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October 2013

A Message from our Teachers

One month into the school year and so many exciting things have already happened! Please check our documentation book which we leave in the boot room and see what has taken place throughout September.

We are continuing to collect “Beautiful Things.” We want to find out what it means to children to collect, organize, and sort their found items and then discover ways to use them for art and sociodramatic play. Think of things such as wire, buttons, old jewelry, shiny things, etc. There is a list of examples in our documentation book.

As a reminder to parent volunteers, it is essential that you arrive at 9:00 am for your volunteer day. If you arrive after 9:10 for your shift, please wait until the doors open at 9:15 to come in. For this month, we would still like both the mandatory and supplementary volunteers to come - Reggio environments require a lot of set up and it is much appreciated that you arrive on time.

This month we are able to go to the park - please make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing (the weather will rarely stop us!). Ensure that they have a hat, mittens, a proper jacket and footwear.

HALLOWEEN! Come dressed up on Wednesday October 30th (4's) and Thursday October 31st (3's). If your child chooses to be a super hero, do not bring any “weapons” with their costume. The school is strongly committed to nurturing a peaceful environment.

Thank you for packing such healthy lunches for your children. Their performance and behaviour depends on a nutritious snack.

With Halloween around the corner, we encourage you to refrain from packing candies and chocolates.

Sincerely,
Miss Aleks & Miss Emily

Important Reminder

School closures:

Monday, October 14 - Statutory Holiday

Monday, October 21 – Organizational Day

A Message from the Board



Our school year has started off beautifully with all the inspiring learning opportunities our teachers have created for our children. Thank you Ms Aleks and Ms Emily for all your hard work and for making a warm classroom environment this September for all the children to get to know each other and build new friendships.

Welcome New Board Members

Welcome to our newest board members Melanie Gray (Everly's mom) who has taken the role of Treasurer and Chelsea Ince (Joshua's mom) who will be our new Co-Vice Chair. Thank you for joining and sharing your support and commitment to our school and community.

Thank you's

Thank you to Eric Ireland, Charmaine Armstrong, Cindy Byckal, and Kim Todd our outgoing board members – all your hard work and contributions are very much appreciated – we wish you the very best!

On behalf of the children in our school with allergies and their families we would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support that has been demonstrated in cooperating with new procedures to help keep all our children safe and healthy. For example, your continued commitment with hand washing upon entering the school is very much appreciated. Braken's mom, Tracey, has offered a short list of 'safe' snack ideas (foods that Bracken will not respond with an allergic reaction): Original Ritz, Rold Gold pretzels, Honey Teddy Grahams, Christie Sociables, Premium Plus soda crackers, Barnums Animal Cookies, Christie Vegetable Thins – Thank you Tracey.

Parent Jobs

We are looking forward to the shifting of a few Parent Jobs so that we can best support and operate our school – thank you to everyone who has considered the different ways they can help out. If you have not yet done so, please contact Sara Colombo, our parent Volunteer Coordinator via email at sbwardcolombo@gmail.com and she can help you find a role or two to best support our school. Substitute Teachers and Board roles are our priorities to fill.

Fundraisers

Please stay tuned for details about our Safeway Gift Cards, Simple Simon Pies and Spolumbos Sausages fundraising programs happening soon. We are in need of help to organize these efforts, if you feel you could contribute, again, please contact Sara Colombo – thank you!

Throughout the year we are fundraising with Mabel's Labels, please utilize our link so that our school receives the appropriate credit – Thank you!

www.discoveryyps.mabelslabels.com



Thank you for supporting our Scholastic book program – through credits earned by your purchases we can order new materials for our classroom.



Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and support. This is shaping up to be a creative and fun year with our kids!

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