

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood Villages

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Amidst the chaos of our daily lives, it's easy to forget the incredible impact that gratitude can have. As we navigate the intricate relationships within our early education environments - with the families, fellow children, and colleagues - let us remember the power of gratitude. By expressing thankfulness, we can foster strong, supportive bonds and create a positive learning atmosphere for our young students.

In this issue, we will embark on a journey of gratitude, exploring how it can enrich our lives. From the scientific benefits to the practical strategies for creating a culture of thankfulness, we will uncover how expressing and receiving gratitude can transform our early education communities. Join us in this quest for greater appreciation, and let us discover the power of gratitude together.

Let's take a moment to cherish the people we love and those we work with. We can share our experiences and insights with them and appreciate all they bring to our lives. Gratitude is a powerful tool that can enhance our relationships, uplift our spirits, and foster a more harmonious and enriching environment for our families, children, and colleagues.

In this newsletter, we hope to inspire and enlighten you about the profound significance of gratitude in our early education spaces. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community as we explore gratitude this month.

Alina Lopez Thomas
Senior Director of the Neighborhood

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Neighborhood Community of Practice Session

Our next Operation Manager and
Family Navigator COP will be:

Date: Thursday, November 30,
2023

Location: Ellis Early Learning
58 Berkeley Street, Boston MA
02116

Time: 10:00am-12:30PM



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



We had a fantastic time during our **October Family Navigation and Community of Practice Meeting at East Boston Social Centers**. Your warm hospitality made us feel at home, and we couldn't stop raving about the delicious breakfast spread. We were impressed by your infant toddler space's unique and innovative infant buggies, which were simply brilliant! The program tour was excellent, and we appreciated seeing the Early Education program in the same building as a senior housing complex, efficiently using the space. Thank you once again for your incredible hospitality!

Thank you to **Michele D'Ambrosio**, the Director of Early Learning Programs, for providing delicious food and space. Your dedication to creating a nurturing environment for children is inspiring. Special thanks to **Krysten Buccella**, the Program Director, for the beautiful tour of East Boston-Marion Street and **Justin Pasquariello**, the Executive Director, for the warm welcome and commitment to the East Boston Social Service mission. Special Gratitude to **Pamella Saco, Family Navigator**, and **Ashley Taylor, Operation Manager**, for arranging our visit and welcoming all of us as colleagues.

Thank you for the informative and inspiring visit. We're grateful for the opportunity to learn from your impactful organization. We are looking forward to continued collaboration!

Fun Facts in Teaching and Learning

The Toddler Curriculum Blogs

Discover the New Toddler Curriculum that has taken classrooms by storm! Our expert coaches have worked tirelessly with educators and children in many toddler classrooms to create a compelling and engaging curriculum. If you're curious about how we developed it, check out our latest Toddler curriculum blogs. Written by Sarah Elahi, the Curriculum Project Manager at Neighborhood Villages, these two-minute blog reads will inspire you. We believe in this curriculum's power and are confident it will transform how toddlers learn. With ten blogs, start with the first one, "Exploring the Toddler Curriculum: A Motivating Journey." ***Read the blogs on www.neighborhoodvillages.org***



**“Early Childhood Education is the key to the betterment of society.” -
Maria Montessori**





Winter Wonder Fest 2023

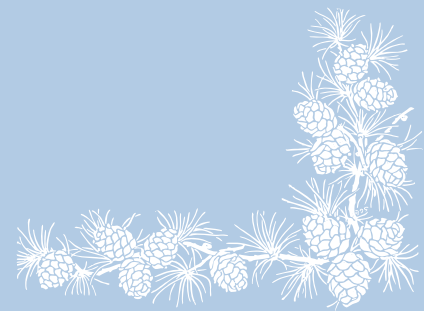
Hear ye, hear ye!

A grand invitation is extended to the cherished families of our neighborhood. Behold, the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Villages Winter Wonder Fest awaits, a celebration of merriment, wonder, and delight.

Indulge in the taste of hot cocoa and savor the sweetness of treats beyond compare. The bounteous giving of toys, books, and other essentials shall be bestowed upon thee, a treasure trove of joy.

The younglings shall revel in enchantment with sensory tables, winter crafts, and face painting. Capture the memories of this magical realm with a click of a button in the photo booth. At the heart of this festival, a storyteller weaves tales of wonder, and a DJ summons all to dance at the Community Family dance party.

Join us in this wondrous realm of winter bliss, and let us craft memories that shall warm the soul for many moons to come.



English Translation



JOIN US!

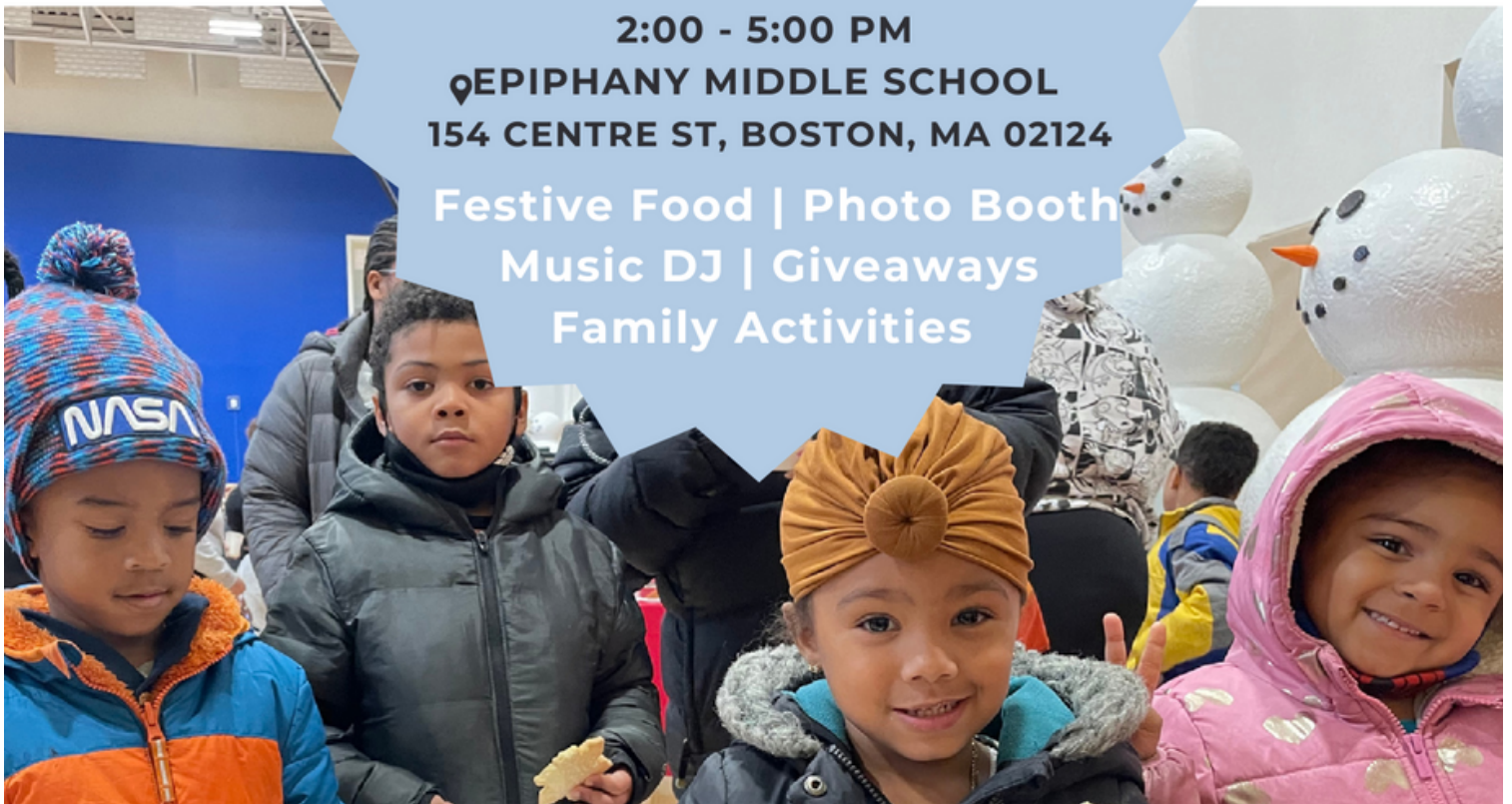
Winter Wonderfest

DECEMBER 9TH

2:00 - 5:00 PM

📍 EPIPHANY MIDDLE SCHOOL
154 CENTRE ST, BOSTON, MA 02124

Festive Food | Photo Booth
Music DJ | Giveaways
Family Activities



Spanish Translation



ÚNETE A NOSOTROS!

Winter Wonderfest

9 DE DICIEMBRE

2:00 - 5:00 PM

**📍 EPIPHANY MIDDLE SCHOOL
154 CENTRE ST, BOSTON, MA 02124**

**Comida festiva | Cabina de fotos
DJ de música | Sorteos
Actividades familiares**



Haitian Creole Translation



TANPRI VINI PATISIPE NAN!


*Festival pou sezon
fredi a avek nou!*

9 DESANM 2023

2:00 - 5:00 PM

**📍 EPIPHANY MIDDLE SCHOOL
154 CENTRE ST, BOSTON, MA 02124**

Sa yo ap ofri: Yap offri manje,
mizik DJ, kado, ak aktivite pou
fanmi yo. Vini vin patisipe avek
nou tanpri!
Mesi!



EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

This free, 5-episode virtual conversation series offers a safe and welcoming space to hold conversations for and by Latinx families. Explore what it means to be a parent as part of the Latinx community, raising Latinx children while navigating U.S. mainstream cultures and connecting Latinx cultural identities to physical and mental well-being. Join us as we create a Latinx parent community of mutual learning and support. All are welcome to join and engage in these powerful conversations! **The series begins on Monday, October 2, 2023, and will be held every other Monday, from 3 to 4:30 PM ET / 12 to 1:30 PM PT, through November 27, 2023.** All webinars are 1 hour followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with our panelists. You are invited to attend any and all episodes that interest you! All webinars have live Spanish translation and closed captioning available.



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Somos Latinx Families
A Family to Family Real Talk Conversation

October 2 - November 27, 2023
3:00 - 4:30 pm (ET)/
12 - 1:30 pm (PT)
Every other Monday



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Somos Familias Latinx
Una Conversación Real de Familia a Familia

Octubre 2 - Noviembre 27, 2023
3:00 - 4:30 pm (ET)/
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Cada dos Lunes

This series is moderated by Eva Rivera, MSW, Policy Director, Early Childhood Development, The Children's Partnership, and National Facilitator at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center.



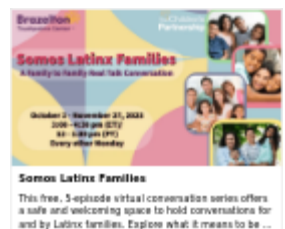
You still have time for Episode 4 and 5

Episode 4: Latinx Parenting – Supporting Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Monday, November 13, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT

Episode 5: Latinx Parenting – Fostering and Elevating the Strengths of our Latinx Children

Monday, November 27, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT



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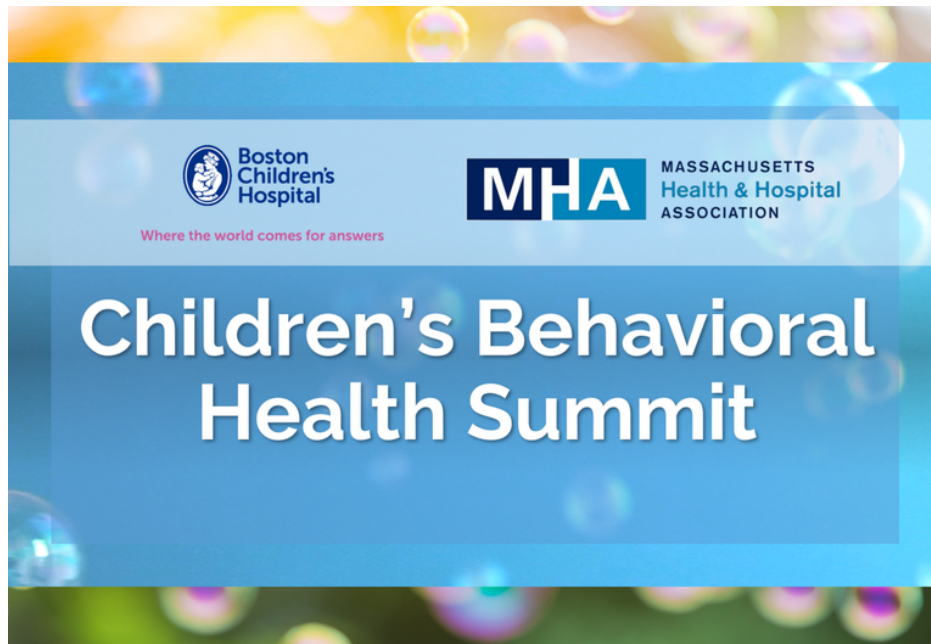
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RESOURCES

On October 28, 2023 the Massachusetts Health and Hospitals Association and Boston Children's Hospital hosted an informative summit on Child's Behavioral and Infant Mental Health. This post is to share both resources and the Behavioral Health Helpline that is open for all.



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BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
HELP LINE

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Chat Here

We're here for you 24/7, including holidays.



Highlights of Leading the Charge in Advocacy



COMMUNITY ACTION CALL

We had a hearing, now what?

Join us to learn more about what happens after a bill hearing and what steps you can take to continue your advocacy.

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2023 | 6:30PM

REGISTER NOW



"These bills provide a clear opportunity to enhance the structure of early education and care in Massachusetts, making early education more affordable for more families and boosting salaries and benefits for early educators."

PAMELA THOMPSON
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Thank you for joining our Neighborhood Newsletter community! We appreciate your contributions and encourage you to share any upcoming program news and highlights with us. Our monthly newsletter is eagerly anticipated by all, so if you have content for the next edition, please send it to itorres@neighborhoodvillages.org at least two weeks prior to publication. We can't wait to see what you have in store!



Stay Tuned for the December 2023 Newsletter

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