

Teaching in the Neighborhood

Fall 2023

A bi-monthly dose of teaching ideas, updates, and inspiration for teachers across the Neighborhood
EBSOC, Ellis Early Learning, Epiphany Early Learning, Horizons for Homeless Children, Nurtury

Upcoming Workshops and Opportunities

- **Monthly Webinar: December 4th, 7-8pm.** Topic: Rethinking Challenging Behavior
All behavior has a meaning and is communicating something to us as educators. We will focus on rethinking what "challenging behavior" is, for whom it is actually challenging, and explore how we might make adjustments in our practice to better support each child in our care.
[Register here](#) or visit www.neighborhoodvillages.org/teachingandlearning
- **Our 2nd Annual Winter WonderFest** will be held on Saturday, December 9th! We'll be at the Epiphany Middle School gym from 2-5 PM with food, hot chocolate, face painting, storytelling, music, and lots of joy for the families in the Neighborhood! We hope you will join us!

Support to advance your career!

TEACHER TALK!

A slightly different 'Teacher Talk' this edition!

We wanted to make you aware of a unique opportunities for you as early childhood educators in the Neighborhood!

Are you a new teacher in the neighborhood? Do you want to move up to a Lead Teacher role in your program and increase your salary? How about doing it with FREE training and support along the way? If you answered YES to all of these questions, the Lead Teacher Apprenticeship Program is for you!

OR

Are you already a Lead Teacher and want to learn more about becoming Director qualified with FREE training and support?

Then the Early Childhood Emerging Leaders Program is for you!

Attached to this newsletter are the flyers for both programs that include contact information! Don't hesitate to reach out the the team and ask questions!

Discover the transformative power of Neighborhood Village's "**ECE Degree Support**" service to help you on your journey to a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. Khadiga Hassan, Community Partnerships Project Manager at NV, is offering personalized 1:1 guidance, for the complex college enrollment process, and ensuring you connect with the right college contacts. With her supportive approach, Khadiga will be by your side every step of the way, helping you overcome challenges and uncertainties. Don't let your academic dreams remain unfulfilled – let us turn them into achievements. Contact Khadiga today to start your journey towards a brighter future.

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Do you have a favorite way of practicing stress reduction and self-care at work? Share it with us! Email pthompson@neighborhoodvillages.org, or talk to your coach!

Spotlight: Staying Active in Preschool at Epiphany

“We are Healthy Kids!”

The Preschool classroom at Epiphany Early Learning recently spent time learning about and engaging in experiences centered around ‘Staying Active’.

Children learned that staying active means moving their body in all different ways. Yoga was introduced as a way to stretch the body and build flexibility. Children spun, squatted, and joined in the actions shared in read-aloud books. They learned action words such as “stretch” and “bend”. They practiced movement patterns. Children also learned two strategies for calming themselves down when they feel upset or over-stimulated: taking deep breaths and using calming cream. The dramatic play area was turned into a gym containing treadmills, a mat for stretching and weights (made of cardboard)!

Children also explored the role of nutrition in healthy living. Children identified healthy food and learned that all living things need healthy food to survive and thrive.

Tap your gym membership to Enter ↓



Fall Happenings!

- Boston Children’s Museum: \$1 admission between 1:30 – 4:30 pm Sunday afternoon. Online Reservations Required.
- Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) - When accompanied by kids 12 and under, up to 2 adults admitted free the last Saturday of every month except December. Use the promo code PLAYDATE when reserving tickets online for these dates.
- Jeff Jam Singalong - Saturdays at the Boston Public Market (Haymarket)

Do you have ideas to share with the Neighborhood?

Share your ideas with us: pthompson@neighborhoodvillages.org



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**



Lead Teacher Apprenticeship

Are you a new teacher in an early education program in the Boston area? Do you want to move up to a Lead Teacher role in your program and increase your salary? How about doing it with FREE training and support along the way? If you answered YES to all of these questions, this Apprenticeship Program is for you!

This program includes:

- A non-college pathway towards Lead Teacher qualification
- \$2/hour increase to your salary when you graduate
- Wage bumps for hours of learning achieved
- Online CDA training
- A laptop and technology support
- Mentorship and guidance from an experienced lead teacher



Coursework is in English and Spanish

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Aprendizaje de Lead Teacher

¿Es usted un maestro nuevo en un programa de educación temprana en el área de Boston? ¿Quiere ascender a un rol de maestro principal en su programa y aumentar su salario? ¿Qué tal hacerlo con capacitación y apoyo GRATIS en el camino? Si respondió SÍ a todas estas preguntas, ¡este programa de aprendizaje es para usted!

Este programa incluye:

- Un camino no universitario hacia la calificación de maestro principal
- Aumento de \$2/hora en su salario cuando se gradúe
- Mejoras salariales por horas de aprendizaje logradas
- Capacitación CDA en línea
- Talleres adicionales de desarrollo profesional con conocimientos prácticos sobre cómo ser un educador de primera infancia de alta calidad
- Una laptop y soporte tecnológico
- Tutoría y orientación de un maestro líder experimentado



El trabajo del curso se ofrecerá en inglés y español.

CONSULTA AQUÍ:

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The Early Childhood Emerging Leaders Program

The first MA Apprenticeship program created specifically to support current and aspiring Early Childhood Leaders with the skills and support to become successful Administrators!

This program will include:

- Training sessions focused on: leadership, family engagement, instruction, licensing and regulations, and business practices
- Mentorship by an experienced administrator
- Technology materials and support
- Skills based workshops
- Instruction in English or Spanish
- Mandatory base wage and periodic wage bumps

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We are looking for experienced lead teachers or current administrators who would like to participate in this apprenticeship program with Neighborhood Villages.