

+ Early Learning Programs

## **Director's Desk**

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The program year is approaching the end and we would like to pay special attention to our Kindergartners-to-be! We encourage the parents to start having a conversation about the transition to elementary school. Share your ideas about what will happen in the Kindergarten classroom. Discuss what might be the same as the Harvey-South Holland Early Learning Center and what might be different for them.

The parent, teachers and family engagement worker will work closely together to discuss transitions. A school transition is a process that sees all partners — students, families, early learning programs, and elementary schools — work together to develop knowledge, skills and relationships that will help students move from one educational setting to another.

- 1. A successful school transition is not a one-size-fits-all process. Plans should be customized to meet the needs of the school community.
- 2. Transition through change is a skill that children and families must be taught and given many opportunities to practice.
- 3. Transition planning can strengthen bonds between early learning programs and elementary schools including addressing consistency in expectations and curriculum across programs.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

May is Kindergarten Transition Month! Wednesday | 5/1/19 | Parent Committee Meeting & Challenging Behavior Workshop (9 a.m.) Tuesday | 5/21/19 | Field Trip to Lincoln Elementary Kindergarten Class (Tentative) Friday | 5/24/19 | Professional Development Day (No School) Monday | 5/27/19 | Memorial Day (No School) Thursday | 5/30/19 | Brookfield Zoo Field Trip (Tentative)

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