

# Takoma Park Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

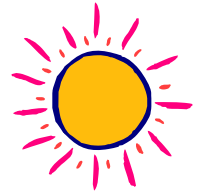
## Summer 2011

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## Director's Report

Happy Summer!

The staff would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for the lovely breakfast, flowers, cards, goodies and other nice gifts given to them in appreciation of their dedication and love.



**Graduation and Family Day Cookout:** On Friday, June 3rd we will have a graduation ceremony to celebrate our Explorers entering Kindergarten, and this will be followed by a Family Day Cookout. All our parents are warmly invited to join us and socialize with the TPCDC community.

**Fourth of July Parade:** TPCDC will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day. Please join us as we walk in the annual Takoma Park parade. More information about the parade will follow soon. Show your support by marching or riding your bike along with our group. Parade marchers can meet us at the starting point or just join us along the way when you see our group passing by.

**Join the TPCDC Board of Directors:** We need you to join the Board of Directors! The board is responsible for establishing and maintaining policies for the center. They provide assistance with personnel, finance, operating policies and program matters. If you think you might be interested, contact the office or talk to one of the current board members. Volunteers are always welcome if you cannot commit to the monthly meetings.

**Fall preparation:** The center will be closed August 24, 25, and 26th for staff development and preparation for the fall. The first day of fall session will be Monday, August 29th.

**Goodbye to our children who will be leaving us this summer!** We are happy that we were part of their growth and development. We will miss them very much, but we hope to see them in the future as they mature into young men and women. We wish them all the best!

Have a summer with lots of fun!

- *Nalini*



**June 3**

**Explorers Graduation  
Family Day Cookout!**

**June 16**

**Last (Half) Day of  
Public School**

**June 17**

**No Public School  
TPCDC Open**

**June 20**

**Summer Camp  
Begins**

**July 4**

**Holiday!  
TPCDC Closed**

**AUG 24, 25, 26**

**TPCDC Closed**

**AUGUST 29**

**First Day of TPCDC  
Fall Session**

**Don't forget sunscreen!** Children should come to school with sunscreen applied each morning. Please sign the notices to give teachers permission to apply sunscreen. And please be sure a set of season appropriate clothes are in cubbies!



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, Raina Vasquez, Usha Rawat</p> <p>Munchkins: Cecilia Gallagher, Yanira Salgado, Indhira Hill, Dora Mariaca, Ana Dorys</p> <p>Rainbows: Selvi Vijaykumar, Pat Frazier, Teresa Abanto, Ada Cruz, Vivian Kim</p> <p>Explorers: Sherri Smith, Arly Reyes, Brenda Roberts, Pat Frazier</p> <p>Shining Stars (K and 1<sup>st</sup>): Brenda Roberts, Lindsey Hicks, Arly Reyes</p> <p>Looney Tunes (2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**Join the TPCDC Listserv!**

Send a blank email to [TPCDC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TPCDC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TPCDC>



## Teddy Bears

We have had a great time during the fall, winter and spring, and we look forward to continuing to enjoy the summer months. For the month of June, we will talk about safety and community helpers, focusing on people in the community who help us, such as mail carriers, fire fighters, police officers, and many more. For the month of July, we will focus on indoor activities such as bubble dancing, different kinds of stories like Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, The Napping House, as well as cool art activities like spray painting, hand prints, foot prints and more. In August, we will talk about water animals, such as sharks, and different kinds of fish, like cucumber fish, clown fish, and parrot fish. We will hand out information about splash days and field trips separately. Enjoy the summer!



## Munchkins

June is the start of our summer fun! We have new and exciting activities planned for this month. Art projects include a summer collage, painting with colored ice and outdoor painting. Cooking projects will include making lemonade and cooking up homemade pudding shakes. We will be spending time cooling off on splash days. Fun field trips to the zoo and picnics at the park will be a blast. Games like barefoot pick up will also be a treat. Fun will be had by all!

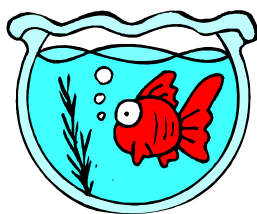


## Rainbows

For the month of June, our theme will be Sea Creatures. We will discover the many sea creatures that live in the sea, what they eat and what parts of the world we would find sea creatures. Some of the sea creatures we will

talk about are octopus, whales, dolphins, starfish and more.

June's show and share will be different. Instead of you bringing in your own creations or book, you will be taking home the class



fish. Each student will take the fish home for one night and will take care of it. The next morning, when the student brings the fish back, they will share with us how their experience was. This will be a great opportunity for the children to learn about responsibilities. In addition, beginning Friday June 17th, and then every Friday over the summer, we will have lunch at a park. Please note this and pack a brown bag lunch on those days. Beginning on Tuesday, July 5th, and every Tuesday and Thursday after, we will have splash days. As it gets closer to the kick off day, we will be posting notices about what to bring and other details. We will also play summer games and make fun cooking projects like fresh fruit smoothies and lemonade. There will be no show and share in July or August. It has been a busy year for the Rainbows as they grow and develop!

## Explorers

The weather is warm and several changes have occurred. We stopped naptime in may and show and tell will end in June. We're spending more time outdoors, so please remember to apply sunscreen in the mornings. The teachers will apply it in the afternoon.

Children must wear shoes that cover their toes and attach securely to their feet (no crocs, open toe sandals or flip flops). We plan to walk to several parks and children wearing crocs, open toe sandals or flip flops will stay in the office with Ms. Nalini or Ms. Joan.

The summer field trip schedule will be posted soon. Please check your child's cubby and supply a complete set of weather appropriate

This includes shirt, pants, socks and underpants. We have a shortage of extra clothes at the center and cannot guarantee extra clothes will be available in case of an accident.

All field trips require children to pack their lunches in a backpack with bottled water, wear shoes that cover their toes and attach to their feet and wear the center's yellow field trip t-shirt. Swimming at MLK pool, water play at the center and visits to the Silver Spring fountain will happen soon. Each involves water, and safety is a very important issue. We discuss water safety rules and would appreciate parents reinforcing them. We also appreciate the support given with the new super hero rules.

## Shining Stars/School Ager

We are gearing up for a fun filled summer! This summer, we have many exciting weeks for our campers. DC Tour week will include paddle boating and exploring the nation's capital. Kids Café week, we'll visit a grocery store and create our own cooking show, and make our own pizza at Uno's. Ooey Gooey & Stickey week will be as messy as it sounds! Beach week will be ultra cool, and we'll make our own tie-dye shirts and have a cookout at Sandy Point. Fairytale Theater week includes making costumes and props for a funny play, and a trip to a water park. Contruction Zone week, campers will build paper mache towers and take a trip to Cunningham State Park. And the fun doesn't end there...check the Summer Camp flyer for more super cool camps!



Friendly reminder: On field trip days, children need TPCDC yellow t-shirts, a brown bag lunch, sunscreen, tennis shoes, bottles of water. On swim days, they need swimsuits, towels, brown bag lunch, sunscreen, change of clothes, plastic bag. Activities are subject to change. On most field trip days, we arrive back to the center late (5:30-5:45). Happy summer!

# 2011 TPCDC SUMMER PROGRAM

## each session INCLUDES...

- **FIELD TRIPS**
- **SWIMMING ONCE A WEEK**
- **ARTS AND CRAFTS**
- **SPORTS**
- **SNACKS**
- **OUTDOOR PLAY**
- **...AND MUCH MORE!**

## We offer families...

- **FULL DAY COVERAGE**
- **FLEXIBLE ENROLLMENT PLANS**
- **WELL-TRAINED, QUALIFIED STAFF**
- **DISCOUNTS FOR SIBLINGS**
- **QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS THROUGH AGE 12 ALL YEAR LONG!**



### June 20-24: DC Tour (\$325)

Explore museums, attractions and special events in our nation's capital, Washington, DC.

### June 27-July 1: Kids Café (\$325)

Learn the basics of cooking, how to follow a recipe and create tasty treats. Encourages healthy eating, smart shopping and a taste for ethnic foods.

### July 5-8: Ooey Goey & Sticky (Closed Monday July 4th) (\$260)

Get ready for a wacky week of icky, silly and messy stuff, too. We will create weird and unusual projects that you will take home and share. This isn't for the faint hearted, so come dressed to get dirty!

### July 11-15: Beach Week (\$325)

Get ready for some summer fun! Campers will enjoy lots of cool and relaxing days on the beach, including yummy desserts, treats and fun games.

### July 18-22: Fairytale Theater (\$325)

In the land of make believe, we will put together and perform a very fun and interesting play Perfect for those who adore acting, role playing and putting on a show.

### July 25-29: Construction Zone (\$325)

Create buildings, roads and whole cities with construction blocks, boxes, and used and recycled materials. We will have lots of fun building masterpieces!

### August 1-5: Party Theme & Dance (\$325)

Learn various aspects of event planning. Plan, decorate and put together a birthday party. Includes a variety of music and dance fun.

### August 8-12: Super Athletes (\$325)

"Take me out to the ball game!" If you are a lover of sports, this is just the right spot for you. We will play cool sports games and tackle sports trivia. Come and hit a home run with us!

### August 15-19: Mystical Garden (\$325)

Explore the outdoors. Bring nature inside and study plants and animals of the garden. Understand and respect Mother Nature and her creations.

### August 22-23: Carnival Party (\$130)

We will bring the carnival to us! We will have a cotton candy machine, play lots of cool carnival games, and have face painting and water balloon fights. It's going to be the coolest of all days!

**NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION fee OF \$15 PER SESSION**

**REGISTER NOW BY CONTACTING THE TPCDC OFFICE AT 301-270-6824**