



November 2012

Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. The school year is in full swing and the staff at Yeled V'Yalda is constantly planning exciting programs to educate both parents and children.

Parents play an important role in the development of their child's health habits. We have, therefore, devoted the month of **November** to promote good **Health** practices.

- Yeled V'Yalda, in conjunction with the Weill Cornell Medical College, will be presenting an interactive Skype presentation with **Dr. Maura D. Frank, MD FAAP**, on **Childhood Obesity** on **Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012**

Many parents have expressed an interest in learning more effective parenting skills and we recognize that parenting can often be a demanding and challenging job. Parenting workshops offer an excellent forum to help you learn how to balance and prioritize your responsibilities as a parent and become more attuned to your child's needs.

- We are beginning a series of **parenting workshops**, led by **Devora Weinreb**. Our first **Parenting Group** will meet on **Tuesday, November 13, 2012**.

At the meeting, Ezra Dental will do a presentation on promoting good oral health practices.

- Yeled V'Yalda will be holding a **teleconference on school readiness goals**, presented by **Alyssa Schnur**, deputy director of mental health and social services. Parents can call in at their convenience to learn about how to help your child get ready for school.

Please look out for flyers detailing times and location of workshops.



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- All **developmental, hearing and vision screenings** have been completed for the children. Your family worker will contact you regarding results. If your child requires follow up, please make sure to take care of it, and send a note to your family worker about the results.
- The **Ezra Dental Mobile Van** is visiting all of our sites to complete an initial **dental assessment** for each child. You will be informed of the results.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** will take place during November. (Details to follow). This will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with your child's teacher.
- Remember- **WIC** participants can redeem **Farmer's Market** checks until **November 15, 2012**.
- Head Start parents are welcome to use the **Yeled V'Yalda Fitness Center** once a week, **FREE of charge**. Take this opportunity to improve your health.
- **REMINDER- Tuesday, November 6, 2012 is Election Day**. Your vote counts!! Polls are open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We encourage all parents to go out and vote.

We look forward to your participation in all our Parent Engagement opportunities.

Sincerely yours,

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