

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us for the annual Holiday Celebration! We look forward to seeing everyone there next December!

JOIN US FOR OUR VERY FIRST CAREGIVER WELLNESS SUMMIT ON FEB. 19, 9:30-2:30PM!

We will be discussing strategies for prioritizing personal well-being and self-care. We will feature a keynote speaker and workshops to promote relaxation, while gaining helpful insights.

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HOLIDAY REMINDER

VISION FORWARD WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 19TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY.

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CLASSROOM CORNER

Happy New Year!

As we embrace 2026, we look forward to a month filled with renewed energy. Our students will be diving into exciting winter-themed projects, fostering touching, comparing, and identifying different winter concepts. We will be working inside the classroom with the concepts of:

- hot and cold
- types of clothing we wear and why
- scooping & pouring
- following simple commands and
- helping get ready.

We look forward to hearing how you and your family are working to build these same concepts at home!



FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Meets every third Wednesday of the month. An inclusive space for parents, guardians, and family members of visually impaired children, to connect with others who share similar experiences, ask questions, and learn from one another.

****Important dates: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and March 18 at 10am-11am OR 1pm-2pm**

MAKE IT & TAKE IT LITERACY ACTIVITY

JANUARY 14 FROM 10-11AM & 2-3PM

We will read the story Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and learn some fun prebraille activities to go along with the story. Let's move and sing along during this lively early literacy activity.



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IMPORTANT DATES & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, January 19th		Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Agency Closed
Wednesday, January 21st	10-11am & 1-2pm	Family Connections
Wednesday, January 28th	9am-12pm	No Morning Groups
Wednesday, February 18th	10-11am & 1-2pm	Family Connections
Thursday, February 19th	9:30am-2:30pm	Caregiver Wellness Summit
Wednesday, March 11th	10-11am & 2-3pm	You Can Learn Braille Too!
Wednesday, March 18th	10-11am & 1-2pm	Family Connections
Thursday, March 19th	9:30am-12:30pm	Beep Baseball @ MSOE
Tues, March 24th and Weds, March 25th		Early Ed. Parent/Teacher Conferences

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PARENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

INSURANCE REMINDERS

- Insurance cards are copied 1-2 times per year
- Report insurance changes right away by contacting:
Cindi Gutbrod at **414-615-0105** or email her at: cgutbrod@vision-forward.org
- Payments sent directly to families are the family's responsibility.
- Request a copy, review, and update the Assignment of Insurance Form in your enrollment packet as needed

WHAT TO BRING DAILY

- Change of clothes (shirt, pants, socks, underwear, shoes, weather-related clothing)
- Diapers and wipes
- Snack— families provide snacks
- Special feeding supplies or therapy equipment
- Wearable equipment, such as AFOs, hand splints, etc. should be worn upon arrival
- Talk with staff about adapted seating or equipment needs
- Notify staff of allergies, special diets, or medical needs and complete all required forms.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES 🤒

- Keep your child home if they have:
- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Unidentified rash
- Any contagious illness
- Children must be symptom-free for 24 hours (and/or on antibiotics) before returning.
- Notify Vision Forward within 24 hours if your child has a contagious illness
- Families will be notified if exposure occurs

ABSENCES 📅

- Call or text **414-403-6178**
- Please notify us ahead of time for planned absences
- If we don't hear from you, staff will follow up

MEDICATION SAFETY 💊

- **DO NOT** leave medications in backpacks or cubbies
- Tell staff immediately if your child arrives with medication
- Medications are stored in a locked box
- Prescriptions must be in original pharmacy-labeled packaging and not expired
- Only caregivers may give medication (not staff)
- Inform staff of any changes in your child's medical status