

Monthly Family Newsletter

September 2021



Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for celebrating the culture, art, history, heritage, and achievements of Hispanic and Latinx people. Do you know why Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated between September 15 and October 15? Well, the celebrating of Hispanic Heritage Month usually starts on September 15, which is the anniversary of independence for five countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16th, while Chile celebrates its independence on September 18th. Carrying into October because October 12 is known as "El Dia de la Raza," or "The Day of the Race". National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in the United States, Canada, and Latin America. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month can be done with several activities! Many people will attend festivals, concerts, film screenings, and exhibits.

So, try ending your days this month by cozying up in bed with a good book by a Latinx author. Or listen to a classic salsa song, maybe even try to learn a Latin dance. Support a Hispanic or Latinx owned business, maybe a restaurant where you could enjoy a classic Latin dish.

Many museums online are promoting the month with a virtual visit highlighting Hispanic and Latino culture. If anything maybe take some time from your day to learn a bit about Mexican Independence Day.

Meet The Cummings Family!

Deanna Taylor

Joining the Cummings family back when the building opened, Deanna has loved every minute of being an Early Head Start Teacher. After spending time in Oakland County for school and then working in the GSRP program, Deanna returned home to be closer to family (having grown up in the Flint area) and that is when she found Cummings. When not at work, you might find her doing any one of a lot of hobbies from fishing to crochet, canning to wood-burning. She enjoys spending time at their cabin in Harrison with her 2 sons and husband of 20 years.

From Our Executive Director

JANE L JAMERSON

Welcome back, families! Last month we explored what you could do to help keep consistent routines for your young ones. Especially now with school starting back up, creating consistent routines is very important, but why? As adults, we most likely have daily routines that we don't even know. Stopping to get coffee at your favorite place, grabbing the same items before you leave the house, and more. Our children need this same structure. Building routines can be very beneficial. It can help with transitions, self-control, building social skills, and increase learning abilities.

Children thrive on consistency and there are many different ways you can work with your child to create routines during the school year. Having a set plan for daily tasks such as getting ready for school and bed, and consistent mealtimes can help promote independence in completing these routines. Families can also incorporate stability in the form of after school routines such as asking how the student's day was or setting aside some time for family bonding. Routines provide an opportunity to build self-confidence, curiosity, communications skills, and more.



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We can't wait to see you all!



Mark Your Calendars:



Important Dates

- **September 7:** First day of School
- **September 14:** Cummings Market order pick up

From Our Family Engagement Coordinator

MIKE KILDEE

Welcome Children and Families!

On behalf of the Family Engagement Team at Cummings Great Expectations, I would like to welcome you to another fun and exciting year for children and families! We look forward to getting to know those who are new to our programs and continue to build relationships with those who are returning.

Throughout the year we will be providing opportunities for you to engage in your child's early learning experience. Because you are your child's first and most important teacher, our staff will work closely with you to provide the very best early childhood experience for your child.

Please feel free to contact the Family Engagement Team at your child's center if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or you just need someone to listen to you when you need help. We are here to lend support when needed so please do not hesitate to call.

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From Our School Director

MICHELLE TOWNSEND

I would like to welcome everyone back to school, and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. The staff and I are looking forward to another exciting year of learning at Cummings Great Expectations. I would also like to extend a welcome to our new staff members: Ms. Leslee Chapman, Ms. Sarah Slater, Ms. Ashley Cooper, Ms. Kaylee Forsyth, Ms. Deja Anderson, Ms. Nicolette Shaver, Ms. Taylor Mason, and Ms. leesha Welch.

You can expect periodic newsletters from myself, and several of the classroom teachers to keep you up-to-date as to what is happening here at Cummings and in the classrooms. Please help us by communicating with our school staff as well. We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year. We will strive to provide the best education possible for your child. If at any time during the school year you feel the need to contact us, please feel free to call 810 600-5461

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THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY!