



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

December 2022

“We give tremendous thanks that our daughter is blessed with such a world class early learning environment -- thank you for taking care of her and teaching her so well!”

I received this kind note of appreciation last week from one of our early learning families. It was in response to a classroom newsletter sent to families and which documented the children's learning and illustrated their play/work.

Two words in this thoughtful message resonate with me: care and teaching. All Wonders programs are designed to care for and educate children. Wonders educators are caregivers and teachers - two very important qualities that create respectful and reciprocal relationships with children and their families. The Wonders community continues to nurture our commitment to our work.

This deep commitment to the children and families requires resources beyond tuition revenue. We hope in this season of giving, that you will consider a tax-deductible donation to help Wonders continue to meet the needs of all families, particularly families who need financial assistance through the Wonders Circle Fund. This year, Wonders will be distributing \$115,000 in tuition assistance. The Circle Fund is integral to who we are as a child care organization - caring and teaching - and expanding the circle to include as many families as possible.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year,

Joanne Hurt
Executive Director



2022 Annual Giving Campaign

We've reached 34% of our annual giving goal. We are grateful for the contributions and support we have received over the last two months. **We still need to raise \$23,000 by December 31st!** Your contributions make an impact on the community by ensuring Wonders continued investment in the professional development of Wonders' educators, advancing classroom learning, and increasing access to quality child care programs for families. **Help us reach our goal!**

Community Spotlight

2022 Wonders Forward Sponsors



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November Snapshot

Early Learning + Extended Day Highlights

A WIDER CIRCLE Early Learning Food Drive

Our early learning centers hosted a week long food drive to collect donations for A Wider Circle's Good Karma Holiday Program. Each November, A Wider Circle provides food baskets to hundreds of families in the community. Thank you to all of our food drive participants! Wonders has partnered with A Wider Circle for over 10 years. [Learn more about their mission.](#)

CESJDS Book Fair Thank you!

This November, families of Wonders Extended Day at CESJDS purchased books for the program through their school book fair. Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of our families, Wonders at CESJDS has added the following books to our library. Our teachers and students are thankful! **Thank you, Noa Levanon, for organizing and encouraging donations and to every family that made a purchase on behalf of Wonders - Thank you!**

Creating Memories and building connections!





Staffing Updates

Welcome Wonders Team Members

This month, we welcomed 6 new team members into our Early Learning and Extended Day programs. **Please join us in welcoming: Antonio Jolivet, Antonio Persi, Kristina Baldwin, Tigist Adulala, Joi Simmons, and Maisha Bellal!**

Career Opportunities


We are seeking qualified educators



If someone you know is looking for a career opportunity in early care and education, we welcome their application! [For more information and how to apply visit our careers page online.](#)



The following positions are available:


- Substitutes - all Wonders DC, MD, and VA locations
- Assistant Director - Wonders at School Without Walls-Francis-Stevens
- Classroom Aide - Wonders at Milton
- Floater Teachers - Wonders Early Learning centers at Edgemoor and Leland
- Lead Teacher - Wonders at Bethesda
- Lead Teacher (Toddler Classroom) - Wonders Early Learning at Leland



Wonders Summer Camp 2023

June - Aug 2023







The Countdown to Summer Camp Begins!

We are very excited to announce our Wonders Summer Camp 2023 Countdown has begun! Summer Camp registration opens in 6 weeks! For 2023, we are excited to announce we will be holding summer camp at TWO locations!



Our programs offer an exciting, educational and fun-filled camp day! Wonders Summer Camp focuses on children's interests and ideas, including field trips, special events, swimming, arts & crafts, cooperative games and so much more! Our dynamic environment is designed to promote curiosity and creativity, while making friends and having fun. Be on the lookout for additional communication as we continue our countdown. We look forward to having your family join us for Wonders Summer Camp 2023!



Details Camp is open to all students from rising K - 6th grade

Locations Montgomery County, MD
NW Washington, DC
(2 camp locations available all summer long!)

Contact Us
summercamp@wonderslearning.org
wonderslearning.org/summercamp



Educator Workshops

Wonders Professional Development Consortium offers monthly COK certified workshops and trainings for ece and out-of-school-time educators. [Registration is open for our next workshop, *From Competitive to Cooperative: Engaging Games for All Children* with Gerald Bolden, Program Director/Extended Day Auxiliary Program Manager.](#) Register today and/or share your community members!

What's Next?

From Competitive to Cooperative: Engaging Games for All Children

2023
JANUARY

11

3 COK Hours - Register Today

Save the Date!

<p>2023 FEBRUARY</p> <p>22</p>	<p>2023 MARCH</p> <p>08</p>
<p>2023 MARCH</p> <p>22</p>	<p>2023 APRIL</p> <p>25</p>

Visit us online for more details

Stay informed on upcoming workshop topics and how to register by visiting: [Wonders Professional Development Consortium](#)

Wishing everyone in the community a
safe, healthy holiday season and a
bright start to the new year.

Join us with a contribution today!

Teaching children through play and a nurturing and diverse community.
[Make a donation today to ensure access to quality care and education.](#)

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