



Providing the highest quality instruction, education and care for every child in our early childhood and school age programs.

In May 2017 Harbor Child Care embarked on a journey to construct a new playground for nearly 350 children served at its location in the Herricks Community Center in New Hyde Park, NY. We chose a highly reputable company to construct and install 21st century state-of-the-art playground equipment that included a new rubber safety surface area, custom-made structures for children ages 2 to 12 years old, a pre-kindergarten deluxe weather station, piano, picnic tables, trash cans and planters. Children and staff watched with excitement and anticipation at the beginning and end of installation. Its completion and official opening came just a few days after Thanksgiving!

Photo ops with staff, parents and children are planned for the week of December 4th. The Ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for December 8th, and will include Harbor administrators, Harbor Board of Directors, Herricks school district staff and trustees, local politicians, financial supporters and other special guests.

Harbor Child Care is regulated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. It is required that equipment be modern and meet safety standards according to New York State regulations for children. It is also necessary that children receive physical movement and exercise as part of Harbor's new Creative Curriculum. This new playground helps our children play freely, enhance their social skills, and explore new possibilities for fun, games and imagination! Connecting the new playground to the curricular area of physical education/health is our main goal!

Harbor Child Care truly appreciates the support and friendship of NYS Senator Elaine Phillips, NYS Assemblyman Anthony D'Urso, Legislator Ellen Birnbaum, Superintendent Dr. Fino Celano of the Herricks Union Free School District, The Herricks Community Fund, The Stanley and Iris Rabinowitz Foundation, and The Laura Vogler Foundation. We wish to also thank Harbor parents and staff for their unending love and support of child care initiatives and fundraisers throughout the year.

Harbor Child Care continually seeks funds to support this project. As a not-for-profit agency we can only charge tuition that covers the essentials of the budget. Revenue raised by fundraising and donations is used for tuition scholarships for families in need of support and to help to provide the “extras” such as music, art and trips and occasionally for capital expenditures such as new or improved playgrounds. To make a tax-deductible donation, please visit our website at www.harborchildcare.org/support.

Harbor Child Care is a not-for-profit 501c3 tax-exempt organization, which has been in existence for over 40 years. We provide the highest quality of instruction for every child in our first-rate early childhood setting. Since our inception we believe over 20,000 children have experienced the warm, kind, and intelligent community that is Harbor Child Care. We currently serve approximately 1,000 children across six centers in Nassau County in our early childhood, school age and summer programs. Our staff-to-child ratios are in accordance to NYS Office of Children and Family Services regulations.

Harbor Child Care in New Hyde Park is located in the Herricks Community Center at 999 Herricks Road. Harbor has been a tenant within the Community Center for the past 36 years. This center encompasses multi-generational and multi-cultural families, welcomes children from the ages of 12 weeks to 12 years and is nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The center provides child care services from 6:45am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday year round. We offer Universal Pre-K classes partnered with the New Hyde Park/Garden City Park and Herricks school districts. We offer an educational environment, as well as nutritious meals, medical oversight, an outdoor playspace and a curriculum that ensures children receive an educational benefit that readies them for kindergarten and beyond. We assist parents by offering before school and after school programs for our school-goers, a holiday care program and a summer program when schools are closed. Support from friends and the community goes a long way in helping us to achieve these goals.

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