

Ministerial Day Care Association

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Children's First Learning Centers

8409 Hough Ave.

12421 Superior Ave.

1416 Hayden Ave.

Superior Academy

7020 Superior Ave.

Brackland Academy

12416 Brackland Ave.

Church of the Master

4050 Monticello Blvd.

St. Mark Head Start

11123 Buckeye Road

Cory Head Start

1117 East 105th St.

Avon Head Start

10902 Avon Ave.

Zion Chapel

4208 Lee Road



Please submit information or photos for the May/June issue by April 22nd. Thank you!

Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!

March

Renee Ross 3/5
Carla Chapman 3/6
India Berry 3/8
Sherlyn Moore 3/9
Deborah Stubbs 3/9
Quinterria Calvin 3/12
Eddie Woods 3/13
Sherrae Dorsey 3/14
Daryl Thomas 3/15
Thelma Seward 3/17
Andora Sanders 3/21
Kimiko Jones 3/24
Rochelle Gibson 3/28
Iyesha Holman 3/28

April

Denine Brown 4/2
Carolyn Ray 4/3
Brittany Rice 4/5
Barbara Kendall 4/6
Deborah Coleman 4/18
Andrea Crosby 4/27
Shirley Davis 4/29

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Executive Director's Notes

Seeds of Education Being Sown

Ministerial has been planting seeds for over forty-five years...a few seeds here, a few seeds there. We've been fertilizing, pruning, cultivating the soil and adding a variety of new seeds.

MDCA's garden has a solid foundation with nice buildings and beautiful classrooms. We have books and toys that are child size and age appropriate. The parents and staff are the best in the county. Our classrooms are ready for children to learn and enjoy.

The **seeds of early childhood development** use proven, quality child care to produce blooms of happy, healthy children in all of our programs: part day, full-day preschool, and infant and toddler care. Our private day care partners are committed to quality service for children.

Seeds of support services are our parents. They must be able to nurture, support and care for children...do whatever it takes to empower them. We supply parents with employment and involvement opportunities as well as job-related skills.

Seeds of excellence. Our totally dedicated, professional staff members are committed to our children and families. Our Head Start children will be ready for kindergarten. The Galileo program tracks outcomes for children, (continue on page 3)

Verneda Bentley

It's A Boy!

Jacqueline Washington, a child care worker at Superior Academy, welcomed a bouncing baby boy whom she named Zaire on Feb. 28. He weighed 8 lbs and 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations!

Our Vision: "The Sooner They Start, The Further They'll Go."

Ministerial Day Care/Head Start Association, a visionary trendsetter, will meet the diverse needs of our children, families and communities by offering high quality, comprehensive services, in an environment where diversity is valued, power is shared and individuality is respected and rewarded. We will develop and sustain relationships in the community, building partnerships and opportunities that are responsive in meeting and exceeding the performance standards of our lines of business. We will be the stellar early childhood development and supportive services agency committed to excellence at all times.

Happy Patrick's Day



Easter!



Month

In March of 1985, the Mary McLeod Bethune, political activist, educator and advisor to Presidents Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman, was honored with a commemorative stamp bearing her likeness. She was the eighth black American and the second black woman to receive the honor.

Superior Academy Visits Art Museum

Superior Academy students visited the Cleveland Museum of Art on Feb. 15. They got an opportunity to learn about patterns in the changing seasons, everyday activities and artwork through the museums StART SmART program. The program is in partnership with PNC's Grow Up Great initiative.

Cory Head Start

The children at Cory are excited about a field trip to the zoo on March 23rd. This is also a **big, big, big** month, for the kids, according to Yvette Davis. It is the month of transition to the Michael R. White Elementary School.

Good Luck Cory!

Black History Month Pride, Dignity and Respect

The 2011 Black History Month program was a huge success. Several of our parents turned out to Zion Chapel, where Rev. George Stewart is the pastor. Stewart, who is also the president of MDCA's board, was extremely gracious to allow the program to be held at Zion Chapel. MDCA's students from Hayden, Church of the Master, Hough and Brackland participated in the program that stressed the importance of pride, dignity and respect. Ms. Judy Tutwiley, who will celebrate 20 years of service with MDCA May 30, presented the 45-year history of the organization. Ms. Josephine Ward provided parents and staff an opportunity to applaud the children for their fantastic performances. In her nurturing way, Ms. Bentley held MJ, son of MDCA's accountant Erin Thompson, for the entire program. After the celebration, staff served those in attendance a soul food dinner.



Upcoming Events

March 10: Coordinators' Meeting at 2:30 p.m. at WPD
 March 16: Private Providers' Meeting at Superior Academy @ 1 p.m.
 April 1: MDCA Night with the Monsters at the Quicken Loans Arena @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.
 April 18: First Aid & CPR Training
 April 20: Private Providers Meeting at Superior Academy @ 1 p.m.
 April 20: Male Involvement Activity Day at Church of the Master @ 10 a.m.
 Good Friday: All Facilities Closed

Black History Month



Cont' Executive Director's Note by using performance indicators to evaluate the educational progress of each one of our children. The sophisticated computer program has assisted us in developing a system of accountability, ensuring our children are kindergarten ready.

Seeds of collaboration. Our garden is full of wonderful partners in the county and the community. Schools, businesses, community programs and even state, federal and local governments add color, life and support to the MDCA garden. New seeds are sprouting up every day. The new Head Start Performance Standards are helping us to achieve excellence.

Spring is here and Ministerial Day Care/Head Start Association's garden is in bloom. Beautiful flowers of all shapes, sizes and colors are blossoming all around us and are reflected in the wonderful faces of our children.

Spring is always a new beginning and the garden is designed to weather adversity and to flourish for years to come.

Join all of us at MDCA – and the children – surrounded by the sweet smell of success. And remember, the best is yet to come.