



Jack and Jill Center's mission is to strengthen children and families through innovative education, supportive programming, and community engagement.

April showered Jack & Jill Center with themed activities to celebrate Week of the Young Child, a visit from the Colgate mobile dental van, dinner sponsored by the Dolphins, Earth Day celebrations, and so much more!

April eNewsletter

April 27, 2023



Smiles and Joy: Reflecting on NAEYC's Week of the Young Child Festivities

This month, our organization celebrated the "Week of the Young Child," an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Each day of the week had a unique theme, including Music Monday and Work Together Wednesday, and our educators and staff designed engaging activities to go

along with the theme of the day. It was an incredible experience for our students, families, team members, and volunteers!

As we continue to prioritize engaging families as partners in our programs, we concluded the Week of the Young Child with a special "Family Friday" event. Families joined us for an exciting egg hunt on the playground, which brought smiles and joy to everyone involved.

The Week of the Young Child is a cherished tradition that highlights the importance of early childhood education and celebrates the well-being, development, and learning of young children.



Bright Smiles: Colgate Inspires Young Scholars at Jack & Jill Center with Dental Health Education

The Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures mobile dental van recently paid a visit to Jack & Jill Center to teach our young scholars about maintaining good oral hygiene. The interactive educational session conducted by Colgate was an amazing experience for our kids, as they learned about the importance of dental health and how to take care of their teeth and gums. The Colgate team engaged the children with fun activities, educational games, and informative presentations, making the session both enjoyable and educational.

During the visit, the Colgate representatives shared practical tips on brushing techniques, flossing, and the importance of regular dental check-ups. They also emphasized the significance of a healthy diet for maintaining strong teeth and gums.

We are grateful to Colgate for their visit and the valuable knowledge they shared with our children. The session was a perfect blend of fun and education, leaving a lasting impression on our young scholars about the importance of dental health.

Growing Green Warriors: Students Showcase Their Commitment to Protecting the Planet on Earth Day!

Students at both Madelaine Halmos Academy and our Early Education Program commemorated Earth Day by showcasing their dedication to safeguarding our planet through a variety of activities, such as planting seeds, crafting 3D art using recycled materials, and expressing their own artistic interpretations of Earth.



These activities served as a powerful reminder to students about the significance of valuing, protecting, and conserving our planet. Earth is our sole home, providing us with essential resources for our survival and growth. It is our responsibility to take care of it for our own well-being and that of future generations. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained a profound understanding of the importance of protecting the planet they call home.



Mike and Maurkice Pouncey show support and bring excitement to Jack and Jill Center!

This month, we were thrilled to receive the support of Mike and Maurkice Pouncey at two incredible events benefiting the families of Jack and Jill Center! The Miami Dolphins generously provided 500 pre-packaged meals to the students and families of the center, in collaboration with Truist Financial and Troy's BBQ. The event also featured exciting

giveaways and photo opportunities with the Miami Dolphins cheerleaders, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Additionally, Team Pouncey sponsored our Annual Bowl for Change, hosted by the Young Professionals Network of Jack & Jill Center! The event, held at Manor Lanes / Sports Den Pub, raised nearly \$4,000 for the children of Jack & Jill Center. Guests of all ages had a blast with a day packed full of exciting activities, including bowling, music, raffle prizes, arcade games, and more. You can check out more photos from this fun-filled event [here!](#)

We'd like to thank Mike and Maurkice Pouncey for their ongoing support of Jack and Jill Center and their enthusiastic involvement in our events. Their passion and dedication are already making an impact on the lives of the families we serve.

Celebrating Our Corporate Partners and Inspiring Stories of Impact

The Corporate Partners of Jack & Jill Center play a pivotal role in strengthening our relationship with the business community of Fort Lauderdale. To honor their hard work on our behalf, we recently held a small reception on the property of urban design firm and Corporate Partner, EDSA. It was a truly memorable night as we expressed our gratitude to those who support us and our community.

One of the highlights of the evening was a heartwarming speech delivered by Dantonio Frazier, a fifth-grade student who has been attending Jack and Jill Center since he was just two years old. Dantonio shared how Jack and Jill Center has made a significant impact on his life and the lives of his family members. Dantonio expressed his heartfelt thanks to the school for helping him become the young man he is today and shaping his dreams for the future.

Dantonio also specifically credited the Halmos family and the Florida Prepaid College Program for the Opportunity College Scholarship that they offer to Madelaine Halmos Academy graduates. The evening was a wonderful celebration of the Center's relationships with the business community and its support of our programs that are able to nurture bright young students like Dantonio.

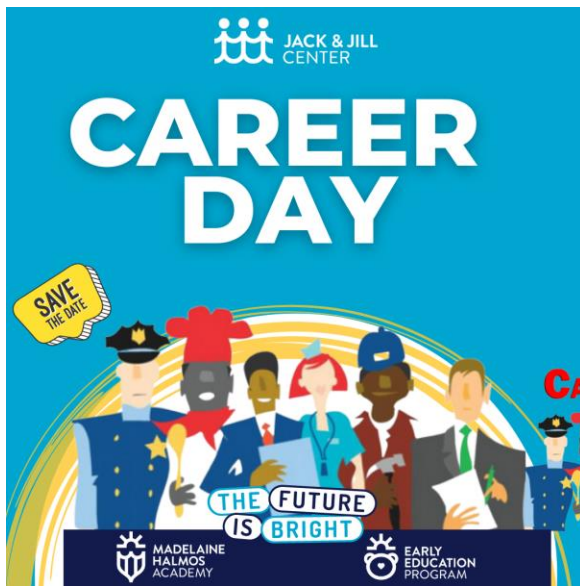


Join us at Madelaine Halmos Academy for the 23-24 school year!



Madelaine Halmos Academy is currently accepting enrollment for Kindergarten through 5th grade students for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year! To learn more and schedule a tour of our state-of-the-art campus, please contact our Enrollment Coordinator, Kathy Capobianco at kcapobianco@jackandjillcenter.org or click [here!](#)

Upcoming Events



Career Day at Jack & Jill Center

Date: May 24, 2023,

Location: Jack & Jill Center, 1315 W Broward Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Jack and Jill Center is excited to announce that on May 24th, we will host a Career Day filled with interactive sessions where students will have the opportunity to meet professionals from various fields! This informative and fun-filled day will allow students to explore potential career paths that may interest them in the future. If you would like to participate, please contact Tonya Wallace at TWallace@jackandjillcenter.org for more information.

Past Events



Flip Flops on the Docks - Raises over \$445,000 for Jack & Jill Center

The 18th Annual Flip Flops on the Docks event hosted by The Friends of Jack & Jill Center was truly unforgettable! With a remarkable turnout of over 425 guests, we were able to raise an incredible sum of over \$445,000 for the children and families of Jack & Jill Center. The night

was filled with delightful drinks, delectable Bahamian-inspired food stations, and captivating performances by a Junkanoo Band and the Marcia Mitchell Band. The crowd couldn't get enough of the live music and entertainment, and danced the night away. We are immensely grateful to our generous sponsors and everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Thank you for your unwavering support! Click [here](#) to view more photos from the event!



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