

May 2021 Family Newsletter

Happy May, Ellis families! The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ellis teachers work hard to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential.

Thank you for supporting our teachers!

Early Education Curriculum

Infants will continue their individualized curriculum.

Toddlers will study math objectives, focusing on on spatial relationships and shapes, comparing and measuring, and patterns.

Preschool will learn about things that grow, focusing on plants and baby animals. The **Red Sox** classroom will learn about life cycles and insects. **Celtics, Patriots and Bruins** classrooms will continue Unit 5 (Shadows and Reflections) and begin Unit 6 (Things That Grow).

Important Reminders

- Please fill out your child's health screening form every morning and make sure your child(ren) have extra face masks, and a warm blanket. We will be going outside every day so please bring your child dressed according for the weather. Please label everything.
- Please make sure your child's extra clothes box has been updated for the Spring!
- Birthday Celebrations: Due to allergies and policy from our Licensor and Health Department, NO outside foods (cakes, etc.) are allowed. Please speak to Ellis about birthday celebrations.

Closures

• Ellis will be closed May 28th for professional development and May 31st for Memorial Day.

Staff Updates

- Ally has moved from School Age to the Red Sox classroom.
- Alejandra has moved to Grasshoppers classroom while Gine is on vacation.
- Adliz (aka Lupe) is supporting the Grasshoppers and Crickets classrooms.
- Shawntell has transitioned out of Ellis and we wish her the best of luck! We are hiring a Summer Program Coordinator. Please reach out to <u>Claire</u> and <u>Brenda</u> with any questions.
- A new School Age group leader, Hassaun, will start on May 10th.



Family Engagement Activities

Caregiver and teacher conferences will take place May 17-May 27 between 11AM and 3PM. Please schedule time for a Zoom with your child's teachers to discuss their progress. For infants and toddlers, reach out to Tiffany or Aiyauna. For preschool, reach out to your child's teachers directly.

- May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4 Tie-Dye Tuesday for Grasshoppers classroom
- May 5 White T-Shirt Day for Grasshoppers classroom
- May 7 Queen for a Day All toddler and preschool rooms will be hosting a special "Queen for a Day" Zoom in honor of any special women in their lives. Zoom links will be on the ProCare calendar.
- May 7 Wear Purple Day for Crickets classroom
- May 14 Pajama Day for Infant and Toddler classrooms
- May 19 White T-Shirt Day for Grasshoppers classroom

May Celebrations

- 5/1 Caleb, 4 years old
- 5/1 Ms. Gine, 2 years at Ellis
- 5/1 Ms. Jamalia, 2 years at Ellis
- 5/6 Claire, 1 year old
- 5/6 Ms. Julie
- 5/12 Ms. Sandra, 7 years at Ellis
- 5/16 Ms. Ivone
- 5/17 Peyton, 5 years old
- 5/18 Emmett, 5 years old
- 5/20 Ms. Yasmin, 2 years at Ellis
- 5/20 Ms. Jamileth, 8 years at Ellis
- 5/24 Grayson, 4 years old
- 5/29 Anthony, 2 years old
- 5/31 Malia, 5 years old
- 5/25 Amari, 9 years old
- 5/25 Ms. Sonya
- 5/29 Alayah, 10 years old
- 5/28 Cyrielle, 11 years old
- 5/30 La'Reina, 8 years old



Congratulations to Ms. Ivone,

who was recognized by PNC Grow Up Great®!

"Today, we recognize Ivone Dos Santos, a teacher at Ellis, whose lap is never empty and whose heart is always full. Ivone helps children at Ellis develop a love of learning and confidence in their unique identities.

"No one is like you and that is your superpower" she says."

Click here to read the full post on LinkedIn!

Playdates

Now that the nice weather is here to stay, we are discontinuing our Saturday Zoom playdates. Instead, join us for an Ellis Family Get-together at the Franklin Park Zoo on May 15th, 2021 or May 29th, 2021 at 10:30am. There are 20 spots available for each day, so RSVP with Monica or Brenda as soon as you can! Make sure you include your child's name, age, and preferred date; children under 2 years old will not count towards the 20 person total.

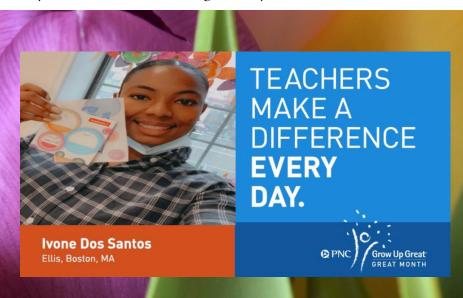
Caregiver Circle

Celebrate your successes, troubleshoot your challenges, and explore all aspects of the parenting experience in a welcoming and non-judgmental space facilitated by Brenda. The focus for May will be summer resources. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 13th from 8:15-9:30pm on Zoom. Please register with Brenda.

A Message from Jumpstart (Preschool Program)

"Thank you all so much for a wonderful year; our Jumpstart team could not have done it without you. Despite the circumstances, our team is glad to enter the classroom virtually. We are sad that this year has come to an end. It was a pleasure to see all the children actively participate in sessions and see how much they have progressed. Big shout out to Ms. Shamika, Ms. Kasslyn, Ms. Kiya and Ms. Maryan for helping us out this whole year. Thank you and have a great summer!"

We are very pleased with our collaboration with the Jumpstart program through Boston University and can't wait to see them again next year!



Family Resources

- Fresh Truck weekly mobile markets provide fresh and affordable fruits and vegetables while keeping our staff, volunteers, and shoppers safe during the COVID-19 crisis. Cash, credit, EBT accepted! Click here for the Mobile Market's schedule and menu.
- Boston School Finder
- Focus on K1 Curriculum

Countdown to Kindergarten

- Preschool Families—Please let us know if your child will be staying at Ellis in the fall.
- K1 Families—Please let us know what school your child will be attending for Kindergarten.
- Tips on getting ready for Kindergarten:
 - o Attend your school's "Welcome Session"
 - o Find out if any school uniforms are required at your child's school
 - o Make arrangements for before- and/or after-school care if needed
- For more information and other family resources on preparing for Kindergarten, you can visit the Countdown to Kindergarten website.



