



September 2016

Parent Engagement Communicator

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Yeled v'Yalda! We hope you had a relaxing summer. We look forward to a year of communication and growth for you and success in your child's school readiness goals. YvY is designed to provide support for parents, children, and families with resources that enable them to succeed.

All children will receive screenings in the beginning of the school year to see if there are any possible hearing or vision concerns, physical health needs, social/ emotional strengths and challenges and to see which developmental milestones your child has reached. All screening results will be shared with the parent. Please feel free to contact your Family Worker, Social Service staff and Mental Health consultant, at your site, should you have any concerns. They are available to assist you with information, recommendations and referrals.

Yeled v'Yalda is committed to provide you with a variety of high quality, individualized services and workshops that support and promote health, nutrition, mental health, education, school readiness goals, financial independence, self-esteem and more. These services are part of our continuous engagement commitments to the families we service in our Head Start program. Throughout the year, we will have a variety of workshops available for parents. We will inform you of these opportunities through our monthly **Parent Engagement Communicator**.

Our first parent workshop of the year will take place on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016** from **11 AM – 1 PM**, at **1257 38 St., 4th floor**. Join **Devora Fisher**, acclaimed teacher and founder of the **P.A.T.T. Kriah program**, and learn how to help your smart child reach his fullest academic potential. Also get tips from **Deborah Weinreb, LCSW**, on how to say good-bye to your child without the tears.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 is **"Dad's Take Your Child to School Day"**. This campaign is a statewide collaborative initiative to promote father involvement by encouraging fathers, and/ or other significant male caregivers to take their children to school in September and remain involved throughout the year. Fathers, take your child to school on this day and show your child that you are involved and interested in his/ her education. Actively involved fathers develop a better relationship with their children.

Enclosed please find literature and information on the following:

- **School Bus and Pedestrian Safety**
- **Community Resource Manual- Important and helpful phone numbers**
- **WIC program- how to obtain FREE nutrition services**
- **CIRC- Community Information and Resource Center- offers parents literature and FREE internet access, children's library**
- **Back to School Health Checklist**
- **Strategies to help ease your child's Transition into School**
- **NYS Marketplace- to assist you with signing up for health insurance FREE of charge**
- **Parent and Child Activities**

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

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

Sincerely yours,
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