### **Dear MVCDC Families**,

# We are excited to welcome all Part Year families to a new school year filled with opportunities to learn and engage!

Please make sure we have your correct email and the best phone numbers where we can reach you. Take a few minutes to review the following information so you have a good understanding of what to expect in the coming months. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Within the next 30 days, parents and guardians will be asked to complete the ASQ and ASQ-SE screenings. Because your child's first 5 years of life are so important, we want to help you provide the best start for your child. Your child's positive social emotional development forms a foundation for learning throughout life. As part of our service, we provide the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3™), and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2™) to help you keep track of your child's development and social-emotional development. Please click the below links for more information about these screenings.

What is ASQ-3 screening

What is ASQ-SE screening

We're so glad you are part of the MVCDC Head Start community. As a parent or guardian, you are a big part of your child's education. There are lots of ways for you to participate. When you do, you help your child learn and thrive! Here are a few things to know.

- ➤ **Keep in touch. Call or email.** It's important for families to be directly involved with their child's school. It is always okay to call the school. We want to hear from you!
- ➤ When should I call the school? Always call to let us know if your child will be late or absent. Call if you have any questions or concerns about your child. Call if you would like to share about your family or child. You might let the school know about any big changes happening in your family.
- > Check the school <u>calendar</u>. The school calendar lists everything that is happening at school. Knowing what's coming up helps you prepare and stay involved.
- ➤ Read communications from the school. We will communicate with you in lots of different ways. We may reach out about events or school closings through the ONE CALL NOW system. If you are able, bookmark our school webpage <a href="https://www.mvcdc.org">www.mvcdc.org</a>. It's full of important information.
- > How will the school communicate with me? Text or Email is one way we will communicate with you.

The Ohio Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice is hosting Kinship Day at The Capitol, Ohio Statehouse, on September 6, 2023 at 10 am. Register SOON because space is limited. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information and to register.



There is a FREE car seat giveaway for parents on Saturday, September 23 at Stepping Stones Childcare Center, 215 Burkhardt Avenue, Dayton 45403. This giveaway is for anyone needing a car seat or booster seat (does not go by income) and is open to families of all counties in Ohio. <a href="Per-registration">Pre-registration</a> is required. Click <a href="HERE">HERE</a> for more information and to pre-register.

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 <a href="https://www.mvcdc.org">www.mvcdc.org</a>.

Click <a href="https://www.mvcdc.org">HERE</a> for enrollment information.

**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.

## TENDANCE CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS! To those parents whose child/children didn't miss any days of school in August! Great job!!! Each day of school, your child builds relationships and learns important social skills like learning how to share. Keep up your child's perfect attendance!

If your child missed 1-2 days of school last month, don't let them miss out on an opportunity to get ahead. Try to catch up by making sure your child goes to school every day and doesn't miss more than 2 days this month!

Getting into the habit of daily attendance is more important than ever. It helps to:

- ✓ reduce stress
- ✓ make it easier to connect with friends and teachers
- ✓ support learning



It is a goal of MVCDC that every child enrolled achieves 85% attendance every month. Children are expected to be in attendance daily unless they are ill. We are working to make our school environment a place where everyone can be safe, healthy, and learning. We will do our best to listen and partner with you so that our children have a successful year. Please call us if you need help with attendance.

## Check out these great attendance resources for parents:

Attendance Works Chronic Absence Facts

http://vimeo.com/101425388

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

| Madison Home Base               | September 6  | 12:30-2:30 pm |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Orientation                     |              |               | 50 S. Main Street, London      |
| Dayton View                     | September 7  | 3:30-5 pm     | Dayton View                    |
| Orientation/Open House          |              |               | 1416 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton |
| Triple P                        | September 7  | 6-7:30 pm     |                                |
| The Power of Positive Parenting | -            | •             | click <u>HERE</u> to register  |
| Triple P                        | September 12 | 6-7:30 pm     |                                |
| Raising Responsible Teenagers   |              |               | click <u>HERE</u> to register  |

Just a reminder that we will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,

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