

e-Newsletter

Virginia Marx Children's Center at Westchester Community College

September/October 2012



Virginia Marx Children's Center: Activities for September and October

Welcome to our Fall e-newsletter edition!

As we begin our 27th year of quality programming, we invite you to participate in our upcoming parent event.

Mark your calendar for Parent Night on November 2nd, 6:30 to 7:45pm!

Come and see how the children learn when they play and what their day consists of!

These links will keep you informed of the upcoming family activities and events.

Family Events

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Feature Article: Quality Initiatives

We are in the midst of quality interim audits at the Virginia Marx Children's Center. As part of our on-going desire to respect the culture of our 'families', you may see us enhancing our environment.

For example, QUALITYstarsNY and NAEYC requires that we promote cultural and linguistic competencies which will be measured as part of their on-going internal audits. To support our enhancements, we have developed a survey for staff input. We wanted to share a sample of the questionnaire the staff will be completing in October.

Our link will take you to the Cultural and Linguistic Competencies Staff Survey...

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Teacher Feature: Janelle Cezar, Assistant Teacher, Toddler Room 107

Hi, I'm Janelle Cezar, 23 years old. I was born and raised in the Philippines and 6 years ago my family and I moved to the United States. I graduated from Westchester Community College where I earned my Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I am currently attending Lehman College majoring in Speech-Language Pathology, with a minor in Early Childhood Education. I am looking forward to finishing my Bachelor's Degree at the end of this year. My plan is to continue my education and apply for the graduate program focusing on Special Education.

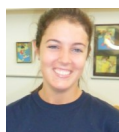
Working with kids could be really exhausting at times but mostly rewarding. I sincerely enjoy seeing each of them grow and develop and it never fails to make my heart smile. I have been working in VMCC for almost 3 years now and I have loved it since then :)



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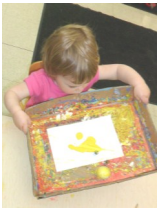
We would like to welcome you to two new part-time hourly employees, both pursuing their Early Childhood Associate's Degree here at Westchester Community College:

Jackie Malone, in Infant Room 108



Catalina Arias in Infant Room 119





Grazia's Teacher Tip!

What to do on a rainy day? Golf ball painting !

Things you will need:

- Box (shoes box, gift box etc.)
- Golf ball (or any small sized ball)
- Paint and Paper

1. Place tempera paint in a cup and add a small amount of water.
2. Place a piece of paper that will fit inside the box.
3. Drizzle the paint onto the paper, then place one or two balls in the box.
4. Move the box from side to side and up and down to disperse the paint.

Watch all the colors mix together. You can also sprinkle salt to give it a different texture and shine. Enjoy !



From Susan, Director

Parents: As we move forward with our Quality initiatives, we are requesting an added security measure when dropping off your child:

1. IF teachers are in room, there will no changes to the sign-in routine.
2. IF the teachers are out of the room, a sign will be in the door, as to where you can find the group.
3. Take your child to that area and the teachers will have the sheet available for you to sign in your child.

We appreciate your assistance as we enhance our routines.



Alumni Highlights: The Hamaoui family came to visit this summer and see all of their friends from VMCC...

Alumni kids

Mayah Hamaoui age 6:

"I'm going into 1st grade at Donna Klein Jewish Academy, I live in Boca Raton, Florida. I like to swim and spend time with my family. I enjoy playing in the sandbox".

Yael Hamaoui age 9:

"I'm going into 4th grade at Donna Klein Jewish Academy. I live in Boca Raton, Florida. My hobbies include; art, horseback riding, hula hooping, swimming and reading. I love books".

If you have any ideas or suggestions of what may interest you in the e-Newsletter, please send a note to linda.salek@sunywcc.edu or visit Susan or Sara at the Center!

