



Esteemed Village Families/*Estimadas Familias de The Village,*

Welcome to The Village for Early Childhood Education! *Bienvenidos a The Village para la Educación Temprana!*

We want to welcome you to our community. The Village at North is a part of Littleton Public Schools. The North building houses The Village, Child Find, LPS School Nurse Consultants, and our newest addition to North, the Nova Center. The Village has 11 preschool classrooms in the bulk of the main building. Child Find is now in the west wing and The Nova Center is housed in the east wing upstairs with two classrooms serving up to 16 students in Special Education, Kindergarten through 8th grade. Due to the differences in the ages of our students we maintain separate schedules to be able to safely utilize our space to best meet the needs of all of our students.

Safety and security is our highest priority. The main entrance and downstairs entrance have 15 minute drop off and pick up windows when the doors will be open. Outside of these times you will need to buzz into the building. Parking around The Village can be challenging. Thank you for your patience in finding spots along the street, across from the Buck Center, or behind the North building. Be careful not to park in the bus zone out front on Powers. We encourage pedestrian safety with all of our students, teaching them to walk with their adults in designated walkways, even walking in the hallways with their adults.

We firmly believe that you are your child's primary teacher! We want to partner with you to enrich your child's educational experience here at The Village and beyond. We would love for every family to be involved in The Village community in meaningful ways. There are additional volunteer opportunities short term and longer term. To get started please visit our Family Partnerships office downstairs in the hallway between Green Room and Gold Room.

We are off to a great start this school year. We look forward to getting to know you and your student as we partner at the beginning of your child's educational career in Littleton Public Schools!

Queremos darle la bienvenida a nuestra comunidad. The Village en el edificio Norte es parte de las Escuelas Públicas de Littleton. Este edificio alberga The Village, Child Find, Consultores de Enfermería Escolar, y el programa nuevo Nova Center. The Village tiene 11 clases preescolares en la parte central del edificio. Child Find esta ubicado ahora en la ala oeste y Nova Center esta en la ala este piso de arriba. Nova tiene 2 clases enseñando hasta 16 estudiantes en la Educación Especial, niveles Kinder a grado 8. Como son de diferentes edades mantenemos agendas separadas para poder utilizar de la forma más segura los espacios comunes en el edificio. Así podemos servir las necesidades de todos nuestros estudiantes.

La seguridad es la prioridad mayor para nosotros. La entrada principal y de abajo tenemos tiempos designados de 15 minutos alrededor de dejar y recoger los niños cuando las puertas estarán abiertas. Afuera de estos horarios, gracias por tocar el timbre para entrar al edificio. Estacionamiento alrededor de The Village puede ser difícil. Gracias por su paciencia en encontrar lugares en la calle, en frente del Buck, o atrás de nuestro edificio. Ten cuidado de no estacionarse en la zona del autobus en frente de Powers. Fomentamos la seguridad peatonal con todos nuestros estudiantes, enseñándoles a caminar con su adulto en caminos designados, también caminando con sus adultos en los pasillos.

Creemos firmemente que usted es el/la maestro/a primero de su niño/a! Queremos ser un socio con usted para enriquecer la experiencia educacional de sus niños aquí en The Village y después. Queremos que todas las familias puedan ser involucrados en la comunidad de The Village de forma significativo. Hay oportunidades adicionales de ser un voluntario de corto o largo plazo. Para empezar puede visitar la oficina de Asociaciones Familiares en el pasillo en el piso de abajo entre los salones Verde y Dorado.

Tenemos un buen empiezo este año escolar. Esperamos conocerles a usted y su estudiante mientras somos pareja en el comienzo de la carrera educacional de su niño en las Escuelas Públicas de Littleton!

Warm Regards/*Atentamente,*

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Curriculum Corner

Our school uses two comprehensive, evidence-based curriculums--The Creative Curriculum for Preschool and Incredible Years Dinosaur School. Together these programs meet national, state, and district standards and meet the learning needs of all of our children. **Preschoolers learn through play.** Each day, we create purposeful and productive play experiences that help children develop math, literacy, language, physical and social skills. And we have a lot of fun!

Creative Curriculum Study: “Beginning the Year!” We are learning all about school, our new routine, new friends and teachers! We are reading lots of new books, learning new vocabulary words, and love playing on the playground. Please look for your child’s classroom newsletter for more information.

Dinosaur School: You will be hearing a lot about Dina the Dinosaur and her friend, Wally! Dina and Wally help our children with important social/emotional skills, such as managing feelings, solving problems and being a friend. This month, Dina has been meeting new friends and helping us learn to listen with **“Show Me 5”**:

1. **Eyes** on the action/teacher
2. **Ears** are listening
3. **Mouth** is quiet
4. **Hands** are quiet
5. **Feet** are quiet



We will be working on “Show me 5”, following directions and managing feelings in the coming months during Dinosaur School. Look for more information from your child’s teacher each week!

How you can help your child at home:

- Talk to your child about school. Ask what he or she did on the playground and what books they read in class. What did you eat for snack or lunch?
- Ask your child to “Show Me 5” (hold up your hand). See how many your child can remember. Ask them to show you how they follow these rules, one at a time. Talk about the rules at school. What rules do you have home? Are they the same or different?

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS):

PBIS is our school philosophy that promotes positive school culture, social-emotional learning, and effective interventions. To find out more, contact your child’s teacher or visit <http://www.pbis.org/> for more information. Our PBIS focus is following the rules at school:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Kind**
- **Be a Listener**



Our teachers talk with our students about how to follow these rules in the classroom, the hallways, the cafeteria, the bathrooms and the playground. They have been doing a great job! **Please remember to praise your child when he or she is following these rules.** For example, “Great job walking in the halls and being safe!” Thank you!

Family Partnerships



Congratulations for supporting your child on completing the first weeks of The Village's Early Childhood Education program! Give yourselves a pat on the back for making it through the excitement, fears and tears. As your children adjust to the new routines and people in their world over the next few weeks, they may be happy/excited one day about going to school then tired and whiny the next day. Starting school is a big change for our youngest learners and it is expected that they will experience ups and downs as they transition to school. The best way for you to help your child is to listen, encourage, stay calm and reassure your child that they will be okay. If you have questions and/or concerns, please talk to your child's teacher and/or the Family Partnerships staff.

How do you want to be involved at The Village?

- **Join the Village Class Partners (VCP) team! Introductory Meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00 am!** This is an easy, fun way to connect with Village families and staff and is not a big time commitment! A Village Class Partner is the "go to" person for information about class and school activities
- **Join The Village Advisory/Policy Committee!** This committee provides input across all of the Village policies and programs, including budget, student progress data, community resources, and how to improve upon existing successes. ALL Parents and Community Members are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
- **Attend our monthly Family Matters Night!** This is an interactive, social opportunity to connect with other families around the triumphs and trials of raising young children. **Thursday, September 21st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** Free dinner and childcare provided.

If you have questions or need further information please contact:

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SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

Dates to Remember

Every Wednesday Late Starts 9:00am (Full Day Only)
Thursday, 9/14 – Back to School Night 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday, 9/21 – Family Matters 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday, 9/29 – Early Release 12:15pm Dismissal

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