May 11, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone is staying well. As you may be aware, I have recently been selected by the NM Cabinet Secretary for the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), Elizabeth Groginsky, to serve on the state’s newly-formed COVID-Safe Practices (CSPs) Subcommittee for Early Childhood. We have been tasked with reviewing safety practices and advising early childhood programs throughout the state as we work towards plans to reopen programs. Our first meeting is being held this Thursday, May 14, 2020, and we plan to meet over the next four weeks to complete the process. The work that is done in the Early Childhood CSPs Subcommittee will inform the licensing regulations and guidelines that programs, including the Children’s Campus will be required to follow when we reopen. As such and in alignment with UNM’s most recent guidance, the Children’s Campus will remain closed for children and families through at least May 29, 2020 and potentially beyond based on the outcome of the subcommittee determinations. This will not only provide us the opportunity to implement any new practices derived from the information discussed by the CSPs Early Childhood Subcommittee, but it will also ensure that when we reopen to children and families we will do so in the safest way possible for everyone. Please keep in mind that this date could be extended based on decisions made by the Governor, UNM Leadership or based on the information received from participation on the early childhood subcommittee. We recognize that it can be challenging not to have a firm date that the Children’s Campus will reopen to families, however we remain committed to providing timely updates as we have additional pertinent information.

In my prior update I mentioned that the Children’s Campus management team planned to meet with our Master Teachers, Kim and Rodchana, as well as our PreK teachers to solidify plans for a PreK graduation celebration. I am excited to announce that to celebrate our PreK Class of 2020, the Children’s Campus will be hosting its first ever PreK Graduation Parades!! The Graduation Parades are scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 30, 2020 as follows:

Room 10: 9:00 am  
Pioneer: 11:00 am  
Room 12: 1:00 pm

We would like to encourage our PreK families to join us as we hope to make this event very special for you and your soon to be kindergartener! Please feel free to decorate your car and add to the excitement of this ceremony, we hope to see your family and your creativity! There will be some surprises along the parade route so be prepared to have fun! Can’t join us? We are planning on setting up a Zoom meeting for each of the graduation celebrations so that you can listen in live as we announce each graduate! More information along with information specific to each classroom will be coming out soon, so stay tuned!!

As always, thank you for your continued support and flexibility during this time. We hope to all be back together again very soon!

We wish you well,

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