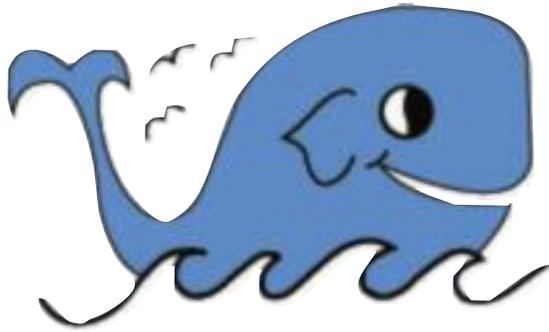


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Spring Clean-up Event for outgoing 3's

The end of the year Clean-Up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014, from 9-11 a.m. This clean-up must be attended by all non-board members of the current 3 year-old classes. Please contact Heather Oster at oster.heather@yahoo.com if there are any questions.

At least one adult member of each family is required to attend:

Bonnie or Joe Gardner
Kelly or Mario LaBrutte
Loren or Matthew Dlugos
Carrie or Stephen Hayes
Camille or Faris Hawit
Laurie Daddino or Dan Sutermeister
Amanda or Michael Schneider
Rae or Louis Portillo
Jill Thompson-Abukassis or Shlami Abukassis
Stacy or Josh Taylor
Tanya Camarra
Caitlin or Reuben Pavon
Heather Cibor
Desirae or Saul Flores
Leanne or Michael Puglia

Board Members

(Technically optional, but there sure are a lot of us represented here.)

Christina Feindt or Kevin Miller
Debbie or Cameron Ailiff
Carrie or John Groff
Tanya O'Rourke or Gad Epstein
Nicole or Jeff Gunhus

Special days to share with those you love

Pet Day

April 22nd for 3's
April 23rd for 4's:

If you have a pet that would be a good guest, you may bring them in at the beginning of class. Small animals should be in cages, dogs and cats should be leashed or caged. Each child will have an opportunity to talk about their pet. After your pet has had their turn in the spotlight, you may take them home. Small caged animals can remain for class time if desired.

If your pet is unable to travel, your child may want to bring a picture of their pet. For children that do not have pets, they may bring in a favorite stuffed animal. My son was quite pleased to bring in a jar full of worms he found in the backyard one year!



Mothers' Day Teas

May 1st for 3's

May 2nd for 4's:

This is our social event of the season. We ask that all moms return to school for the last 45-60 minutes of the day for a special snack/lunch. Sorry, no siblings allowed. More details will follow, just wanted to give everyone a heads up about the date.



— Miss Barbara

From the Board President

By Anne Canaday

Happy April (I know it's hard to tell lately!)

As we head quickly into the end of our school year, there is still much to share, so please read your newsletter carefully!

A million thanks to Carrie Hayes and her Events and Fundraising Team. The auction was simply fabulous. I think the highest compliment I've heard was from Ms. Barb and Ann (who have been to over 20 of these!). They both agreed it was the most fun auction yet. Maybe it was the addition of the bull! We are thrilled to share that we made over \$18,000 this year. This final number is still in the works as we had a few things to sell after the auction. Thanks to everyone for the great donations, participation and fun!

Shortly, you'll receive School Evaluations. Please take some time to fill these out and return – we really do read everyone's comments and appreciate your input! If you have questions, let Malana Bosley know.

The Nominating Committee Meeting will be held at Katie Moore's on Monday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.



Attendance is not required, but this is the perfect opportunity to secure your desired position. If you are returning next year, please reconsider the committee preferences you made for the Fall. We really need people to step up [PLEASE] and take on jobs that are more challenging and require a little more experience than a first time member. Call me to chat (or I may call you!).

Please spread the word about our school... we have a handful of spots still open in our 4's class next year, and openings in both morning and afternoon 3's. If you refer a friend, they can get half off of the registration fee (have them mention your name!).

If you have any issues or suggestions, please contact me or attend one of the Board Meetings. The next Board Meeting will be on April 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Come on spring!
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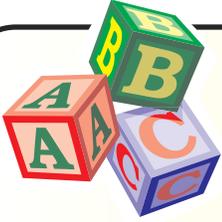
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(Debbie & Tanya will be working together on the 3's schedules and tasks this year.)



Teacher's Corner

By Barbara Freeman

Where is spring? As I write this it is snowing! Even though the daffodils are starting to bloom and we're starting to see buds on the trees, it certainly doesn't seem like spring. After such a long and cold winter let's hope we see some sunshine and warm weather soon!

Thanks to everyone who helped make Denim and Diamonds such a fun evening! It was wonderful to see everyone having such a good time and to see so many alumni. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did.

Ann and I enjoyed visiting with all the dads for Fathers' Day last month. It's always fun to watch the children play with their dads. It's especially fun watching the dads sit on our small chairs having tea parties in the house together! Everyone also enjoyed making pictures and donuts together. It really is a special day when you have Dad all to

yourself - if only life could stay so simple.

Seeds, pets and baby chicks will be our themes for both the 3's and the 4's this month. We will plant several different types of seeds and watch them grow in the classroom, along with the traditional "Hairy Harry" that will come home the beginning of the month. We will wait until after Easter to put the eggs in the incubator and with a little luck we will have baby chicks on May 12th.

OUTDOOR PLAY

While the weather will be warmer, please remember that it is always windy up on the hill. Even when it seems warm at your house the children may still need a jacket to go outside.

Flip-flops and sandals may be cute and comfortable but they are not appropriate footwear for school. Please encourage your child to wear real shoes to school. Tell them Miss Barbara says so.

Yearbooks help keep the memories alive forever

The annual SCPC Yearbook is beginning development stages. What does this mean to you? It means that this is a warning to turn in any and all photos you have been collecting all year long! All those fieldtrips and parties, and father's day gatherings. All those day-to-day photos you took while working in the classroom. Please send all that you can.

All photos can be e-mailed to: scpcyearbook@gmail.com. If you have quite a few, e-mail me and I will send you a link to a dropbox folder where you can copy them all directly.

If you can, include any names, dates, captions, event titles, locations, etc., that you can think of when you send in photos. You may know who is who, but some of us have no idea.

The SCPC Board of Directors discussed deadlines and it seemed to be a popular notion to actually wait until after

school is over to proceed with publishing and distributing the yearbook. This way, the last weeks of school, including the famous "Graduation" can be included in the book. There will then be an informal meet up event held over the summer months for anyone interested in picking up their book and getting together.

Order forms and further information will be included in next month's newsletter and/or be e-mailed out to members.

Please remember that the variety of photos represented in the yearbook is totally dependent on how many photos are submitted by the members. I would love to be able to design a special keepsake that you will treasure for years to come. I ask for your help in this by sending in photos as soon as you can find the time. Thank you.

– Christina Feindt



Mary from the 3 p.m.'s loves to help clean the school with her mom.

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The Threes

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April

The 3's enjoyed the many science activities this past month, particularly "sink and float", mixing "concoctions" and magnets. Along with the science activities we spent time classifying, sequencing and talking about opposites. We usually take our trip to Old Maryland Farm in April but with the Easter break in the middle of the month we will wait until **May 6th**. Hopefully it won't snow. More details will be sent home later.

There are several other special events this month for the 3's:

April 8th: Teddy Bear Picnic - Everyone should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal. The snack parents need to talk with Miss Ann about what to bring for snack that day. Weather permitting we will take our bears outside to picnic.

April 10th: Easter celebration - We will be

dying eggs and making biscuit bunnies. Each child needs to bring in two hard-boiled eggs at the beginning of class time. We also will be making a special snack that day. If you are the snack parent, please talk with Miss Ann.

April 24th: Grandparents' Day - Grandparents, or a special friend, are invited to visit our classroom and spend some time with their grandchild. Grandparents should arrive as follows: 3 a.m. class at 10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. class guests please arrive at 1 p.m. Don't feel badly if your child does not have a grandparent to visit with them. Grandparents are very good about "sharing" themselves and no one has ever felt left out. We will also be asking parents to send in extra snack donations, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

April 22nd: Pet Day

May 1st: Mothers' Day Tea

Touch and Tell Schedule

3 A.M.

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Jane	Zoe
Landon	Leo
Courtney	Chaya
Shoshi	Nolan
Lucy	Lilly
Vincent	Alison
Izzie	

3 P.M.

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Owen	Luke
Trevor	Juliet
Mary	Lilly
Abby	

4

The Fours

April

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The fours enjoyed the dinosaurs this past month and all the different art activities that accompanied them. They also had the opportunity for several language activities. Ann and I always enjoy their creative stories and the making of the mural. Thanks to the parents who helped with the messy art projects - especially the paper-mache dinosaur eggs. Even though it was a bit chilly, we had a fun trip on the Metro to see the dinosaur exhibit.

Our star of the day activity has returned with a visit from Harry the dog.

Our annual spring bonnet parade will be held on **Friday, April 11th**. More details to follow.

There are several special events this month:

April 7th: Bear Hunt – Everyone should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal along with a flashlight. The snack parents need to talk with Miss Ann about what to bring for snack that day. Weather permitting we will

take our bears outside to picnic.

April 11th: Easter celebration - We will be dyeing eggs and making biscuit bunnies. Each child needs to bring in two hard-boiled eggs at the beginning of class time. We also will be making a special snack that day. If you are the snack parent, please talk with Miss Ann.

April 25th: Grandparents' Day - Grandparents, or a special friend, are invited to visit our classroom and spend some time with their grandchild. Grandparents should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Don't feel badly if your child does not have a grandparent to visit with them. Grandparents are very good about "sharing" themselves and no one has ever felt left out. We will also be asking parents to send in extra snack donations, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the front bulletin board.

April 23rd: Pet Day

May 2nd: Mothers' Day Tea

**4 a.m.
TOUCH
&
TELL
Schedule**

MONDAY	WED.	FRIDAY
Sophia L.	Madelyn C.	Sophia M.
Cameron	Maddie	Micah
Hope	Jonathan	Ryan
Jennifer	Ally	Madelyn L.
Michael	Anna	

SCPC Calendar

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Lunch Bunch	5 Gator Gallop
6	7 Bear Hunt for 4's	8 Teddy Bear Picnic for 3's	9	10 Easter Celebration for 3's	11 Easter Celebration for 4's Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Enjoy your Easter vacation!						
20	21 School Resumes Today	22 Pet Day for 3's	23 Pet Day for 4's	24 Grandparent's Day for 3's	25 Grandparent's Day for 4's Fantastic Friday 12:30-2:30	26
27	28 SCPC Board Meets, 7:30	29	30			

APRIL

- 1 May Tuition Due (\$95 for 3's, \$125 for 4's)
- 4 Lunch Bunch for 4's
- 5 Gator Gallop 5K Table at Davidsonville Park, 8 a.m.
- 7 Bear Hunt for 4's
- 8 Teddy Bear Picnic for 3's
- 10 Easter celebration for 3's
- 11 Easter Celebration for 4's, Bonnet Parade
- 11 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30
- 14-21 Easter/Spring Break - No School
- 22 Pet Day for 3's
- 23 Pet Day for 4's
- 24 Grandparent's Day for 3's
- 25 Grandparent's Day for 4's
- 25 Fantastic Friday, 12:30-2:30

MAY

- 1 Mothers' Day Tea 3's
- 1 2014/2015 First tuition payment due
- 2 Mothers' Day Tea 4's
- 5 Nominating Committee meets, 7 p.m. at Katie Moore's home
- 5 Field Trip for 4's
- 6 3's Trip to Old Maryland Farm
- 19 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., **Attendance is mandatory**
- 20 Last Day 3's
- 21 Last Day 4's
- 31 Spring Clean-Up