



November-December 2021 Newsletter

In the Classroom

Celebrating Thanksgiving with a Turkey Contest

All Le Jardin families welcomed November and celebrated Thanksgiving with a Turkey Contest.

Parents and teachers got creative and made turkeys out of recycled materials such as milk jugs, paper rolls, water bottles, and even boxes! The most creative turkeys won a prize!

We love to see our families engaged and participating in all of these fun activities!



In the Classroom

Celebrating Le Jardin's EHS First Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest



This year, all of the Early Head Start Centers had the opportunity to participate in Le Jardin First Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest!

Teachers, students, and parents were encouraged to work together to make the best possible scarecrow and display it in front of the classroom hallways!

Winners received a gift basket and a certificate of participation!

One winning classroom was chosen in every center.



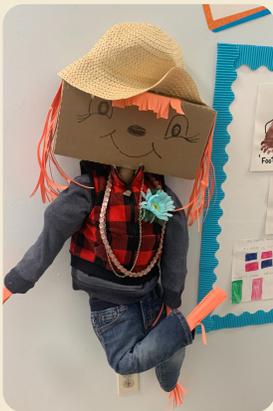
**Room 5
Yamira Ferro and Adriana Mesa**



**Room 3
Yesanin Aguirre and Norka Spiritto**



**Rooms 1 & 2
Patricia Jimenez & Angela Prada
Matilde Perez and Ofelia Moreno**



**Le Jardin's EHS First Annual
Scarecrow Decorating Contest**

In the Classroom

Books Come to Life

Celebrating and promoting literacy with our annual Books Come to Life event at Center 2!

We celebrate Books Come to Life to promote literacy awareness across the curriculum. While reading and writing are huge parts of literacy, children develop literacy skills before they can even speak. By understanding words and language, they're using the building blocks of literacy! Literacy development, especially at this age, sets the stage for school readiness and a child's future success!

Parents play a vital role in bringing the power of language to children! When parents help children watch, listen, understand, and speak they are helping them develop the skills they need.

To celebrate Books Come to Life, each classroom dressed up according to the theme of the classic storybook they chose. Chosen books included, *The Lorax*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *101 Dalmatians*, *Who Will Be My Mother*, and *The Cat In The Hat*, among others.

Parents and teachers collaborated to make the elaborate costumes and headpieces the little ones wore on stage when they presented their books to their peers!



Le Jardin In the News

EDUCACION



AUDELIA MARTINEZ AND EDUARDO BERRONES

The latest issue features Le Jardin's Executive Director, Eduardo Berrones, and CFO/COO, Audelia Martinez, on the cover!

The article focuses on the grand opening of Le Jardin's 8th center, located inside Harris Field, and upcoming projects that will benefit the community.

Le Jardin Community Center sirviendo y creciendo

Among the projects highlighted are Le Jardin's Mobile Units dedicated to Health and Mental health. These units are scheduled to come online early in the year and will serve to provide much-needed services to Le Jardin children and families as well as the homestead Community.



“Our objective is to phase the families out of poverty and set them up for success. Planning for more expansion is underway, and the future could see the addition of a Wellness Center and even some Youth Sports leagues. We want to reaffirm to the community that Le Jardin is a valuable asset,” mentioned Executive Director, Eduardo Berrones

Planting Seeds For The Future

Community Partners

Guatemalan Mobile Consulate Event

On Saturday, December 4, and Sunday, December 5, we had the pleasure of welcoming the General Guatemalan Consul in Miami, Rosa Merida de Mora, and the rest of the Consulate team to host a Mobile Consulate to provide services to the Guatemalan community. The event took place in Le Jardin's newest center in Harris Field.

Over **400** Guatemalans took advantage of the services offered over the two-day weekend traveling from as far as Georgia, South and North Carolina, and Jacksonville.

Services included Passports, Identification Cards, Legal Services, as well as Civil Registry.

Our partnership with the Guatemalan Consulate came to fruition earlier this year after they diligently helped a Le Jardin parent. Le Jardin serves over 200 Guatemalan families and understands these services are critical in our community and will be working with the Consulate to host another Mobile Consulate event in 2022.



Community Partners

Consular Entrepreneurship Program for Women of Mexican Origin in Miami

Le Jardin is proud have participated in the First Edition of the Programa Consular de Emprendimiento para Mujeres de Origen Mexicano en Miami (Consular Entrepreneurship Program for Women of Mexican Origin in Miami)!

El Programa Consular de Emprendimiento para Mujeres en el Exterior en el Sur de Florida (Consular Entrepreneurship Program for Women of Mexican Origin in Miami) is designed to create new business opportunities for Mexican migrant women.

Dream Builders Ana Perez, Yuridia Maldonado, Olga Bautista, and Nayled Juarez completed the 12-chapter virtual program, presented their business plans, and competed for a prize!

Yuridia joined the program in hopes of growing her Nursery. Her dream is to be able to successfully operate her business independently and supply companies and contractors with a variety of plants.

Ana has a small cleaning company and hopes to grow now that she has a comprehensive business plan thanks to the Dream Builder program.

Thanks to the Consulate for allowing our EMPRENDEDORAS to be part of this talented group of women! We are proud of these incredible women for their hard work and dedication.



Conversatorio del Programa Consular de Emprendimiento para Mexicanas en el Exterior





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Homestead Hospital and Homestead Air Reserve

Le Jardin would like to thank the extraordinary team of volunteers from Homestead Hospital and Homestead Air Reserve for gathering and distributing over 400 Thanksgiving Baskets at Center 2 in the pouring rain. The annual food drive benefits members of the community and Le Jardin families.



Thanksgiving

La Rosa Realty/La Rosa Foundation

Local Real Estate company, La Rosa realty was able to put together 100 baskets to give to our most vulnerable families on Thanksgiving. Their team gathered their volunteers, rain jackets, and brought a smile to all of the families that received a basket!



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Holiday Toy Drive with Gifts & Goals

Le Jardin's and FCC USA's soccer superstars celebrated the first Holiday Toy Drive with Gifts & Goals! 100 children participating in the soccer program had the opportunity to meet Santa, Ms. Claus, and the Grinch!

Le Jardin would like to thank FCC USA, ELION, and CERA- Edward McGovern for making this possible!



Ajay's Toy Drive



Thank you, Ajay's Toy Drive! Every year, Ajay and his family work together with other members of the community to gather gifts for some Le Jardin Centers! This year, Ajay and a few other key figures in our community worked together to bring 160 gifts for the children and families at Site 3 and 5A.

To make it even more special Ajay donated the gifts in loving memory of Nora Plata, a former Le Jardin teacher and amazing human being that recently passed away from cancer.

A special shoutout to the Homestead Police Department for escorting Ajay and Larry Roth and a special thank you to his mother for raising such an extraordinary caring young man!





Holiday Celebration

During the holiday season, organizations in our community make an effort to support Le Jardin and spread holiday cheer across our centers. As we close another difficult year, we'd like to highlight those individuals who support our mission to improve the quality of life for children and families and work hard to make the holiday season memorable for all children at Le Jardin.

Thank You!

Ajay's Toy Drive
Pam Schumacher
Sandy Slater
Yazmin Amaya

Saint Philip's Episcopal
Church and School
Jeff Felton

Bright Seasons
La Rosa Foundation

Consulate General of Mexico in Miami
FCC USA, ELION, and CERA

Edward McGovern
Extraordinary Martial Arts

Emilia Gugliuzza and Kiwanis International



