

## MISSION STATEMENT

As a community-based education program, Discovery Gardens pledges to provide a safe, diverse, enthusiastic and inclusive learning environment, where the number one focus is meeting the individual needs of each child, while providing support for our families.



# Our Family Garden: Discover the News!

August 2020

## Quick Reminders

- **DG parents, please make sure that you keep in contact with your center director, so you may get the most current information available.**
- If at all possible, please bring your children before 10 AM. It helps to keep class disruptions to a minimum.
- **Please remember that warmer weather is upon us and your child(ren) will need sunblock.**
- Friend us on Facebook so that we can get you added to the "Parents of Discovery Gardens" page where you can see daily pictures and updates on what your child is doing!
- Please remember to wash your child(ren)s hands, to keep infection to a minimum.
- **Please don't forget to follow the most current COVID-19 procedures, upon drop off and pick up of your child(ren).**



## Tips For You!

### Building A Great Relationship With Your Child

Want to be a great parent? Want to raise a happy, healthy, well-behaved kid? Want to live in a home where discipline becomes unnecessary? The secret is to create a closer connection with your child.

1. Start right for a firm foundation. ...
2. Remember that all **relationships** take work. ...
3. Prioritize time with **your child**. ...
4. Start with trust, the foundation of every good **relationship**. ...
5. Encourage, Encourage, Encourage. ...
6. Remember that respect must be mutual. ...

<https://www.ahaparenting.com/parenting-tools/connection/building-relationship>

## Celebrate the Date!

### August

Happy Birthday to:  
Gloria (7<sup>th</sup>), Alake (10<sup>th</sup>),  
Ashley (17<sup>th</sup>),  
Celeste (23<sup>rd</sup>)!

Happy Anniversary to:  
Rosina (1<sup>st</sup>) - 1 year,  
Yesica (20<sup>th</sup>) - 2 years!

### September

Happy Birthday to:  
Saysha (8<sup>th</sup>),  
Tennyson (10<sup>th</sup>)!

Happy Anniversary to:  
None this month!

## Save the Date!

### Closures:

Training / Holidays:

August 21<sup>st</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

## Discovery Gardens Kenton



### **Management Staff**

Sheila Kilpatrick (Executive Director/Owner)

Roberto Soto (Director of Admin):

[Roberto@discoverygardenschildcare.com](mailto:Roberto@discoverygardenschildcare.com)

Sanita LaGrone (HR and Billing):

[sanita@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:sanita@childcarediscovery.com)

### **Kenton**

Alake Patterson (Director):

[alakepatterson@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:alakepatterson@childcarediscovery.com)

Infant Room: [carebears2016@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:carebears2016@childcarediscovery.com)

Wobbler Room: [wildwobblers@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:wildwobblers@childcarediscovery.com)

Toddler Room: [toddlerRus@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:toddlerRus@childcarediscovery.com)

Preschool Room: [littlemepreschool@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:littlemepreschool@childcarediscovery.com)

## From Kenton:

Hello families!

We know this pandemic puts a sour taste in all of our mouths, so we decided to focus on something super sweet – Ice Cream!!!

We would like to encourage parents to try new ice cream at home and even make it, using creative, healthy ingredients like bananas and yogurt.

We will be scooping up knowledge all August long!

## Toddler/Wobbler Class

Our Wobblers will be learning how ice cream is made: from cow to cone, even making it by hand, in individual bags.

## Preschool A

Ice cream flavors are a great tool for preschoolers to practice colors, patterns and numbers. As well as, learning about amounts and hot and cold. They will also be exploring the letters of their name, through songs and art.

## Happy National VEEP Day!

### **The History of VEEP Day**

Aug. 9 is recognized as National Veep Day, a day set aside to give recognition to the succession plan of the president of the United States. It is listed on the National Day Calendar because Aug. 9, 1974, is the day Vice President Gerald Ford became the 38<sup>th</sup> U.S. president upon the resignation of President Richard Nixon. Perhaps the most noteworthy fact about Ford's succeeding Nixon to the Oval Office is that Ford is the only U.S. president to have never been elected to either the vice presidency or presidency. He did serve in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Michigan's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for 25 years. He attained the office of House Minority Leader before being tapped as vice president as a result of Spiro Agnew resigning from that office. <https://lansingbusinessnews.com/business-news-today/2019/08/celebrate-national-veep-day-with-a-toast-to-gerald-ford/>

## Infant Class

Frozen pom poms will be a sensory treat for the infants, as they practice their fine motor skills. As well as, their sign language and touches.





## Discovery Gardens Columbia Knoll

### **Columbia Knoll:**

Sonya Noil (Director): [Sonya@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:Sonya@childcarediscovery.com)

Infant Room: [CKinfant@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:CKinfant@childcarediscovery.com)

Wobbler Room: [CKwobbler@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:CKwobbler@childcarediscovery.com)

Toddler Room: [CKtoddler@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:CKtoddler@childcarediscovery.com)

Preschool Room: [CKpreschool@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:CKpreschool@childcarediscovery.com)

### **From Columbia Knoll**

Hello Families!

PreK:

This month, we are focusing on shapes and building shapes, with different materials, along with ABC's and numbers.

Toddlers:

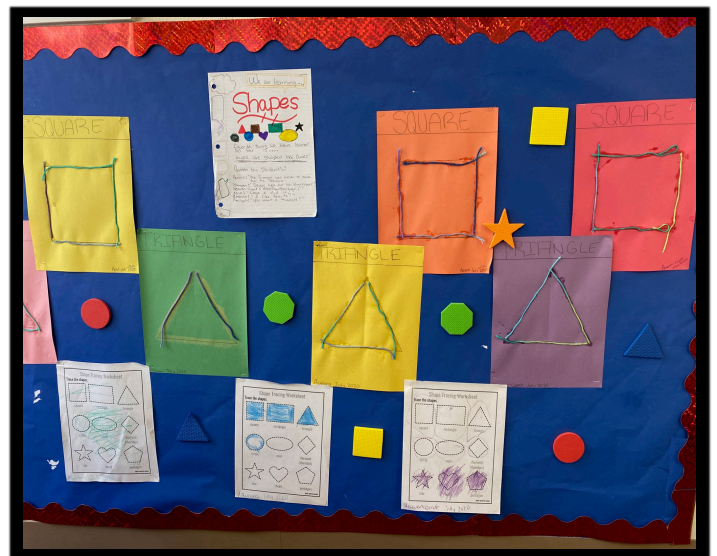
The focus will be on sharing, taking turns, primary colors, and animals.



**Toddlers Create!**



**PreK Room**



**Infant/Wobbler Room**

*Discovery Gardens Lombard*

**Lombard:**

Kim Kingsella (Director): [kim@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:kim@childcarediscovery.com)

Infant Room: [LInfant@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:LInfant@childcarediscovery.com)

Wobbler Room: [LWobbler@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:LWobbler@childcarediscovery.com)

Toddler Room: [LToddler@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:LToddler@childcarediscovery.com)

Preschool Room: [LPreschool@childcarediscovery.com](mailto:LPreschool@childcarediscovery.com)

# Happy August!!!

# Hello Families,

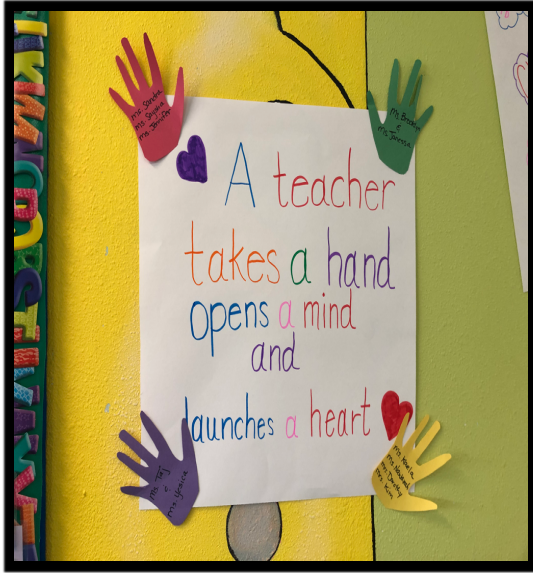
Letter from the Director:

Discovery Gardens Lombard celebrated our Teachers and Staff, July 17th!!! We had typical deep clean day, we stopped and celebrated all of teachers and staff! We catered to their every need that day by cooking a feast for them of: Homemade Beef Stew, Homemade Mac and Cheese, Salad, Cupcakes, Red Vines, and Beverages.

To top things off each teacher received a goodie basket of things to care for themselves. Little things like a water bottle, Fgi water, Coconut lip balm, candy, 8 colored pens in one from the 90's a notebook. we then talked and played some games and had a small staff meeting. We only spent about 3 hours together but each teacher was paid for the full day.

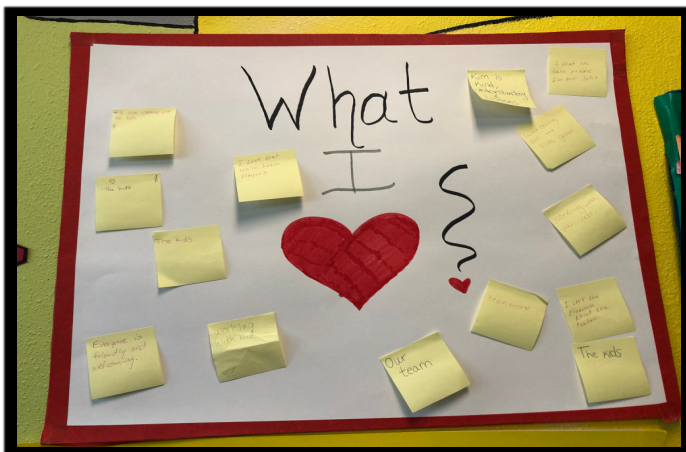
We love our teachers and staff and appreciate them so much, for the hard work they do, everyday. They take care of the most precious thing in our world, our children. What we do for them, today and how we treat them and raise them, will make them into the adults that take care of us, tomorrow. Our teachers are working harder than ever. Please take the time to tell them, "Thank you"! They are so important to us and we need to remind them, everyday, that they never go unnoticed!

Thank you for all you do for your children and for our staff. We greatly appreciate your smiles and words of encouragement and especially seeing you and your child's faces everyday!



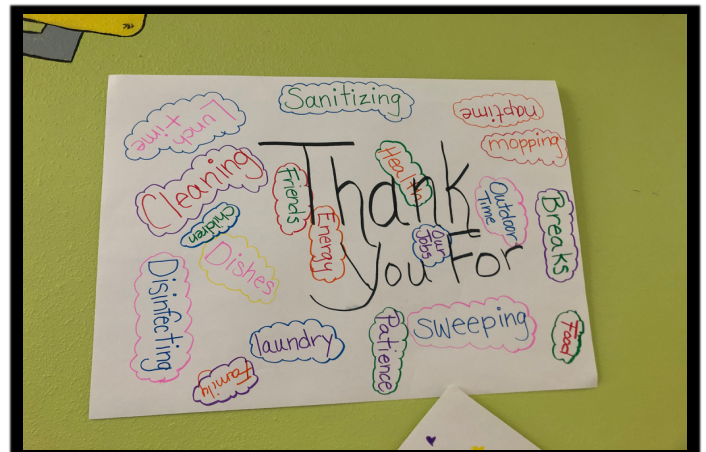
## Infant Room

Summer is here!!!! Please make sure your child has sunscreen. NO SPRAYS OR PUMPS!!! Lotions only! Only our Toddler and Preschool classes may go outside due to Covid restrictions. Only these classes need sunscreen. Our next closure day is August 21st. Please be sure to read my weekly updates. This email provides you with the latest happenings, at your school!



## Toddler Class

Summer is here!!!! Please make sure your child has sunscreen. NO SPRAYS OR PUMPS!! Lotions only! Only our Toddler and Preschool classes may go outside due to Covid restrictions. Only these classes need sunscreen. Our next closure day is August 21st. Please be sure to read my weekly updates. This email provides you with the latest happenings, at your school!



## PreK Class