



News from Strawberry Preschool



~May/June, 2018~

Strawberry Families,

Theme: Spring & Planting

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter; this school year really did fly by. As we wind down our school year, we shift our attention to Spring & Planting. This provides us the opportunity to enjoy the amazing weather Spring has to offer. We will be spending the month working in the garden, and planting new flowers/plants. We will also discuss what plants need in order to survive and grow.

The M/W/F, 5 Day and Pre-k Programs are busy preparing for Strawberry Preschool's 4th annual World Day which will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 4th from 9:30-12:00. A huge thank you to everyone who has already volunteered their help. If you are interested in being a part of World Day, it's not too late, please talk to either myself or Asma. We are looking forward to a great day!

Upcoming Events

Open House: We are looking forward to our upcoming Open Houses.

- The first one is on **Thursday, May 10th from 6:00-7:00 PM for our Tuesday/Thursday Families.**
- The second one is on **Thursday, May 17th from 6:00-7:00 PM for our M-W-F, 5 Day & Pre-K Families.**

This fun event is for the whole family. For each Open House, we are looking for families to sign-up to bring either some pizza or fruit. Please look for the sign-up sheets, which are now posted on the clipboards in the preschool. Please also make sure that you are signing up on the correct sheet, as there is a different sign-up sheet for each Open House.

End of Year Picnic for our T-TH Families: The whole family is invited for a picnic potluck lunch out on our playground on **Thursday, June 7th from 12:00-1:00pm.** This is a perfect time to connect with all of the families one last time before the summer begins and we all go in different directions. Please bring a blanket and a dish to share (pizza, fruit, salad, sandwiches, etc). We will provide cups, utensils, drinks, and dessert. More information will be in your child's art folder as we get closer to the date, as well as a sign-up sheet.

Stepping Up Ceremony and End of Year Picnic for our M-W-F and 5 Day families: Before the school year is over, we would like to spend the last day together celebrating a great year with a graduation/stepping up ceremony and picnic. The Graduation/stepping up ceremony will start at **11:30 sharp on Monday, June 11th** with an outdoor picnic to follow from **12:00-1:00pm**. This will be a great opportunity to spend some time together before the summer starts. We will be asking for you to bring a blanket and a dish to share (pizza, fruit, salad and sandwiches are a few examples). We will provide cups, utensils, drinks, and dessert. More information will be in your child's art folder as we get closer to the date, as well as a sign-up sheet.

A message from Rose, our Financial Administrator:

This is a reminder that tuition payments are in 10 equal installments with 1 remaining payment due in May. Enrichment bills will go out in June for enrichment used in May and June. Please remember that tuition is due by the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding your child's tuition, please call or email Rose at (415) 246-4941 or rosetsp1@yahoo.com. Thank you.

From Our Board:

Amazon Associates: Now you and anyone you know can shop on Amazon through Strawberry Preschool. Simply go to strawberrypreschool.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on the Amazon banner. Amazon will share a percentage of your purchases, at no extra cost to you, to Tamalpais Strawberry Preschools. Thank you for your continued support!

Parent's Night Out Update: Thank you to all of the families who came out for our Parent's Night Out event. We truly appreciate your generous donations. We had a very successful night and raised a total of \$17,652! If you are still interested in donating, it's not too late. There are two sign-up sheets located above the preschool cubbies:

1. Our Fund-A-Need. Your donation goes toward updating our library. We are in the process of purchasing new books and replacing older ones that have been greatly loved over the years.
2. There are also more spots available for the Parent's Night Out at Zinz Wine Bar. This fun event is scheduled to take place on May 9th from 7:00-9:00 pm. Wine and appetizers will be available. **The cost for this event is \$30 a person.**

Summer Camp

Thank you to all of the families who have signed up for Camp Strawberry. If you haven't yet, it's not too late. Come and join us for a summer full of art projects, walking field trips, cooking and baking, science experiments, entertainers and make believe play. Extra brochures are located on the cubbies in the preschool. Please remember that we are closed the entire 4th of July week. Our camp is broken down into the following six, one-week sessions:

- Weeks One & Two: All Things Water, Bubbles & Rainbows

- June 18th-June 22nd
- June 25th-June 29th
- Weeks Three & Four: Slugs, Bugs, Ladybugs & Flowers
 - July 9th-July 13th
 - July 16th-July 20th
- Weeks Five & Six: All Things Transportation
 - July 23rd-July 27th
 - July 30th-August 3rd

Outgoing, New and Continuing Board Members:

As our school year comes to an end, we would like to thank our outgoing board members, Elana Neiner, Jessica Etchevers and Kat Harris, for all of their hard work and dedication to our school and teachers these last three years. We would also like to thank our returning board members, Emma Reilly and Stacey Johnson, and to welcome our newest board members, Lauren Burke & Lindsey Cromwell. We greatly appreciate all you do for us and our school!

Is your Child Under the Weather?

Even though the weather is warmer and the rain is gone, there are still germs hanging out and Strawberry Preschool has been hit with some pretty nasty ones lately, teachers included. Please remember the importance of keeping your child home if they seem under the weather. They are the most contagious at the beginning, when the symptoms are minor and oftentimes hard to detect. Keeping them home for a day or two is sometimes all that's needed, and greatly reduces the chances of spreading the germs to other children and teachers. Thank you for your help with this!

Important upcoming Dates:

- Open House for T/TH Families: Thursday, May 10th from 6-7pm
- Open house for M/W/F, 5 Day and Pre-K Families: Thursday, May 17th from 6-7pm
- Memorial Day, no school: Monday, May 28th
- End of the Year Picnic for T/TH families: Thursday, June 7th from 12-1pm
- Stepping up/Graduation ceremony for M-W-F and 5 Day families: Monday, June 11th at 11:30. End of the Year Picnic to immediately follow from 12-1pm
- Summer School Starts: Monday, June 18th
- Last Days of School:
 - For the M/W/F families: Monday, June 11th
 - For the T/TH, Pre-K and 5 Day families: Tuesday, June 12th

I know that I speak for all of the teachers here at Strawberry Preschool when I say thank you. It has been a truly wonderful school year, filled with many wonderful memories. If you will be continuing with us next year, we look forward to creating more memories with you and your

child/children, but if this is your last year with us, we ask that you please remember to stop by and say hi. We always love to see past graduates and to hear about how everything is going “at the big school”.

Happy May,

Lisa Woods and the Strawberry Preschool Staff