will experience moving forward yet staying connected. Please read the attached handout on "**Bridging the Gap**".

June 3 – June 7, 2013 is **Father Engagement Week**. Fathers and male family members play an important role in the lives of their children, families, and Head Start and Early Head Start communities. Attached please find "**What Fathers Contribute to Child Development**".

When you need a break from housework, Yeled V'Yalda has provided you with another important and enjoyable **teleconference** on **Taming Temper Tantrums**, presented by **Giti Zelmanovitz, School Psychologist**. To hear this 20 minute parenting workshop, please call anytime 24/7, **267-507-0255**, access code **52400509**. Listen for details at the end of the presentation about how to be entered into a **raffle** for a **\$25 gift certificate to Funthinks**. Raffle will be held **Wednesday, June 17, 2013**.

Our last parent workshop for this school year, **Knit One Purl Two**, will take place on **Wednesday, June 5, 2013** from **11 AM – 1 PM** at **1257 38 St., 4th floor**. You will learn basic knitting stitches from an instructor. Please be sure to bring your own project, yarn and needles as we will not be supplying any. You will learn to prepare a summer project you and your family will be proud of. At the workshop you will also enjoy a **Summer Safety Presentation** by **Janie Friedman, RN**.

We take this opportunity to thank all our Head Start and Early Head Start mothers and fathers for their parental involvement and participation in all our Parent Engagement opportunities throughout the school year. It is our wish that you use the information, tips, and techniques we shared as a foundation in your quest to continue increasing your knowledge and skills.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Sincerely yours,

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