

Dear Families,

Thank you for acknowledging and celebrating our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week 2024. In addition to the outpouring of appreciation from the families, the administrative team organized fun activities each day for the teachers. A makeover of the teacher lounge, food and ice cream trucks, gift bags, and T-shirts culminated with a fun-filled carnival. Early childhood educators provide a foundation of love and nurturing for children's growth and development. Our teachers are committed to this work because they love our youngest learners.

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month.** Building healthy attachments to the caregivers they depend on to meet their physical and emotional needs is essential for children's mental health. For those attachments to be healthy, caregivers must take care of their own mental and emotional health. This month we are hosting Lunch and Learn sessions with mental health professionals for teachers and staff to discuss ways to support their mental health. Click on the links below for mental health resources for children and adults.

[Click here for resources to support young children.](#)

[Click here for resources for adults.](#)

### **Annual Auction Appreciation**

Thank you to the PTA for hosting a great event. It was heartwarming to see teachers, staff, and families fellowshiping and having fun on a night dedicated to supporting our children and school. We appreciate the room representatives who volunteered and created the beautiful baskets for our silent auction. We are grateful for the teachers and children who created unique, intricate, and fabulous works of art. Thank you, to the PTA Board members:

Anjali Khanna-Farber, President - Clairmont Campus

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Thank you to Ori Ukuku and Nora Oliver for being great MCs and to the teachers who walked through the crowd to display the art pieces. We appreciate everyone who bid on and purchased auction art pieces and baskets. The PTA dropped off a \$10,000 check raised from the annual auction! We are so grateful; we plan to use the funds to support our extracurricular programs.

### **Playground Updates**

We are excited to announce that we have enhanced the outside play areas at each site. We've added a gorgeous rubber surface to the Toddler II sand area at our Clairmont site. And at our Clifton Rd. site, we've added a plush rubber surface on the hillside to create an additional outside play area for our preschoolers. We have also installed new cameras on our toddler playgrounds. Playground updates and enhancements are one of our long-term strategic goals. We will continue to make major and minor improvements over the next few years.

Thank you to all the families and friends who assisted with planting in our raised garden beds on Earth Day. We look forward to harvesting delicious fruits and vegetables.

### **Important Dates**

- **Spring Pictures:** May 16-24. Class pictures will be taken in addition to individual photos. Your child's teacher will provide information about your child's specific picture day and time.
- **Bridging Ceremony:** The bridging ceremony is for children ages 3-5 who are moving on to Pre-K or Kindergarten programs outside of The Clifton School.
  - Clairmont, May 17 @ **10 AM** for GA Pre-K, and **11:00 AM** for Preschool.
  - Clifton, May 16 @ **11:30 AM** for GA Pre-K, and Preschool.

### **Summer Camp Orientation:**

- Senior Camp Orientation on May 22 at 12 PM via Zoom.
- Junior Camp Orientation on May 31 at 12 PM via Zoom.
- **TCS is closed on May 27-28 for Memorial Day Holiday.**

Best Regards,

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