

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!

September 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!

Keeping your little one in bed

3-year old children need about 11 hours at night with a 1.5 hours nap. Once they give up the nap, they still need about 11 to 12 hours at night until they're about 8 years old, when they require about .5 hours less. A child learns lots of different ways to creep back into your bed at night.

1. A child may say he/she needs a drink, a snack, or is scared or lonesome.
2. Or he'll say, "I can't sleep."
3. Your child is always testing your limits.

It is easy to give in and let your child into your bed. But, you are not doing yourself or your child any favors. Children need to learn to sleep on their own.

Find more information at:

<https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/child-in-bed/>

Celebrate the Date!

September

Happy Birthday To:
None this month!

Happy Anniversary To:
None this month!

October

Happy Birthday to:
Dorothy (15th)!

Happy Anniversary to:
Roberto (2nd) - 3 Years!
Kim (7th) - 1 Year!
Eternity (12th) - 3 Years!
Elaine (25th) - 5 Years!
Alake (28th) - 4 Years!

Save the Date!

Closures:

Training / Holidays:

September 7th & 18th

October 16th

Discovery Gardens Kenton



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Happy Labor Day!

Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters.

In the late 1800s, at the height of the **Industrial Revolution** in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. More at: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day-1>

Infant Class

Big news in the infant room this month! Our older babies have grown so much - Standing and even taking steps. This month is all about self- exploration - Mirrors are a great way for babies to learn who they are, as well as other fun ways like singing head, shoulders, knees and toes and learning the sign for mom and dad. The babies will be focused on learning the color blue and continue exploring new sensory play, such as water, shaving cream and paint.

From Kenton:

Hello families!

Please let us know if you have any questions about the classroom and/or any activities that might be taking place. Monday, 21 September some of our infants will be ready to transition after each room is deep-cleaned.

We would also like to ask each family for updated family photos. They can be of siblings, pets, grandparents, or anyone you consider family. Let's have a great self-exploration September!

Toddler/Wobbler Class

Wobblers will be working on furthering their self-help skills - Learning to put on their coats using the flip method, as well as their shoes and socks.

Wobblers are also celebrating Johnny Appleseed - Exploring the different parts of an apple, as well as the texture, flavors and colors.

Preschool A

Preschoolers will be learning about themselves, their family, their friends and their community. Exploring their emotions through books, songs and breathing techniques - As well as what makes them individuals, by expressing their favorite things, their family traditions and other things that make them who they are. They will be focused on the letters of their name as well as their birthday and their full name.



Discovery Gardens Columbia Knoll



Toddlers Create!

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From Columbia Knoll

Hello Families!

Our theme for September is: All about me! Please bring a family photo so we can include into our learning.

PreK:

We will be doing reflection painting, with the use of mirrors.

We will play with the colors like me – Rainbow art, with hand prints and foot prints.

We will use: My body outline, with sidewalk chalk, prints, and collages.

Toddlers:

We will continue to focus on sharing, taking turns, primary colors, and counting 1-10.



PreK Room



Infant/Wobbler Room

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Infant Room

We have updated the classrooms with new floor mats. We replaced the rugs with washable cute floor mats that are more cleanable. They are washed and sanitized daily.

We are also taking every precaution to make sure your child's classroom is cleaned and sanitized.

Please make sure that you have at least 5 masks for your child to keep at school if he/she is 3 years old or older. They must have a new mask if they take theirs off or when they eat / wake from naptime. If you have any questions please call me.



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Happy September!!!

Hello Families,

Letter from the Director:

Hello families! We are so excited to welcome our friends and family back to school! We are so excited for September to arrive! Our new theme this month is "All About Me." I want to encourage you to help make an "All About Me" poster with your child if you have not already done so. Some things we will be learning about in this unit are: My favorite food, color, ect, My family, My Body, Where I live, Name recognition, Self portraits and more! This is one of my favorite themes and is fun to get families involved in. Look for emails from me with great ideas to do at home and more!

Upcoming dates:

School will be closed on September 7th and 18th

Move up day – September 21st

Dress up Day – September 30th – TBD

Please remember, if your child is not feeling well and has a cough and/or fever please keep them home and call me. (971 400 8816)

Lastly, welcome to DG Kindergarten Rosie and DJ! We hope to help start your first few months of Kindergarten off with a bang! Thank you families, for all you do and for allowing us at the Lombard DG be part of your family.

Warmly,

Mrs. Kim and the Lombard Team



PreK Class