

As you are all aware of some very big changes to our Administration team, again we would like to wish Ms. Carol the best of luck in the Early Intervention field. She will remain on our team part-time to help with Grow New Jersey Kids requirements and helping us provide the highest quality care for our students. Additionally, please help us welcome back Ms. Jill Medica to the OTR family as our new Teacher Director! If you do not already know Ms. Jill, she has previous managerial experience working in our center and our office demonstrating exceptional skills in working with staff, children, and our families. Jill enjoys pampering herself at the nail salon and loves playing video games with her husband and friends. She has over 25 years of experience in the ECE field, a Preschool CDA, and Liberal Arts degree.

Ms. Jessica Gareis has excitedly accepted the role of our center's Managing Director. Jessica started as a preschool assistant back in 2016. She has since worked her way up through the years as a lead infant & toddler teacher, to marketing manager, to enrollment specialist, then assistant director. Her background includes over 15 years working with children, numerous credits and training in Special Education and Child & Adolescent Development in addition to a bachelor's degree in Psychology. We could not be prouder of her growth both personally and professionally in the ECE field and the dedication and passion she has for working with our children and families.

Jill and Jessica are readily available to help families and staff with any concerns, questions, or feedback they may have. We are so excited for the future of our center and our culture.

Spring is going to be a very exciting season for us at Over The Rainbow! We will be celebrating Week of the Young Child and Teacher Appreciation Week. Keep an eye out for additional handouts regarding special events and activities at our center.





## Important Dates to Remember



**Parent-Teacher** 

**Conferences** 

Monday 4/1: IA, IB, & TA

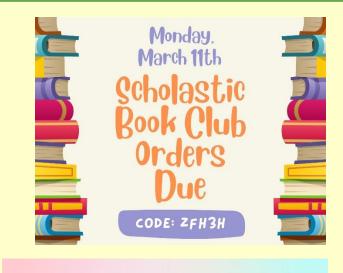
Tuesday 4/2: PS & PS 2 Wednesday 4/3: PRE-K

> Thursday 4/4: TB Friday 4/5: JR PRE

FREE Virtua Pediatric Screenings:

Hearing & Vision - March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 19<sup>th</sup> Lead - March 22<sup>nd</sup> & April 16<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up with the office to participate!





**Picture Day!** 

Wednesday, May 15th









Ms. Mylasia Alford Infant A Orange Lions 1 year at OTR

Ms. Mylasia has been an assistant in our infant program for one year now. She loves bonding with and getting to know the babies. She is pursuing a CDA in infant and toddler care. When she's not working, she's shopping at Target.



Ms. Brianna Scott Toddler A Yellow Giraffes 2 years at OTR

Ms. Brianna has been working with children since she was 14 years old. She has credits in Elementary Education and is returning to school to pursue Occupational Therapy. She enjoys painting and shopping.









3/1 Vinny T. 3/5 Kronika P. 3/11 Ms. Carol 3/12 Ms. Eliana & Karter D. 3/17 Kion B. 3/20 Ms. Kelsey 3/21 Isla M. 3/22 Landon B. 3/24 Teddy B. 3/30 Eleanor S. 4/1 Amiri B.
4/2 Anthony T.
4/8 Nahyan A.
4/9 Owen P.
4/10 Pharaoh R.
4/10 Ms. Jess Gareis
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4/11 Lyra C.
4/13 Charleigh R.
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4/15 Chase L.
4/19 Kairo R.
4/26 Arya W.
4/27 Kennedi B.
4/27 Angel K.
4/30 Amari T.



5/1 Hunter O. 5/2 Mitchell K. 5/6 Lily L. 5/8 Adora L. 5/10 Julien R. 5/10 Jaislyn R. 5/16 Jace H. 5/17 Ms. Mylasia 5/19 Juliet P. 5/20 Raheen M. 5/24 McKenna M. 5/28 Ms. Dyana 5/31 Brian T.

## **REMINDERS**:

- Children must be signed in and out daily by parents/guardians using ProCare.
  - Please, leave any necessary drop off notes for your child's teacher before signing them in (use document button on top right).
- Please, ensure your child has the necessary supplies each week for school including bedding, extra clothes, shoes, and underwear in their cubby for the new season.

