

The Neighborhood



NEIGHBORHOOD VILLAGES

December 2022



Winter WonderFest

Neighborhood Villages will be hosting our first Winter Wonder Fest!

Saturday, December 10th
2pm-4pm at Epiphany Middle School.
154 Centre Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

This event is for families at our five partner early education centers, their staff, NV staff and the community.

This is sure to be a fun filled family event with gifts (legos, books and more!), plenty of giveaways, face painting, art & crafts, and Instagram worthy décor and musical performances.

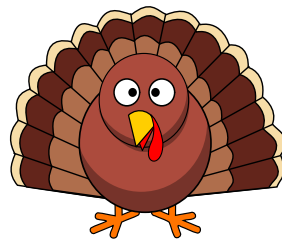
Special guest: Councilor Julia Mejia.

Special thanks to MFS for their generous sponsorship.

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Winter WonderFest
FREE GIFTS AND GIVEAWAYS FOR ALL
LEGOS, DIAPERS, BOOKS, FRESH PRODUCE, AND MORE!
LIVE PERFORMANCES & KIDS ACTIVITIES
HOT COCOA & TREATS
INSTAGRAM WORTHY HOLIDAY DECOR
AND SPECIAL GUESTS, INCLUDING
BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR JULIA MEJIA!
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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Turkey Donations



Turkeys, Turkeys, Turkeys!!

Neighborhood Villages received a donation of 400 turkeys to distribute to families in the Neighborhood. Just in time to warm up the holidays!



Resources

Abundance App.

The Vital Village Network Data Workgroup came together to empower residents of Roxbury, MA to find easily accessible, free or low-cost, high-quality food resource in their neighborhoods by creating a data dashboard tool and app for families to locate and access quality local food resources.

To learn more click [here](#).



Save the date for our first ever Neighborhood wide Professional Learning Day!

On March 17, 2023, Neighborhood Villages will be hosting a Neighborhood-wide professional learning day for educators at East Boston Social Centers, Ellis, Epiphany, Horizons, and Nurtury. We will host the event at Bunker Hill Community College's Chelsea campus.

We will have programming from 9am-3pm, with lunch provided. Participants may choose among a range of morning and afternoon workshops and have time to network with other educators. Specific workshops will be geared towards program leadership and Family Navigators.

More information to come, we can't wait!

TEACHING & LEARNING

As some of you may have heard by now, Megina Baker, our Director of Teaching and Learning for the Neighborhood, will be transitioning to a new role with the Boston Public Schools, leading the work on the Focus on 3s curriculum come January!

In this role, she will still be connected to us, here at NV and the Neighborhood supporting educators as they implement the curriculum.

Congratulations Megina!!

- **New Teacher Workshops:** Each month we hold a workshop for teachers new to the neighborhood. This is a six-part series, and new teachers are encouraged to participate in all six. They can join any time. Next Workshop Topic: **Facilitating Play** Friday, December 16 | Time: 9- 10am You may click [here](#) to learn more.
- **New Website:** Please visit our new Teaching and Learning [Website](#) for more information and to sign up for webinars and workshops. You can also download our Teaching in the Neighborhood newsletter that features tips and great teaching ideas from across the Neighborhood.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS



A big thank you to all the Operations Managers and Family Navigators at our partner centers for helping to get the word out to families for our Winter WonderFest. Great job everyone!

Ellis Early Learning Center:
Cherish Casey, Family Navigator
Laura Gosenca, Operations Manager

Horizons:
Eva Marks, Operations Manager

East Boston Social Centers:
Pamella Saco, Family Navigator
Ashley Taylor, Operations Manager

Nurtury:
Alina Lopez-Thomas, Family Support Coordinator
Randi Walsh, Operations Manager

Epiphany Early Learning Center:
Angela Haglund, Operations Manager
Daphney Walker, Family Navigator

A special shoutout to Angela who has been really instrumental in helping us plan the logistics of the event and will be the point person the day of the event.

Thank you Angela!!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Community of Practice Calls (bi-weekly):
December 15th

- Operations Managers- 1pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7860436852?>
- Family Navigators -2pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7860436852?>

- Neighborhood Villages Winter Wonder Fest. December 10th, Epiphany Middle School
- Neighborhood wide Professional Learning Day. March 17, 2023 at Bunker Hill Community College - Chelsea Campus.



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