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# Newsletter - January/February 2014

At Crispus Attucks Children's Center, we nurture and care for each child individually, helping them grow. Every day, our trained staff guide children through a range of multi-sensory activities that help them learn, share, and most of all enjoy their childhood. From babies as young as one month to boisterous preschoolers Crispus Attucks Children's Center is there to guide children through all stages of development and support their parents.

Families come first at Crispus Attucks Children's Center, and our staff is committed to make sure we meet parent's needs. Another advantage of Crispus Attucks Children's Center is experienced staff. A large majority of teachers have been with the Center for several years – some over twenty years and most have college degrees or are completing their degree requirements.

At Crispus Attucks Children's Center we believe that healthy minds and healthy bodies go hand in hand. To that end, we have designed a proactive, holistic curriculum that is unique among early education programs. One of our learning curricula is called "Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies" which supports every area of a child's growth and development.



# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

March 5, 9:30am - 11:30am

Crispus Attucks Day — Join us as we host our annual celebration of Crispus Attucks, the man. Enjoy a light breakfast, tour, an opportunity to learn more about the Center and enjoy a student performance!!

#### April (TBD)

Crispus Attucks Children's Center Flea Market!

#### **Important Announcements**

# Lesley Christian Retires – Welcome Myra Oria

After more than 35 years at the Center, Lesley Christian retired and Myra Oria is the new Executive Director/CEO of Crispus Attucks Children's Center. Feel free to contact Myra Oria at:
Moria@crispus-attucks.org

#### THE NEW FACES OF CRISPUS ATTUCKS CHILDREN'S CENTER:

Myra Oria – Executive Director Maritza Juliao – Director of Education Ronda Martinez – Infant/Toddler Education Coordinator Adilia DaSilva – Director of Finance Joyce Henderson – Development Manager





# The Impact of Your Donation

Fundraising, to maintain high quality programs, is an ongoing need. In order to replenish educational supplies and equipment, keep our children's computers and software up to date and an engaging learning tool, and to provide staff trainings that keep staff abreast of new theories in early childhood education and curricula, we continue to need and actively seek the support of individuals. For those who have supported the Center in the past, thank you and we hope you will continue to invest in us. For those new to Crispus Attucks Children's Center, please join us in making a difference for the children we serve in 2014!

Donations help to support basic classroom materials, age appropriate software and capital improvements at the Center. All donations - financial, product, and service are appreciated by staff, parents and children!

Please make your donation at: www.crispus-attucks.org/donations

# **More Important News**



### CRISPUS ATTUCKS

**Crispus Attucks** (c. 1723 – March 5, 1770) was an American slave, merchant seaman and dockworker of Wampanoag and African descent. He was the first casualty of the Boston Massacre, in Boston, Massachusetts, and is widely considered to be the first American casualty in the American Revolutionary War.

Attucks, in the 18th century became an icon of the anti-slavery movement. He was held up as the first martyr of the American Revolution along with the others killed. In the early 19th century, as the abolitionist movement gained momentum in Boston, supporters lauded Attucks as a black American who played a heroic role in the history of the United States.

**Tiny Hopes** – Tiny Hopes was created to help support early childhood programs in the Boston area. Donate your old car or truck and you can get a tax deduction and save money. Email <a href="mailto:info@tinyhopes.org">info@tinyhopes.org</a>.

**Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters Program** - This Program is designed to bring nutritional and healthy cooking and eating habits to families of Crispus Attucks Children's Center.

# **Open Positions**

The Center is currently seeking early childhood teachers. For additional employment information, contact: Maritza Juliao, Director of Education at mjuliao@crispusattucks.org

## Volunteers

Crispus Attucks Children's Center is always looking for individuals to help!! There are many ways that you can help ranging from reading in the classroom to working on a committee. Any and all efforts are appreciated, and make a difference in the education we can provide our children.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Henderson at jhenderson@crispus-attucks.org



