



February Newsletter 2017

Celebrating Black History & National Dental Health Month

QRIS

Quality improvement is our goal in servicing our children here at VELC. *"Promoting quality care that supports children's learning and development"* through the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) is a system that assess, improve, and communicate the quality of child care programs with higher standards that set standards to help programs continually improve to achieve the highest of standards. Our teachers are dedicated more than ever to become the very best in early childhood education.

Our mission remains the same: "To provide quality child care services to families in the greatest need: while parents are employed in the workforce or engaged in goal directed job training or in crisis recovery". Variety Early Learning Center is working towards quality care and education for all children. We look forward to "our" journey together as teachers and parents work together in providing a quality care and an early learning education to meet the needs of "our" children. (Sources: EHS and QRIS)

Sayonara Harris – Program Director

Do You Know Who They Are?



All history is important. As we celebrate Black History Month, encourage your child by reading historical books, showing pictures, doing engaging activities, and taking them to the museum. (googleblackhistory)

Upcoming Events:



Holiday Closings: Monday, February 20th, is President's Day.

Parent Teacher Conferences: February 21st and February 22nd from 3pm to 6pm. Parents can sign up early.

Library Parent Engagement Event – February 22nd from 3pm to 6pm.

Parent Training - February 28th from 6:00pm-7:00pm hosted By Mikaela Cunningham every month from the Children's Cabinet. **Receive 1 hour training credit from the Nevada Registry. Don't forget to sign up!**

Children Birthdays:



Jay J. 2/6, Jalen, W. 2/9, Khaza H, 2/20, & Nevaeh H, 2/29

Staff: Montrice A., 2/25

Celebrate Dental Health Month



Free Child Care Consultations for your child. VELC can provide information for free child care consultation services to observe your child's development and behavior and provide the additional services. Please stop by the front desk and request an application.

Students support National School Choice Week



Attention Pre-K Parents

Now is the time to start looking for a school to register your child. Many schools have early registration as well as help in making sure your child has a smooth transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten. Check your local schools for additional information.

Transition Time Tips Before School Starts

- Send a note to the nurse and to the teacher if your child has allergies or special needs.
- Visit the school and meet the teacher.
- Start your school routine early.
- Label everything.
- Read books together about starting school.

- **On the first day of school**

- Be positive.
- Give your child a smile and a hug, tell her you love her, and wave goodbye.
- Help your child say goodbye.
- Avoid behaviors that might upset your child.
- Wait to ask the teacher your specific questions during the first week of school.
- Be supportive.
- Instill a sense of confidence in your child.
- Set aside a time, each evening, to share your child's day..
- Read everything the school sends home. Enjoy being the parent of a kindergartner!
(Source naeyc)

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