

September 2020

Greenbelt Children's Center



September Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Our children are off to a **wonderful** start to the 2020-2021 school year! Thank you for bringing your child well prepared each day – their smiling faces are a delight!

We are working very hard to keep everyone safe and healthy at GCC. We are counting on our families to do the same. Some reminders:

Monitor your child for symptoms daily and keep your child home if they exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19- fever of 100.4, vomiting, nausea, flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, fatigue, coughing, nasal congestion, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, headache, body ache or sore throat. Also monitor for bruising or swelling not caused by injury.

Remember to inform us if anyone in the household has been exposed to someone who has or is suspected to have Covid-19.

Inform us right away if someone in your household is currently undergoing testing for Covid-19.

Inform us if anyone in your household has traveled outside of the immediate area of suburban Maryland, DC or Northern Virginia. We would need to know where the family traveled and for how long.

Parent Information:

To see a typical daily schedule, visit our website at www.greenbeltchildrenscenter.com, we will also be posting our monthly Newsletter, Calendar and Menu to our website at the beginning of each month so that we keep you informed with all the news and activities of the Center! Look for pictures of activities and information on the GCC Facebook page and be sure to friend, like and follow us! We request that each parent sign up for **remind.com** with our parent group: **@gccpar** to receive emergency alerts, announcements & reminders! Due to Covid-19, **Lending Library is temporarily suspended**. However, you can look forward to books that will be sent home to keep and grow your child's home library.



Parent Handbooks & Forms...



Family Handbooks were revised, and the addendum has been helpful to be alert to the commitments we each make to keep each other safe during the pandemic. **We thank you for completing and returning all the forms required at this time.**

Beautiful Artwork!

Each child has an "Art Folder" in the classroom for artwork, notices, and information placed there for to take home. Teachers will be taking all the contents and placing them in your child's Blue bag that is sent home with all belongings each day. We ask that you go through the bag each evening to wash soiled clothes, masks and linens and to look for notices from GCC.



Keep in mind that children's work will often be displayed on the classroom walls before being filed to take home, so there may be some lag time before you get your little artists work sent home!

Also remember that we will collect documentation samples as part of our assessment, so some work will be saved by teachers.

We are So Happy/Proud/Excited!

Our Center has again been awarded the **highest score possible from Maryland Excels: 5 check marks!** Congratulations to our **outstanding faculty** for providing such excellent care and striving to continuously improve the quality of our program! We must also thank our **wonderful parents and children** as well - it is for you that we work towards these goals. For information on the Md Excels program, visit <http://marylandexcels.org/>



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We love our teachers!

Please welcome our wonderful faculty!
Mrs. Flora Gee-Director

Room 1 Classroom:

Ms. Maria Bigelow -PGCPS Teacher
Ms. Christine Grabisch – Teacher/AD
Ms. Donna Bell-Nance-Teacher/AD
Ms. Rehana Ali – Teacher

Rm 2 Classroom:

Ms. Sonika Wright – Lead Teacher
Ms. Maria Martinez-Bi-lingual Teacher
Ms. Simone Lovelock-Teacher
Ms. Barbara Spears-Teacher

Room 3 Classroom:

Ms. Mary Edwards, Teacher
Ms. Versia Thomas – Teacher
Ms. Lindsay Mack – Teacher

Office:

Flora Gee, Director
Ms. Wanda Marshall- Office Asst/Sub
Ms. Sandy Raynes-Office Asst

Substitute Teachers: Ms. Chante Vaughan, Ms Patricia Messenger,
Ms. Shahinoor and Ms. Shahara



Tips for Turning Everyday Activities into Learning Activities

You are your child's first teacher! We are your partners in helping your child become ready for kindergarten!

Talk, listen, read, play. Learning begins in everyday moments. This information comes from the "Countdown to Kindergarten Campaign" of the [Maryland Family Network](#).

From the moment he is born, your child is learning about his family, his environment, and his own amazing abilities. As he grows, every experience contributes to his knowledge and his self-confidence.

When he arrives at kindergarten, he will be able to use all the skills he has learned. His kindergarten teacher will invite him to look at books, draw pictures, share stories and make new friends. The kindergarten teacher will observe and record your child's progress- looking for the skills that will help him succeed in school. If some skills are missing, she will plan activities that help him develop these skills.

Parents are the key to their child's success in school!

When you play with your child, you are helping him develop the social skills,

Quote of the Month:

When you carry out acts of kindness, you get a wonderful feeling inside. It is as though something inside your body responds and says, yes, this is how I ought to feel.
-Harold Kushner

Wolf Trap Artist in Residency will be virtual this year in September! Ms Quynn returns online with tap dance, body parts and movements, steady beat, the heart. Her specialty is tap dance!

InterAct Story Theatre will be providing an in person but outdoors and physically distance Arts program also in September with Ali Krueger Oliver!

We are trying to give children as many rich experiences offline as possible!

