



Your monthly guide to our school news, information and events.



LITTLE WONDERS' WONDERING MINDS

Jan - March 2019

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APPLE RE-ACCREDITATION

Our school three-day VERIFIER APPLE-REACCREDITATION visit was a tough, challenging and victorious experience.

APPLE, is a Gold Seal Certification in the Early Learning Education field, representing the highest standard obtainable in our vocation.

Miss Reeves, Lead Verifier for APPLE; after three rigorous full days of intense scrutiny, observations and evaluations, interviews and unannounced classroom assistance, put it into words, very clearly and precise. Regarding our school she stated: "...it doesn't get better than this"

Little Wonders was re-accredited for another five (5) years and uniquely passed the re-accreditation process with a final rating of 100%!!!!!!

Not at all a common achievement with this process! As a matter of fact, we were informed by a Quality Counts adviser, that she has never witnessed a school pass an APPLE accreditation with 100%!!!

THEREFORE, WE ARE PROUD.... VERY VERY PROUD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To celebrate and thank our terrific and fabulous teachers for their hard *and dedicated work...we invited everyone on Saturday, December the 1st, 2018 to dine and drinks at LOS RANCHOS AT THE FALLS...*

It was a fun and wonderful night full of lots of love and laughter!!!



WELCOME 2019!

Best regards our wonderful Little Wonders families!

Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Three King's Day and everything else in between!

Hoping this holiday season as been everything you expected and more!

Lots of health, love, world peace, laughter and joy for 2019!!!



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR 2018!!!

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

OUR PRECIOUS MISS V (Vanchae Rollins)... WAS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2018!!!! CONGRATULATIONS for a job WELL DONE!!! We are proud to have you as a part of the LITTLE WONDERS' FAMILY!!!

REGISTRATION BEGINS JAN 1ST

Our Summer Camp Program will begin on Monday June 10th, 2019.

As of this writing we have only eighteen (18) Enrollment slots available. Registration will be provided on a FIRST COME...FIRST SERVE BASIS!!



REMEMBERING ALBA

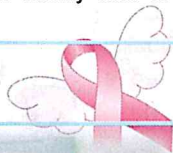
We would like to take a moment to remember and dedicate a few words for Miss Alba Castano.... passing on the 20th of August, 2018.

Our beloved PreSchool teacher, for so many years at Little Wonders, was loved by all!! Alba LOVED children...was creative...passionate...warm ...kind and generous to a fault with her students!

She was a classy act! We will forever remember you and keep you safely stored in our hearts!

Resilience, strength and love to her family and love ones!

May she forever rest in peace!



SANTA'S VISIT AND SUCCESSFULL TOY DRIVE

Santa Claus came to Little Wonders' from the North Pole to visit our children on Thursday, December 13th, 2018. Professional photos and videos were taken. A Christmas gift to all our families...

It was an emotional and mesmerizing experience and one that will forever remain engraved in our hearts. The children loved every second of the event!

By the same token, the school's TOY DRIVE was a HUGE success!!!

Our toys were donated to much needed organizations and distributed to three much needed causes.

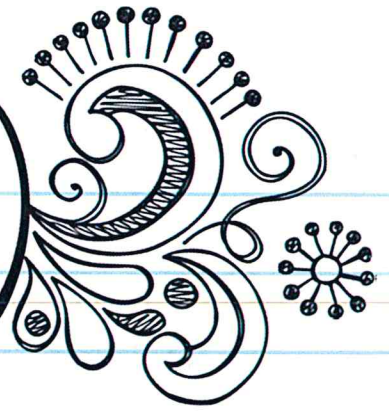
THE LOTUS HOUSE (the only women's shelter in Dade that takes in moms with children)..Other toys were donated to a very poor community in Medellin, Columbia and Don Bosco Catholic Church Orphanage for the poor. Photos enclosed for your enjoyment.

We thank all our generous and kind families for their out pouring of love and compassion...those parents who donated many toys...thanks a bunch!!!!!!!



PROGRESS REPORTS

Immediate improvements on the report card and test scores!



Progress Reports will be provided to Parents for children over the age of two (2) years.

Please make certain you sign them after reading them and return to your child's teacher. As such, at the end of the school year (June 2019) ...you will receive the final Progress Report for the year and you will be able to compare your child's milestone achievements and academic progress since the year started.....as well as keep the reports for Memories.....

Should you wish to discuss your child's Developmental Progress Reports with their teacher, please feel free to request a Parent-Teacher conference with Mari/Dayana and/or your child's Teacher.

For our VPK STUDENTS, their official second assessment results will be registered in the EARLY LEARNING COALITION'S on line site. VPK parents will receive in writing the VPK ASSESSMENT results for you to read and keep.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Our VPK GRADUATION CEREMONY will be held at the DADELAND MARRIOT HOTEL on Sunday June 2nd, 2019 at 3PM till 5PM...Additional details will follow.....!!!!!!

VPK STUDENT FOR SCHOOL TERM

8/2019 – 6/2020



Little Wonders' students, who will be four (4) years old by September 1st, 2019, are eligible for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

This service is provided by the Federal Government together with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade.

You can learn more about the federally funded program by logging on to VPKHELP.ORG.

The Parent Portal will guide you on how to obtain your child's COE for enrollment in our next VPK SCHOOL YEAR.

At Little Wonders, VPK availability spaces, are few and precious...therefore, we secure these enrollment slots for our current alumni's. As of Jan 2019, you will be able to begin the process to obtain your child's COE. Immediately upon obtaining your child's COE, please submit to Mari, Dayana and/or Barbie.

Submitting a COE for your child, will be the only method to secure your child's VPK slot in our VPK 2019 School Term. The deadline for the submission of your COE will be on April 12th, 2019. If COE has not been received by this date, your child is not guaranteed a VPK slot. Any additional information needed or assistance. please reach out to Davana and/or Mari!

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Mila C, Jordyn D, Taylor P, Emma R, Jacob U, Thiago C, James G, Gemma H, Zoey L-R, Ethan M, Sebastian T, Adriano C, Lucas C, Grayson G, Skylar H, Jax G, Ava M, Abigail S, Isaac R, Jack H, Scarlett H, Lainey L, Braden W, Emma B-L

WELCOME NEW

STAFF MEMBERS

Miss Juliana, Miss Norka, Miss Paola, Miss Mari, Miss Naomi



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos were a HUGE SUCCESS... AS ALWAYS!!!

Parents were happy as can be and our students looked like movie stars! Thanks for those who participated!!

HEALTH ALERT

There have been (38) cases of Hepatitis A diagnosed recently in the United States.

Please make certain you discuss with your pediatrician if your child has received all their Hepatitis Vaccination Immunization shots!!!!

A special message from Ileana



Dear Beloved Families:

How can I ever thank every one of you enough for the happiness, fulfillment and joy I have received in being your Center Director for so many, many wonderful years?

It would be impossible to articulate what I have obtained from you, your families, your children, in addition to the privilege of serving you in so many capacities; as a leader, a mentor, a friend and many a times, even a shoulder to cry on.

My journey at Little Wonders' has provided me many life lessons...all these lessons have ultimately been very beneficial and life altering!

How to be passionate and determined in whatever you decide to do in life, are among the top two life lessons!

As if the means have not justified the ends enough, I have also been extremely fortunate to have the honor of passing "the baton" to Mari...who will fill my shoes very well; with lots of hard work and so much of her love for all our families.

Little Wonders, having risen from the ground up; created with determination, tears of blood, resilience, hard work and strong convictions. Now, LW represents one of the top quality, well respected and finest Learning Centers in the county. It is not by chance.

Our program, second to none...is what it is, as a result of all our families, your loyalty, your belief in us, your trust and confidence in us with your most treasured possession...your kids!

Our staff, who unselfishly give of themselves to nurture, teach and care for your children every day; with limitless love, patience and total dedication...is priceless.

At the end of this journey, one realizes how blessed and miraculous, a once in a life time opportunity such as this has been for me.... all these moments, stored forever and ever in my heart and memory for eternity!

While continuing my next journey with similar desire, enthusiasm, passion and determination. I will always remain indebted to you all, for giving me a chance!

Most people only need one chance...and great achievements may result!

I thank you humbly for that one chance! I hope I did you all proud!

All my appreciation and gratitude forever...

ILEANA TOMASELLI

NEW PARENT REFERRALS

Our favorite new parent encounters are when these potential LW families are referred by current families attending LW!

This represents a wonderful feeling of knowing our parents are very happy and want to spread the word! THANKS!!! We don't take these referrals for granted! We are forever grateful! As a small token of our appreciation, we gift our parents a free tuition week. This is for you to use when you wish. You are eligible in receiving the free week, after the new parents have been attending LW for (4) weeks!

LITTLE WONDERS will be closed Monday, January 21st, 2019 in honor of Martin Luther King.

School will reopen Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 as usual. Tuition weekly payments due in their entirety for the week.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2019

- January 1, 2019 – New Years
- January 21st – Martin Luther King
- February 18th, President's Day
- May 27th, Memorial Day
- July 4th, Independence Day
- September 2nd, Labor Day
- November 11th, Veteran's Day
- November 28th, Thanksgiving
- November 29th, Day after Thanksgiving
- December 24th, Christmas Eve
- December 25th, Christmas Day
- December 31st, New Year's Eve



FRIENDLY REMINDERS



DON'T FORGET

TUITION PAYMENTS ARE DUE MONDAY MORNINGS

Please sign in and out your child with your name and last name.

NO CELLPHONES ARE TO BE USED IN THE SCHOOL

Little Wonders closes by 6:30pm. All children are to be picked up by 6:10pm the latest for the school to be cleaned and disinfected.

NON POTTY TRAINED STUDENTS ARE TO BRING A PACK OF BABY WIPES ON MONDAY MORNINGS

Make certain you let us know, upon drop off; if your child was ill, taken to Urgent Care and/or provided any medication prior to coming to school. This allows us to give better care and observe your child as needed.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. THIS INCLUDES SCHOOL JACKET.

All children are to be held by their hands until such time they are inside the school and when being picked up, until such time they are inside their car seats.

MAKE CERTAIN YOUR VEHICLE IS PARKED CORRECTLY IN AN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE DURING DROP OFF/PICK UP. AS WELL AS PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE AND DO NOT LEAVE HANDBAGS/PERSONAL VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE. THIS TARGETS YOU AS A PERFECT CANDIDATE FOR A "SMASH AND GRAB" BREAK IN, A COMMON CRIME PLANNED AT MANY SCHOOLS, PARKS, DAYCARES.



PLEASE EMAIL/CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE COMING TO SCHOOL AND ALSO LET US KNOW THE REASON OF THE ABSENTEEISM

Make certain you maintain your child's blue and yellow medical forms updated and current.

Not having a current and updated blue and yellow medical form, may represent a FIRST CLASS VIOLATION by DCF.

Little Wonders will not submit themselves to this type of citation knowingly. Therefore, your forms should be kept current.

DUE TO LIMITED PARKING SLOTS DURING RUSH HOUR, PLEASE DO NOT PROLONG YOUR DROP OFF AND PICK UP VISIT. AS SUCH, YOU ALLOW OTHER PARENTS THE COURTESY OF HAVING ACCESSIBILITY TO PARKING SPACE AS WELL.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

DON'T FORGET

PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT BRING JUNK FOOD/COOKIES/SUGARY TREATS FOR BREAKFAST AND SNACK. WE ENCOURAGE HEALTHY EATING AND A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST TO START THE DAY OFF CORRECTLY!

Please make certain all HOMEWORK NOTEBOOKS are turned in by the Friday after they are distributed on the Monday before. If you would like to speak and meet with your children's teacher...please let us know...this may easily be arranged!

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, FROM THE 3 YEAR OLD CLASS AND UP.

WHEN A CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL ONE DAY OF ALL FIVE DAYS OF A WEEK, THE FULL TUITION IS DUE. WHEN THE CHILD IS OUT THE ENTIRE WEEK; ONLY HALF OF THE TUITION IS DUE.

If your children in the SCHOOL READINESS ELC program, please be aware of the program's expiration date and send re-determined package timely. If your child is taken off the program or your case is closed, they will not be re-opening your case. This program is a privilege to have.... not an obligation.

ALL CHILDREN IN CLASSES FROM PRESCHOOL II AND ABOVE ARE TO BE IN SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE 09:00AM. WE TRY NOT TO INTERRUPT THE CLASSES WHILE IN SESSION. THE SHORT ATTENTION SPAN OF THE CHILDREN IS LIMITED AND IT DISRUPTS TEACHERS, CHILDREN (CONT...) page 6

AND THE CLASS WHILE IN PROGRESS. TEACHERS NEED TO BEGIN THE CLASS ALL OVER AGAIN WHEN YOUR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF LATE AND START ONCE AGAIN...IT IS NOT FAIR TO THE PARENTS/CHILDREN THAT DO PUT IN THE EFFORT AND ARE PUNCTUAL.

*Always remember we are there available, eager and willing to help, speak and resolve any issues you may have...just ASK!!! Hugs for everyone!!!
Let's have a great year!...*

*ILEANA...MARI...
DAYANA...BARBIE*

