

It's Survey Time

In the coming days, you will receive a copy of the 2006 Parent/Guardian Evaluation for HFDC. We would be most grateful to receive your timely, candid feedback. Responses are anonymous, and we really do listen.

For example, during last year's survey we received comments that led to the following changes:

- We enlisted the help of Brad Powell (dad to Star Jefferson) as Webmaster for <http://www.hfdc.org> and updates are being given to him to post.
- The Stars room now includes naps on the potty chart, and notes are provided to families when children are having "an off day."
- Teachers' days off are listed in the newsletter, and last-minute absences are written on the white board above the sign-in table.
- The Stars room's weekly lesson plan is usually in boxes the preceding Friday, and special events are included on the monthly calendar.
- Part-timers are regularly reminded that they can attend special events such as Tumblin' Tots or parties that occur when they are not normally in the Center. Also, more information is given regarding special events so that newer families know what to expect.
- A committee will be re-examining all of the Center's policies in the coming months, particularly regarding "problem behaviors" and discipline. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to participate on this committee; contact board chair Anita Crescenzi (crescenzi@gmail.com).
- Families are encouraged to share their interests (music, art, other hobbies) with the children at the Center; contact director Cindy Riley (criley@chfnc.org).
- To address concerns about the significant age range in the Rocket room, the children are now divided into smaller groups along "developmental" lines for circle time and while working at the tables.
- Staff are looking into various curriculum enhancements that support HFDC's philosophy on positive reinforcement, conflict resolution, etc.

As you can see, your feedback really counts. So watch your HFDC mailboxes for the survey soon!

Thanks for your cooperation!
HFDC Parent/Guardian Evaluation Committee

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