

Center Highlights:

- 1) Generations Crossing will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27th.
- 2) We need 10 more volunteers to help with Fundfest on Wednesday, June 11th at the lot next to Turner Pavilion. Volunteer times are anywhere from 4:15-9:15 p.m. Please contact Paige or Theresa at lindt@jmu.edu if you'd like to help.
- 3) Thank you to all who participated in making Teacher Appreciation Week a special time for the staff. We truly appreciate the kind words, gifts, and food!
- 4) Please remember to park in the spaces in the front of the building and not at the front door. The front door parking is designated for those who need handicapped accessibility. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- 5) Generations Crossing will be participating in United Way's Day of Caring on Wednesday, May 14th. You might see some volunteers around the center that day.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ms. Jenny, infant room lead teacher, for winning the Childcare Aware of Virginia Award for her excellence in the classroom. She was one of fourteen nominees from across the state and well deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations to Ms. Lara, assistant teacher in the four year old room, for earning her Child Development Associate credential (CDA). This course is offered through JMU and students must demonstrate competency in areas including: health, safety, interactions with children, creativity, creating a appropriate learning environment, and much more. We're proud of Lara's hard work and so glad she's a part of Generations Crossing!

Sick Policy Reminder: If your child is experiencing any communicable symptoms, (diarrhea, vomiting, fever) they **must** be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to Generations Crossing. This helps us keep germs to a minimum as well as protecting the other children AND staff within the center. If you have any questions about the policy, please see an administrator in the office. Thank you!



Royal Tea Party

Generations Crossing is hosting a first ever tea party for all the little ones in your family who enjoy princes and princesses. This event will be held in the Hartman Dining Room at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community on Saturday, September 6th from 10:00-11:30. There will be refreshments, a princess waltz, photo opportunities and much more! More information will be coming soon.

Staffing Updates:

Summer is almost here! We're fortunate to not have a lot of staffing changes this time, but Ms. Rachel will be taking over the summer school-age program and Ashley Saunders will be returning to G.C. for the summer months to help her. The only additions at this time are two new substitutes: Natalie and Rachel. We're still looking for a permanent assistant for the three year old room, but LeAnne is doing a fantastic job in the meantime.

Security – Phase Two

The board of directors has finalized the plans for the second phase of our security upgrades within the center. A security roll down door will be added to the serving window between the kitchen and multi-purpose room before the start of our summer program. We were also rewarded a grant to install an intercom system in each of the classrooms. That will be installed soon, as well.

The third phase will be adding locking bolts to the classroom doors and installing the blackout blinds on the large, one-way windows in each classroom.

We cannot say "thank you" enough to the families who've been so supportive and involved with raising money for this project. We are so grateful for the support of our families at the center.

Don't forget to let Paige know if you're taking a vacation week. This will help us to remember to credit your account 50% and be able to plan accordingly in the classroom. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW???

Generations Crossing celebrates our 12th anniversary this month! The center was originally opened in 2002 at Park View Mennonite Church as an adult facility. Our current location was opened in 2009 to complete the vision by bringing children and adults together under one roof.

