

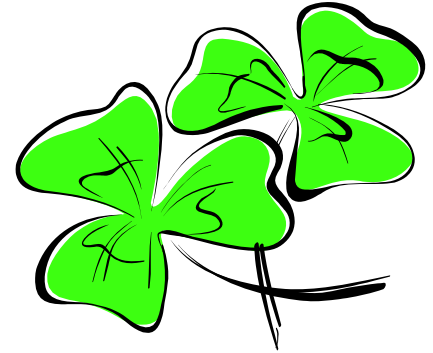
Takoma Park Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

March 2011

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Director's Report

We're really very eager to welcome spring. Signs of spring make the children happy. Of course, the highlight of this month is our annual Pasta Dinner. Come eat great food, socialize with our friendly TPCDC families, and above all enjoy the classroom performances! This event will take place Saturday, March 12th, 5pm-7pm in the big gym. Stop by the office to pick up tickets now so you can avoid having to wait in the long line at the door. Please do not miss the lovely performances of your darling children. The staff and the children are very busy whipping up some fun filled show stoppers.



Our children's art masterpieces will be on sale at the Pasta Dinner. Do not miss your opportunity to buy them for keepsakes. The children are working hard on their art work for this sale.

School Aged Summer Program flyers are available now. Please come to the office for information. You can even pick up a few to pass onto your friends and neighbors.

Staff Training: Cecilia Galagher, Sherri Smith and Indhira Hill will be attending a workshop on medication training. Teresa Abanto, Selvi Vijaykumar and Brenda Roberts continue their training in Maryland Model School Readiness. All staff members attended an all day training last month in Language and Literacy, Healthy Kids, and Social Skills for Children.

I want to thank Terri Pendleton (mother of Archer in the Explorer Room) for doing all of our fabulous flyers for School Ager Summer Camp, the Pasta Dinner, the Book Sale, etc. You name it! All our flyers for all our events are made by her. She is the "Flyer Queen"!

We are all looking forward to having good spring weather and to finally go out and smell the roses!

Happy Spring!

- Nalini

Annual Pasta Dinner!
Saturday March 12



Mark your calendars!
The **TPCDC Pasta Dinner and Talent Show** is coming up on the 12th of March!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children over 2. You can purchase tickets in the TPCDC office.

Don't forget, there will also be a bake sale and a children's art sale at the Pasta Dinner. And our talented TPCDC children will perform!

Don't Miss It!!

Our Staff	Our Parent Board of Directors
<p>Director: Nalini Jeevaraj</p> <p>Office Administrator: Joan Byrd</p> <p>Teddy Bears: Ana Rodriguez, Martha Talento, Mary Moxley, Raina Vasquez, Usha Rawat</p> <p>Munchkins: Cecilia Gallagher, Arly Reyes, Indhira Hill, Dora Mariaca, Olga Cruz</p> <p>Rainbows: Selvi Vijaykumar, Pat Frazier, Teresa Abanto, Ada Cruz, Saba Asrate</p> <p>Explorers: Sherri Smith, Yanira Salgado, Brenda Roberts, Samantha Encarnacion, Pat Frazier</p> <p>Shining Stars (K and 1st): Brenda Roberts, Lindsey Hicks, Arly Reyes</p> <p>Looney Tunes (2nd and Up): Phi Thi Thach, Jonathan Berrios, Mikea Hall</p>	<p>Co-Chairs: Chris Daw, Patty First</p> <p>Board Members: Cary Burnell, Dara Corrigan, Joy Gerdy Zogbi, Fred Hargrove, Christine Hill, Matt Hobbs, Elizabeth Keyes, Kate Killberg, Carla Komich, Ann McCarthy, Terri Pendleton, Stephen Rahaim, Maria Roeper, Noam Unger, Devki Virk, Lisa Vogel, Caroline Wadhams</p> <p>Classroom Coordinators: Teddy Bears: Noam Unger/Caroline Wadhams Munchkins: Malawi Welles Rainbows: Matt Hobbs Explorers: Chris Daw</p> <p>The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month.</p> <p>The center can always use project volunteers. If you are interested in fundraising, promotion, programming or have a creative idea, please contact one of the Board members.</p>

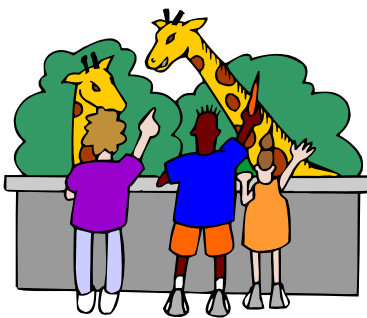
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 **Classroom Updates** 

Teddy Bears

We have had a great Winter and we look forward to enjoying Spring! For the month of March, we will talk about animals, especially zoo animals, focusing on elephants, zebras, tigers, lions, giraffes and many others. We will have a variety of art activities, such as painting the animals, coloring, putting animal puzzles together, and imitating animal sounds. To enhance our theme, we will go to the National Zoo so we can enjoy seeing the animals more closely. Enjoy the Spring!



Munchkins

Welcome to the month of March! It is almost

time for the big annual Pasta Dinner, and we are so excited. We are practicing our dance!

For the month of March, our theme is pets, and we will be talking about pets. We will discover how to take care of pet animals, the sounds pets make and how they move. We will be taking a field trip to a pet store. At the end of the month, we will have another field trip to "Pump It Up," an indoor play gym.



We are proud of our Munchkins as they continue to develop self-help skills and become more independent.

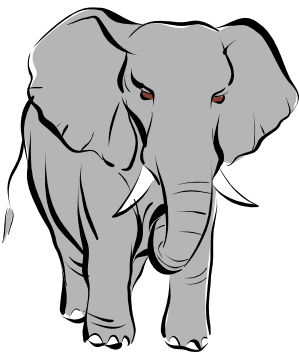
We will see everyone at the Pasta Dinner! It promises to be very special and fun.

Rainbows

For the month of March our theme is Animals. We will discover the many different kinds of animals in the world, where they live, and what they eat.



The Rainbows are excited about our big event: the Pasta Dinner! We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. The event will be fun, and please “shhh!”...our special performance is top secret!



Our Rainbows have worked very hard to prepare for the Pasta Dinner and we still find time to help them as they continue to grow and develop in all areas.

Keep smiling and we will see you at the Pasta Dinner!

Explorers

Our theme for March is “Let’s Pretend.” We use our imaginations to pretend to be our favorite animals, book characters, and other things. We will put on a talent show and use the most special tools of a child: their voices, bodies and ideas. We will go on many adventures without even leaving the classroom. Our exploration is only limited by what we think of next. We’ll also have a chance to practice our emotions and learn how to handle our feelings. On March 12th, we are having our annual Pasta Dinner. We will need the children to arrive to our classroom by 4:30 pm. We ask that the parents please drop off the children and then go upstairs to the big gym to find great seats.



We have great activities planned for this month. On March 17th it is St. Patrick’s Day. We will discuss fun things about this day. Please have your child wear green in celebration of St. Patty’s Day! We will eat yummy green snacks, play fun games and do cool art activities.

We need donations of old colorful scarves, sanitized plastic milk containers and assorted scraps of fabric, paper and small pieces of wood. As always, thanks for all the help you provide!



Shining Stars & School Agers

The Shining Stars and School Agers are very excited about the month of March. We will be doing lots of fun things. We are eager to start our coin (change) collection. All donations will go to a local charity. The children are very excited about helping out people who are in need. We will have a St. Patrick’s Day party. We are asking that the children wear green on Thursday, March 17th. We will need donations of yummy treats and goodies. If you haven’t already, please bring in a white t-shirt for your Shining Star (not School Agers). Please make sure you inform the office and classroom staff if your child is going to be out or has an after school program. It is very important for us to keep track of children when they are getting off the buses. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the teachers any time. We need cool ideas about field trips that are fun for the Shining Stars and School Agers. We would love your input!



TPCDC's Annual Pasta Dinner



**Saturday,
March 12th
5-7 pm**



in the Big Gym

*Talent Show!
Featuring
Our TPCDC*

**ADULTS: \$10
KIDS 2&UP: \$6
Infants FREE**

*Bake Sale!
Lots of yummy
desserts!*



*Art Sale!
Buy Classroom
Masterpieces!*

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Tickets are On Sale NOW in the TPCDC Office!