



# January 2012 Newsletter

## Days to remember

January 1st  
New Years Day



January 16th  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



January 17th  
Ben Franklin's Birthday



January 23rd  
Chinese New Year



## Sparkles! Vision for 2012

The start of the year is a wonderful time to reflect and strive towards improvements. At Sparkles! we are using this new year as a marker for change and improvements in our community.

One of our goals will be to better the communication between parents and their center. Be on the look out for updates and announcements regarding our improvements in this area.

Sparkles! is also improving our curriculum! With the improvements to our curriculum we will be better able to help

your child prepare for the next step in their lives.

Finally, Sparkles! wants to enhance its community. Sparkles! is currently working towards a better facebook and twitter line of communication! With this we hope to be able to better communicate with parents and friends and make an even better community.

We hope that you enjoy our New Years resolutions and the changes that are due in the near future.



## Parent Reminders

### Themed Portraits

**Sparkles! at Fair Oaks and Chantilly** will be having themed Portraits for Valentine's Day by The Portrait Café on January 16th-20th.

### Notifications

We ask that all parents continue to notify management if your child/children display any symptoms of infectious diseases during these winter months. We appreciate all

of the efforts that have been made in notifying us and getting doctor's notes to us in a timely manner! Thank you for joining the fight with us to keep our children healthy!

### Movie Night

Each center will be hosting a Movie Night on Friday, January 13th from 7pm-9pm. Parents, look for sign-up information at your center.

## Potomac Mills Summer Camp Expo

Come to Potomac Mills on January 28th-29th from 11am-5pm to see their summer camp expo!

Summer camp information will be available for camps in the Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia area. Camp representatives will be there to answer all your questions and tend to any of your concerns.

The variety of camps that will be represented there will be from day camps to sleep away camps. So come and explore the wide range of camps available so your child has a fun and exciting summer!



### Chantilly

Derek- Jan. 6th  
Janelle- Jan. 13th  
Tyler- Jan. 13th  
Steven- Jan. 23rd  
Cassandra- Jan. 24th  
Isabella- Jan. 30th

### Crystal City

## Sparkles! Birthdays

Simone- Jan. 4th  
Jackson- Jan. 6th  
Maxine- Jan. 15th  
Micah- Jan. 29th  
Elle- Jan. 29th

### Fair Oaks

Eleanor- Jan. 5th  
Mohamed- Jan. 8th  
Maxwell- Jan. 10th  
Jaylin- Jan. 16th

Jourdan- Jan. 16th  
Gavin- Jan. 17th  
Jahmari- Jan. 18th  
Elijah- Jan. 24th  
Darius- Jan. 25th  
Renata- Jan. 27th  
Jennifer- Jan. 30th

### White Oaks

Luke- Jan 20th

## 2012 Chinese New Year Parade

The Chinese New Year is being celebrated this year with a 15day festival in Washington DC. The year of the Dragon starts on January 23rd and has plenty of fun events!

Come to Chinatown on January 29th from 2-5pm and experience the celebration of the Chinese New year!

This event will feature the traditional Chinese Dragon Dance, Kung Fu demonstrations and live musical entertainment.



Between the hours of 12pm and 5pm at the Chinatown Community Cultural Center on January 29th there will be activities ranging from children's crafts, face painting, lion dancing and free giveaways!

The parade will take place on H Street, NW, between 6th and 8th Street. This is sure to be one event you don't want to miss.

## TEACHER'S BIRTHDAYS

Jesus Olguin- Jan. 2nd  
Mirian Merino- Jan. 6th  
Teacher/Fair Oaks  
Mitali Kabiraj- Jan. 8th  
Teacher/Chantilly  
Rosa Lozano- Jan. 23rd



## Chinese Dragon

Materials:  
Colored paper  
Scissors  
Crayons or markers  
Glue/tape  
2 straws



First, draw the head and tail of a dragon on a piece of paper. Next, decorate the

head and tail before cutting it out.

Fold a piece of paper in half the long way and cut along the crest. Fold each paper up like an accordion and then tape the two pieces together. After the two pieces are taped together tape/glue the head and tail to body. Finally, tape the straws, one to the head the other to the tail. Congratulations you now have a Chinese dragon!

## Joke of the Month



Q: What's a snake's favorite subject?

A: Hissstory