

Parents as Teachers

Reflections from the Coordinator

We can't believe the end of the school year is fast approaching. We appreciate so many of you completing our [Parent Satisfaction Survey](#). This feedback is always so encouraging and helpful as we begin to plan forward for the next program year. There is still time to take a few minutes to complete it and share your family's experience.

We loved to see many of you share that the focus on Conscious Discipline this year has been helpful. You report seeing the impact of implementing the tools in your home and we are so inspired by how intentional you are in this work; it will pay dividends in the lives of your children. In May, your parent educator may take a few minutes of your visit to review the concepts and tools we discussed this year and you can always hop on to our [You Tube](#) channel and rewatch the videos as a refresher.

We also want to make sure you don't miss [Touch-A-Truck](#). It is always a family favorite and will be this **Saturday, May 3rd from 9-11am at the Hilltop Learning Center**. We will have 10+ vehicles in attendance and the playgrounds will be open. Registration is not required, and you are welcome to bring the whole family. This year we have partnered with [Blessings Abound](#) to collect donations that support area KC metro families. Please check out the newsletter blurb on page __ for items they will be collecting and feel free to clean out those closets and bring a donation.

We also have the opportunity to host a special summer **Music Event** on June 12th as well as Wednesday mornings playgroups in June. Checkout more details about these events included in this newsletter.

We have loved journeying alongside you this year and always consider it a blessing to be welcomed into your homes. We see the work you are doing to show up for your children and know that this season can be hard, but you are doing it one day at a time! To those who will be exiting this month, we will miss you and hope you will continue to share back celebrations and pictures as your child grows. For those who will return in the fall, we will be so excited to hear about your summer adventures!

We wish you well!

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Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey

Each year in May, we have a long planning meeting where we reflect over the year, review the great feedback we receive from you in our annual survey, and begin to plan forward for next year. You can help us prepare for this year's meeting by sharing your feedback and PAT experience with us by completing the survey by following the link below. Please use the comment boxes to share what you love and ideas you have to help us grow. Thank you!

Survey link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3x6sdz>

Touch-a-Truck Event & Blessings Abounds

Our Annual Touch-a-Truck will be held Saturday, May 3rd from 9-11am in the Hilltop Learning Center parking lot (7700 W 143rd St). This is a drop in event so no registration is required.

Touch-a-Truck is offering a great opportunity to instill the spirit of generosity in our kids!

This year, we are partnering with Blessings Abound to collect the following gently used items:

- small toys
- books
- clothing and accessories
- linens
- small housewares/décor

Please gather items to donate and bring boxed and ready to put on the truck. Please do not bring broken or non-working items as there will be no dumpster onsite.

Blessings Abound is a ministry that supports various non-profits in the KC Metro and with their new south KC store (13637 Washington, KC MO (former Big Lots, next to Total Wine.) grand opening, we want to help them fill their donation truck at our Touch a Truck event. If someone has a larger donation for consideration, they can text 913.548.3113 with a picture and Blessings Abound will respond.



JUNE PLAYGROUPS

For the month of June we will host two playgroups each Wednesday morning (9:15am and 10:15am). We will be emailing out the Sign Up Genius on May 14th. These will be individual playgroups, not a four week session. This will be for children birth to 3-years-old. We will ask that only one parent attends per child.

THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

Parents as Teachers provides three years of service to families with children birth to age three. We provide universal access to all families, however the school board directs our priority categories for service. Those include: first time parent with a child under one year, children with special education needs, teen parents, and families with multiple children under three.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

After those three years of service with a parent educator what happens? How will you continue to stay connected to the school district, and how will you network with other families? We would like to encourage you to join the Blue Valley Early Childhood Parent Teacher Association. This group of parents provides group meetings and playgroups hosted by a Blue Valley parent educator and field trips and fun! Contact them at bvearlychildhoodpta@gmail.com or visit their website at www.bvecpta.com.

PTA Corner

Did you know that the PTA organizes a Staff Appreciation Week each May? This involves school decorations, daily meals or treats for the staff, and a raffle of gifts to say thank you. It's a big undertaking that's only made possible by the parents who donate and volunteer. Your first opportunity to participate is to help us Chalk the Walk. Stick around after Touch-a-Truck on May 3rd to brighten the entrance of the building with chalked positive messages and artwork. We hope to see you there!

And if you haven't joined the PTA yet we are offering a time limited opportunity for membership. Pay your \$30 to join now and your membership will last until July 2026. That's PTA membership for your entire family from now until the end of the next school year. If you sign up today you will get an email with an invite to next month's events including a playgroup, outing, and music time with Ms Rae. Plus you can join us at Deanna Rose next month on the PTA! Now's the best time to join. [Click the link here to sign up.](#)

With gratitude,

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FREE Concert for Families

We are so excited to announce a special chamber music concert designed just for babies and their caregivers! 🎵🍼 This unique event will feature live performances of new music by local composers, created to engage little ears and create a warm, welcoming space for families. Join us for an unforgettable musical experience full of gentle sounds, cozy vibes, and community connection. The concert will take place this June in collaboration with the Parents as Teachers program in Blue Valley District. Stay tuned for more details — we can't wait to share this magical moment with you and your little ones!

