



ELIZABETH MASCIA CHILD CARE CENTER

Summer Newsletter 2018

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BENEFACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ATTENDEES

EMCCC is so fortunate for the continuing support of the Center. Tuition alone cannot sustain us, so it is with deep and continuing gratitude that we have received grant money from a host of sources including funds from our Annual Appeal, Gala, Golf Outing, and additional contributions.

For all of 2018, an anonymous donor has pledged to match all our donations up to \$50,000. This remarkable gesture will greatly enhance our programming for all the children.

Thank you as well to our volunteers. We had a fun Volunteer Day in April when we cleaned out sheds, raked leaves, and painted cabinets and walls.

Much appreciation to all those who attended our very rainy day Music Festival. In spite of the weather, it was a highly successful event.

MOVING UP, MOVING ON

On June 19, 21, and 22, three of the preschool classes separately celebrated the unofficial end of the school year by offering modest commencement ceremonies. It was an opportunity for the children to stand tall and proud before their parents and friends to celebrate their achievements of the past year.

Each child shone as brightly as the sun. It was an opportunity to close out the school year, to welcome the summer, to congratulate those children moving on to kindergarten, and to say goodbye to some of them for the summer, and others perhaps forever.

The children sang a few songs, displayed their artwork, and showed off what they accomplished this past year via photographs and a slide show presentation.



SUMMER FUN



Each July and August, we offer school-aged children a unique opportunity to attend our summer program.

This summer our program includes a wealth activities including Monday Sports with Juan, trips to the Mariandale pool, Oakland Beach, the New York Botanical Gardens, visits from the Nature of Things, visits from the Steffi Nossen School of Dance, tennis lessons with Mitch and weekly swim lessons at the Tarrytown Y. Ray the librarian will enchant us with stories and facts on Thursdays.

Ybi Acosta has been leading the summer program for many years. Ybi and her staff have planned a summer full of "Fiesta, Let's Party" fun for the summer weeks. The children will cook, do art projects, and have many outdoor activities that will enhance their social and cognitive development.

Under consideration for the summer of 2019 is to offer children entering kindergarten an opportunity to partake in our Summer Program.

BEFORE SCHOOL HIATUS

The before school program has just finished another successful year and will be in hibernation until September. During the school year a small group of school age children came to EMCCC each morning as early as 7:00 am, had breakfast, in some instances rushed to finish homework assignments that should have been done the day before, crammed in last minute studying, and waited with EMCCC staff member Michelle on for their school busses to arrive. They had fun throughout the year predicting the times of bus arrivals, the direction the bus would come from, and if a substitute driver would be behind the wheel. They happily greeted the EMCCC toddlers and preschoolers as they arrived to start the day. We wish a happy summer to all.



**SAVE THE DATE:
EMCCC GALA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018
ABIGAIL KIRSCH AT TAPPAN HILL**

