

From the Director's Desk

On May 15 Childgarden will officially open our new infant and toddler room! The new Sunflowers classroom will be home to four infants and four toddlers. The new room will assist in accommodating some of the families on our infant wait list, which now extends into March of 2018! Two of the teachers for that classroom have already joined our team. They are spending time in the current infant and toddler rooms becoming familiar with the Childgarden staff and routines. Please feel free to stop by after the May 15 to see the new space!

-Debbie

Tuesday, April 25 - Last Day for Raffle

Tickets for the "Superhero Raffle" will be sold through Tuesday, April 25. Mollie will pick the winning ticket on Friday, so it's not too late to participate and support Childgarden!



Celebrating the Week of the Young Child

Today kicks off The Week of the Young Child! We have posted reminders of the week's events in both the front and back hallways. The teachers could use assistance with the following events:

- Each classroom will decorate shirts with and for the children. Please bring a white t-shirt during the week.

- We invite families to bring unique fruits to be added to a fruit salad classes will make for snack on Tuesday.
- If you have any boxes, we would be thrilled to add them to our collection for "construction day" on Wednesday.



Friday, April 28 Family Fun Night

Our family fun night will wrap up The Week of The Young Child on Friday, April 28. Tim Bradbury, Vice President of Comprehensive Services at the St. Louis Arc, has once again, graciously agreed to bar-b-que hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs. We will also have a large salad, fruit, and cookies. We invite families to bring a side dish or dessert that is representative of your culture to add to the buffet. Please provide a list of the ingredients to accompany your dish. As always, in addition to dinner, the halls will be filled with a variety of activities for children of all ages!

Children Around the World

The theme of The Week of the Young Child is "children around the world". We invite families to stop by the large map in the front hall and add a pin, showing their family's place of origin. It's very exciting to see the diversity represented in our Childgarden community!

May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week

During the week of May 1-5 Childgarden will celebrate teacher appreciation week. If you are interested in assisting with a teacher appreciation lunch during that week, please email [Debbie](#).



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to Khalil Lowery, who celebrates her first year at Childgarden on May 9.



Save the Date

Picture day is around the corner!

Infants and Toddlers - Monday, May 9
Two's and Preschool - Tuesday, May 10

We are still waiting to hear back from Lifetouch to verify the need of a parent helper again this year. Last year the parent volunteer receives a discount on their child's pictures. Please let [Debbie](#) know if you are interested in assisting with picture day on either date.

Show Us Your Pets

Our Business Manager Linda is starting a special project and needs your help. Linda is creating a photo wall to display in her office of your child or children with their pets. If your child has a dog, cat, or other special pet, please bring her a photo of them together. Please also include the names of the pets in the photo. Thank you very much for your time and consideration and feel free to stop by the office to see the photo wall.



Planting Day Rescheduled

This past Saturday was too cold for us to hold our spring planting day. We will let families know as soon as possible when we have a new date scheduled.

A Super Success

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the Superheroes for Kids event on April 20. Nearly 350 people were in attendance for this exciting, high energy event, all in support of Children's services!

A special thank you to the Merys-Mahaffey and Mueller families for their willingness to be interviewed and for so genuinely sharing their support of Childgarden. [Watch](#) the Superheroes for Kids video now.
