

Center Highlights:

- 1) Don't forget that activity fees are due in September for families that enrolled before June 1st. If you haven't paid your fee, please do so promptly. School-age children are not charged the activity fee. Thank you!
- 2) The 3rd annual Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 10th from 6-8 p.m. We are looking forward to a great night! Please bring your whole family for a night of games, silent auction, food, face painting, baked goods and much more!
- 3) Our annual Satisfaction and Impact Surveys will be coming out in October. This is your way of giving us feedback on areas where we can improve. Watch for more information soon.
- 4) Please remember to have your child wash their hands upon entering the building in the mornings. With the cold/flu season quickly approaching, washing hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Thank you!
- 5) The next Chick-fil-A Spirit Night will be on Wednesday, November 5th from 5-7 p.m. Mark your calendars!

Welcome, Glennette Poland!

We are so thrilled to announce that we've hired a new Activities Director! Glennette Poland will be starting with us on Wednesday, October 22nd. She is currently the Activities Director at Sunnyside Retirement Community.

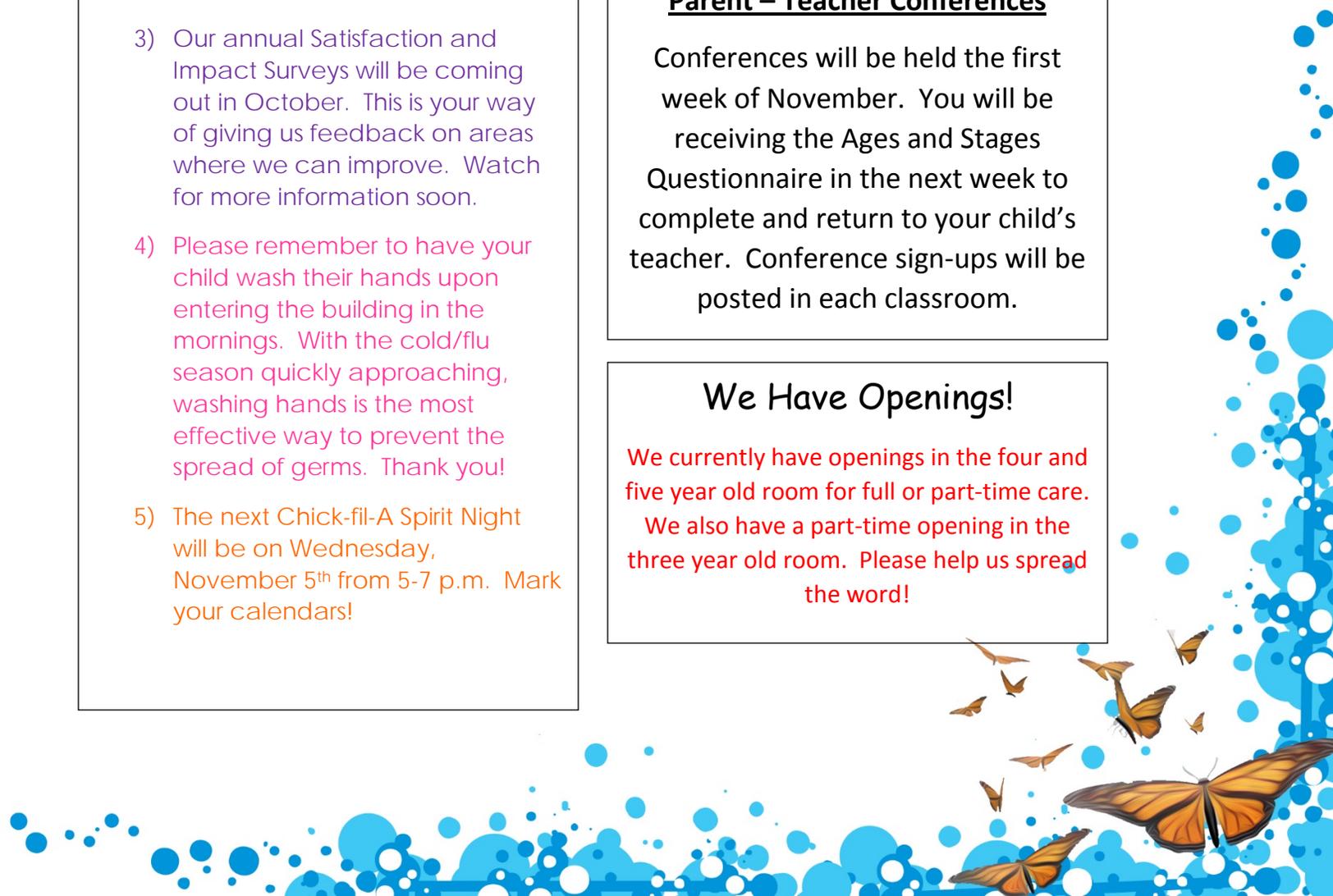
Before she worked at Sunnyside, Glennette was a preschool teacher for 13 years. She is bringing so much knowledge about both adult and childcare. We're very anxious to see what good things are in store for our intergenerational program.

Parent – Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held the first week of November. You will be receiving the Ages and Stages Questionnaire in the next week to complete and return to your child's teacher. Conference sign-ups will be posted in each classroom.

We Have Openings!

We currently have openings in the four and five year old room for full or part-time care. We also have a part-time opening in the three year old room. Please help us spread the word!



"Back to School with Q"

Generations Crossing is partnered with Smart Beginnings to provide quality early childhood education. Smart Beginnings is an initiative, started by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation that focuses on school readiness and provides support to early childhood programs such as ours. The state of Virginia is broken into several different coalitions. Generations Crossing is part of the Shenandoah Valley Coalition which includes all the centers in Rockingham, Page, Augusta, Shenandoah, Harrisonburg, Waynesboro, and Staunton.

Recently, each coalition was asked to pick two centers in their area that represents quality care and highlight that location. Generations Crossing was honored to be one of the two centers chosen. Smart Beginnings hosted a reception at the center on Monday, September 29, titled "Back to School with Q", to showcase our program, talk about the importance of quality early education, highlight the long term benefits of investing in young children, and bring awareness to our community. There were several community leaders and business people that attended the event. Two representatives from the VECF came from Richmond to acknowledge the good work that is happening within our center.

Thank you to Smart Beginnings for recognizing our program and the hard work of the staff. We certainly appreciate the recognition and always strive to improve.

Spirit Week!

Spirit Week will be October 27-31. Each day will be a different theme day, so please help your child dress up and join the fun!

Monday – Silly Socks: Put on those socks with the wild pattern and wear them to school.

Tuesday – Crazy hair or hat day: How crazy can you make your hair? Hats will work great, too!

Wednesday – Sports Day: Wear your favorite team's shirt or jersey.

Thursday – Pajama Day: Let's get cozy! Playground appropriate shoes are still required.

Friday – Costume Day: Wear your Halloween costume. No facepaint, masks, or toy weapons.

Did You Know??

80% of a child's brain is developed by the age of 5. Because of this developmental rate, early intervention services are imperative in the preschool years. We have many resources available to assist with intervention services if you think your child needs additional help in certain areas. Speech, gross motor, fine motor, cognitive development, and behavioral assessments are just a few areas where we can help.