

The Word on Main Street

A Monthly Newsletter for Supporters of Main Street Child Development Center



My Funny Valentine

The Cardinals – led by Ms. Jenny and Ms. Turkan (*pictured, right*) - made personalized bags for their Valentine exchange party on Tuesday February 14th. All classrooms joined in the Valentines Day fun. At various points in the day, each class visited other classrooms and the office to deliver treats to their Valentines.



Ms. Turkan and friends

A Visit from Crestline

On Friday, January 13th, 6 volunteers from Crestline Hotels & Resorts (based in Fairfax City) spent the morning with Main Street's students. Our guests spent 4 hours each with our children, reading books with kids, helping them with art projects and, most importantly, giving them quality one-on-one time with an adult. We are grateful to our new friends at Crestline and look forward to having them visit again!

Thanks to our Recent Funders!

John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation

⇒ \$15,000 for general operating costs

Jacquemin Family Foundation

⇒ \$5,000 for general operating costs

Beautiful Vision

Each year, the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (POB) performs on-site vision screenings for children in our program. This winter, the Vision Screeners noticed that our 4 year-old student Luciana (*name changed to maintain privacy*) had a drooping upper eyelid, a medical condition called ptosis. They sent her parents a referral, asking them to take Luciana to an eye doctor for a professional examination. Luciana's family wrote a letter to Marcy Babitz, Director of Children's Vision Screening at POB and told her they were aware of the condition but they did not have eye health insurance to cover surgery. Marcy reached out to a Pediatric Eye Surgeon at Children's Hospital who serves on the POB Board of Directors. She asked if he would consider taking on the surgery pro bono (without payment). The surgeon agreed. Luciana will undergo surgery this month. We are thrilled to have POB as a community partner as they help Luciana and fulfill their mission of healthy eye sight and healthy eyes for all children!



The Dolphins