Dear MVCDC Families,

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Click <u>HERE</u> for this week's resource activities featuring PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, and SPIRITUAL WELLNESS.

The Office of Head Start National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety Wellness Garden Activities packet can be found <u>HERE</u>.

LAST CHANCE!!!

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete

MVCDC's 2022-23 PARENT SURVEY

YOU can help us form a better partnership between school and home by answering the questions in this <u>SURVEY</u>.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

As the 2022-23 program year comes to an end for part-year families, I wanted to remind you that Family Support Specialists will be in contact with families throughout the summer and are available to support you with resources and referrals.

As summer approaches, you're probably already thinking about how to keep your child engaged and learning outside of the classroom. This link to <u>Story Sparks</u> provides some simple prompts that get children's imaginations going. They provide families with opportunities to share, listen, and even collaborate to create a story together. Created by family engagement experts at ParentPowered, Story Sparks are available in English and Spanish for PK-8th grade families <u>Story Sparks Spanish Version</u>

Library Card Day at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery! For one day only, **JUNE 3, 2023,** admission to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is FREE when you show your library card. The museum is located at 2600 DeWeese Parkway, Dayton 45414 and is open from 9 am to 5 pm. Library staff will be on hand to help any patron sign up for a library card. Youth can also register onsite for a Summer Challenge reading and learning program.

Deeds Carillon Concerts 2023, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton 45409 FREE to the public, Deeds Carillon has concerts performed by award-winning carilloneur Larry Weinstein scheduled on the below dates. Dates are subject to change so be sure to check their website for updates.

- Sunday, June 4, 2023 3:00 PM
- Sunday, June 11, 2023 3:00 PM
- Saturday, June 24, 2023 3:00 PM
- Sunday, June 25, 2023 3:00 PM



In partnership with The Food Bank, Inc. CareSource has announced that a food distribution event will take place on Thursday, June 8 from 10 am to 12 pm at 2275 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood, 45426 (in the former site of Salem Mall).

The Salvation Army Kroc Center Dayton has announced Read & Feed events scheduled for every Monday at 11:30 am during the months of June and July. Participants will enjoy FREE lunch and a FREE book. The events will be held at Stuart Patterson Park in Dayton. A special guest will read a new book each week. June 5, 12, & 26 and July 10, 17, & 24.

If you know of any families interested in enrolling their child in Head Start or Early Head Start, please have them call us at 937-2ENROLL or refer them to www.mvcdc.org. Click HERE for enrollment information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Male Involvement Fishing Field Trip	June 1	9:30 am- 12:30 pm	Delco Park 1700 Delco Park Drive, 45420
Library Card Day Boonshoft Museum of Discovery	June 3	9 am-5 pm	Boonshoft Museum of Discovery 2600 DeWeese Parkway 45414
Food Distribution	June 8	10 am-12 pm	2275 Shiloh Springs Rd, 45426

Groundwork Ohio has amplified many voices calling for Ohio policymakers to invest in programs that will benefit young children and make Ohio stronger. And now, they need to hear from the people who are experiencing the child care and early learning crisis in Ohio everyday: FAMILIES.

If you believe that Ohio should invest in young children and families through the biennial budget process, please sign on to this letter.

Signing this letter matters. It will make a difference. Families deserve to be part of the conversation. We need your big voice for little kids. Please join us today so that Ohio's policymakers can hear from hundreds of voices around the state.

Please send this link to families that you know and ask them to join you and make their voices heard. The more names on the letter, the more our state policymakers will see the importance of these issues.

MVCDC 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.

Just a reminder that we will be **CLOSED on Monday, May 29** for Memorial Day. Have a great weekend!