



# Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

Research has shown that a quality early childhood education program like Head Start provides children with the necessary social, emotional, and cognitive skills that continue to develop throughout their life. The skills your child gained this year also contribute to your child's school readiness goals and higher productivity later in life. 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 experience moving forward yet staying connected. Please read the attached handouts on **"Transitioning to Preschool: 9 Ways to Help Your Child"** and **"Tips for Summer Transition"**.

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015** will be our last parent workshop for this school year. Join us for a **CPR and First Aid Overview Workshop** with **Malky Tropper**. It will take place at **1257 38 St., 4<sup>th</sup> floor** from **11 AM – 12:30 PM**. Learn hands-on CPR and what to do in the event of an emergency.

**June 21** 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 spend time with their children and are involved in their education nurture their relationships for life. Spend the day engaging with your children and do fun activities together. Attached please find **"Why Fathers Should Spend Time with Their Kids"**.

The Department of Health is requiring that all children from 6 months of age and older, receive the flu shot beginning September 2015. Schedule an appointment for September for your child to receive the flu shot. See attached handout on **"Why Should People get Vaccinated Against the Flu?"**

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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