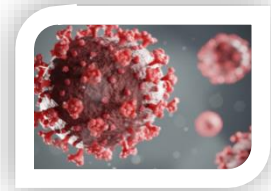


Dear MVCDC Families,

We have 2 new COVID-19 cases to report this week:

LOCATION	POSITIVE	
	Students	Staff
Marilyn E. Thomas Children's Center	0	1
Stuart Patterson	0	1



Go to <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> for information about the COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots, and other great resources. Click [HERE](#) to find a vaccine provider near you. Click [HERE](#) for information about **Dayton Children's COVID-19 vaccination clinics**.

Local emergency rental assistance is available through the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership. Information on how to apply can be found at miamivalleycap.org/covid-relief/ or by calling 937-341-5000.

The Dayton Metro Library has partnered with The Foodbank to offer supplemental food to families at ten library branches. To find a location near you and for a schedule of days and times Pantry Partner locations are open, go to daytonmetrolibrary.org/meals or call the Library's Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

As we shared last week, March is National Reading Month and the month kicks off with National Read Across America Day on March 2. As we continue to plan male engagement activities, **MVCDC would like to challenge all teachers and fathers/father figures to come into the classrooms to read, role model and engage with our children.** Please see more information [HERE](#).

Fathers can play an important role in promoting early learning and literacy. Here are **five tips to help fathers enjoy reading with their children** and find other creative ways to support early literacy development through daily activities:

1. **Help fathers understand their importance in promoting early literacy development**
2. **Share information about typical development of early literacy skills in young children**
3. **Talk with fathers about ways to make reading fun and instructive**
4. **Introduce fathers to good books for young children**
5. **Introduce the idea of simple, everyday activities that support literacy skills and are related to fathers' interests**

Triple P is a positive parenting support class for caregivers and families and is available to you for FREE thanks to funding from the Montgomery County ADAMHS Board. Learn tips for the daily challenges of raising children and teens! Click [HERE](#) to see the March Triple P dates and to register for these great classes.



What's the Word, Big Bird? Helping Children Cope with Grief and Loss

We at MVCDC are always here to help families have difficult conversations about sensitive topics like death, expressing their feelings, and grieving together. When someone dies, no matter the cause, children may have questions that can be hard to answer. And while grieving may never completely end, working through the difficult feelings can become easier with time.

Our friends at Sesame Street are here to help. Please click [HERE](#) for some great activities, videos, and helpful information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kings Highway Kindergarten Fair	Mar 1	4:30-6:30 pm	Kings Highway 3805 Kings Highway, Dayton
Triple P Raising Confident, Competent Children	Mar 2	6-7:30 pm	Click HERE to register FREE class
Triple P Raising Responsible Teenagers	Mar 8	6-7:30 pm	Click HERE to register FREE class
Kings Highway Star Attendance Breakfast	Mar 9	7:30-9:30 am	Kings Highway 3805 Kings Highway, Dayton

If you have a friend or neighbor looking for quality preschool, please let them know about our Head Start or Early Head Start programs. Applicants can call us at 937-2ENROLL or refer them to www.mvcdc.org. Click [HERE](#) for enrollment information.

MVDCDC is still looking for DIFFERENCE MAKERS! If you or someone you know is looking for a career working with children and families, consider joining our team. A complete listing of open positions is available on our website www.mvcdc.org.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,



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