



November 2014

# Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

We hope this newsletter 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 are essential partners in the education of their child's development of reading, writing and language skills. A great way to help your child grow and develop is by building a positive parent- child relationship. This relationship is an ongoing process. The time you spend with your child is essential. One way this can be achieved by doing activities together with your child. Attached you will find a calendar for November which gives your great ideas on what activities to do with your child on a day to day basis.

All children had a developmental, hearing and vision screening which can help detect, early on, if there is an issue hindering your child's learning and growth. Your family worker will contact you regarding results. If your child requires follow up, please make sure to take care of it as soon as possible, and send a note to your family worker about the results.

**November 1** marks **National Family Literacy Day** and ushers in **National Literacy Month**. We have, therefore, devoted this month to teach appropriate ways to encourage good literacy practices at home. Spend time with your child at the library. Read books which are age appropriate for your child. Enjoy the handout on ***10 Reasons Why You Should Read to Your Kids***, which talks about the importance of exposing your children to literacy from an early age.

Please join us for a workshop by **Rochel Liberman, Speech and Language Pathologist**, as you learn "**How to Speak so Kids Will Follow**", on **Tuesday, November 25, 2014** from **11 AM – 12:30 PM** at **1257 38 St., 4<sup>th</sup> floor**. Enjoy the handout on ***10 Tips on How to Talk to your Child***.

**Please take note of the following information:**

- 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.



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- **Parent Teacher Conferences** which will address **School Readiness goals** will take place during November/ December. (Details to follow). This will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and goals with your child's teacher.
- Head Start parents are welcome to use the **Yeled V'Yalda Fitness Center** once a week, **FREE of charge**. Take advantage of this opportunity to improve your health.
- **WIC** participants can redeem **Farmer's Market** checks until **November 30, 2014**. (Dates may vary by location).
- **Flu Season is Here-** Attached is information on flu vaccines.
- **REMINDER- Tuesday, November 4, 2014 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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