



## Infant, Toddler, Preschool, & School Age Programs

### February 2023 Newsletter

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**SIGN UP** for our **FREE** 12-week Community-Based Parent Empowerment & Education Program. Our next English & Spanish sessions start on

**Thursday, March 2, 2023.**

Sign up with Gail or Bea TODAY!

*\*Spots fill up quickly!\**

#### **Children's Dental Health Month**



Dental hygienists from Legacy Family Dental office will be visiting our Center to promote the benefits of good oral health to the children.

Date to be announced.



### **Center Earns NAEYC Accreditation!**

Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center was recently awarded accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young children: NAEYC.

The Center has been accredited since 1993 with consecutive terms. In order to earn and maintain accreditation our Center needs to meet quality standards in early childhood education: staffing, professional development, curriculum, assessment of child progress, health, relationships with children, families, and the community, physical environment, and leadership and management.

The accreditation is valid for a five-year term.

The full article about NAEYC is attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please see Gail.



On **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**,  
our children will celebrate **Valentine's Day**  
with various goodies & activities!  
**Please be on the lookout for your child's  
teacher to share more information on what  
each individual classroom has planned!**



**PRESCHOOL  
ADVANTAGE**

Funding early education for local children

Our Center partners with  
Preschool Advantage, an organization  
that funds (3) ½ days per week of preschool  
during the school year!

**To find out if you qualify,**

please stop at the front desk  
for an application – or visit their website at  
[www.preschooladvantage.org](http://www.preschooladvantage.org)  
or call 973-532-2501.



**Healthy Heart Day** will be on

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from  
7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Healthy Snacks & Resources will be available  
all day in our foyer!

Please remember that on  
Monday, February 21st,  
the **CENTER WILL BE CLOSED**  
for Presidents' Day.  
the staff will participate in  
a full day  
of professional development.

## **Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center Earns National NAEYC Accreditation**

*Program recognized among the top in the nation by earning accreditation*

**Budd Lake, N.J.** – **Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center** located in **Budd Lake** has earned re-accreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC)—the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.

NAEYC Accreditation is a rigorous and transformative quality-improvement system that uses a [set of 10 research-based standards](#) to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive quality-improvement in high-quality early learning environment. “We are proud to have continued our mark of quality by earning reaccreditation. Since 1993, the Center has been recognized as a high quality program by NAEYC. Our Staff and Board remain committed going forward to serving the educational, developmental, and emerging needs of Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and School -Age children and their families”, said Gail Reuther, Executive Director.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, **Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center** went through an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process, followed by an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to verify and ensure that the program met each of the ten program standards, and hundreds of corresponding individual criteria. NAEYC-accredited programs are always prepared for unannounced quality-assurance visits during their accreditation term, which lasts for five years.

In the 30 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 6,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC—less than **10 percent** of all child care centers, preschools, and kindergartens nationally achieve this recognition.

“NAEYC-Accredited programs have committed to a process that takes time, energy and dedication to complete” states Alissa Mwenelupembe, Senior Director Early Learning Program Accreditation.” **Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center** has demonstrated their commitment to young children and their families.”

For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit [the NAEYC website](#).