



June 2014

Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

Head Start is the leader in the early childhood field with a strong, clear, and comprehensive perspective on healthy child development and works to develop what is essential for your child's school readiness goals. This includes physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, all of which are necessary components for a child to get ready for school. Your child's teacher focused on these areas 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. This will help your child to experience moving forward yet staying connected. Please read the attached handouts on "**Transitioning to Preschool: 9 Ways to Help Your Child**" and "**Helping in the Transition - How Parents Can Help Bridge the Gap**".

June 15 is Father's Day. Fathers and male family members play an important role in the lives of their children, families, and Head Start and Early Head Start communities. Fathers who are involved in their children's education nurture their relationships as their children's guide for life. Spend the day engaging with your children and do fun activities together. Attached please find "**What Fathers Contribute to Child Development**" and "**Fathers as Educators**".

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 is our **Photography Workshop** with **Devorie Zutler**. This will be our last parent workshop for this school year. It will take place at **1257 38 St., 4th floor** from **11 AM – 1 PM**. You will learn how to capture that special moment as you take photos. At the workshop you will also enjoy a **Summer Safety Presentation** by **Janie Friedman, RN**. Following the workshop will be our **YVY GRAND AUCTION**- The moment you've been waiting for! Please read the attached flier for details. Winner need not be present at the time of drawing.

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 as a parent and as your child's educator.

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

Sincerely yours,

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