



Kids on the Hill Preschool **March 2010 Newsletter**

March 1, 2010



Success at Our Sock Hop

Thanks to our fantastic volunteers, contributors, and all of the families and friends who attended the Sock Hop, we once again had quite a successful event! Along with most of our current families there were many alumni as well as new faces enjoying the event. So far, with our current receipts in, together we made \$13,200 for the school!

Thank you to each and every family who baked something, donated a prize or auction item, sold or bought raffle tickets, manned a booth, created the school projects, invited friends and neighbors, bought items at the silent auction, and supported Kids on the Hill with your time and effort. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all of the businesses who so kindly gave donations for this event! The monetary success this year was due to the combined silent auction and raffle sales. We couldn't have done it without the great items that were generously donated to the event by the merchants and families.

We want to also give a huge thank you to the behind-the-scenes coordinators who have been planning for months to smoothly present the community with a fun family event!

SOCK HOP COORDINATORS

Esin Aldridge - Decorations Coordinator (two-time alumni parent!)

Beth Block - Tot Spot Coordinator

Anette Bratteberg - Silent Auction/Raffle Coordinator

Marcella Churchill - Games Coordinator

Chris Churchill - Wine Bar Coordinator, DJ and Sound

Karmela Cleary - Cake Walk Coordinator/School Project

Jennifer Engstrom - Silent Auction/Raffle Coordinator

Whit Halvorsen - Arts and Crafts Coordinator

Jennifer Kipp - Food Coordinator, Social and Special Events

Petra Kirberg - Food Coordinator

Eliza Koeppel - Social and Special Events

Bonnie Nevitt - Middle School Helpers Coordinator

Kim Oliver - Parent Volunteer Coordinator

Megan Pulliam - Advertising Coordinator

Matt Rodgers - DJ

Amy & Sebastian Rouas - Silent Auction/Raffle Coordinators

Amy Slater - Middle School Helpers Coordinator

Lori Sperling - Food Coordinator

Corey Stodolnic - Good Will Ambassador

Larissa Weingart - Sock Hop Committee Coordinator

Cindy Winship - Silent Auction/Raffle Coordinator

Sarah Yoslov - Parent Volunteer Coordinator



March Curriculum Themes

In March we start looking forward to the changes that come in the season of spring! Our main theme will be plants and how they grow. Using the emergent curriculum (*a way of planning curriculum based on the students' interests and passions as well as the teacher's*), each class will plan their own activities while they learn about such topics as gardening, the names and functions of different parts of plants, what plants need to grow, and do some planting in our garden boxes! We will also talk about which plants we eat – maybe even trying some things we have never tasted before from the Farmers' Market!

Calendar Reminders

March 4th – Scott Urquhart, puppet Storytelling

March 10th & 23rd – Music with Murray

March 12th – Wendy Dreskin on Butterflies

March 12th – Staff Meeting

March 18th – Gymnastics Series IV Begins

Important Reminder from Bobbi: When Your Child Comes to School . . .

Make sure they have everything they need for school, including:

- ❖ **Bedding** if they are staying in the afternoon which includes a small blanket and a small sheet inside a pillow case, all labeled with their name (all items required by state licensing for health reasons).
- ❖ **A complete set of extra clothes** in a plastic bag appropriate to the weather. Remember to replace it if they get used!
- ❖ **A lunch** with all of the items they will need, and an extra snack if they stay in the afternoon.
- ❖ **A jacket** appropriate to the daily weather (can be much cooler at school than at home and weather can change fast).

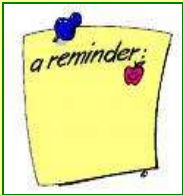
Remember to **sign in and sign out every day**. *This is for your child's protection and is required by state licensing.*

If you sign up to bring **snack**, make sure you sign up on the correct page for your child's group. *State licensing requires two food groups*. There should be enough food for 20 children for Tadpoles and Butterflies and for 25 children for the Dolphins and Tigers.

Items related to the health and safety regulations of state licensing are subject to fines to the school of up to \$100 per count for infractions if we have a state inspection. (Example: One count equals one parent not signing in or signing out.) As it states in the parent handbook, some of these fines may be passed on to parents if the infraction covers an item for which the parent is responsible. **Remember that the state licensing code is for the health and safety of your children to help protect them.**

Our primary responsibility to keep your children safe. We need your help to do that. Thank you for your cooperation!

Bobbi





Heads up on April

We are heading into community helpers month in April and always love it when parents come in and present a hobby or job to the children. If you have a talent to share in April or know someone who would like to come in please let us know, so we can schedule as many interesting community helpers as possible.

Parents and Grandparents Invited to Visit at Lunch Time

The children have really enjoyed having the moms, dads, and grandparents who have been coming in to read stories at lunch time! We would like to invite any other interested parents or grandparents to come and visit the school at the end of group time to read stories to the kids and have lunch with us. If you or any grandparents are interested, please talk to your child's teacher and sign up!

Parent-Teacher Spring Conferences

The spring conferences will start right after the Spring Break which takes place on April 12 – 16. Just like last fall each group will have their own week for conferences. Appointments will mostly be available in the afternoon with a few in the early morning. More information and sign-up sheets for appointments will be available in a few weeks.

Gymnastics Series IV

Toni D's gymnastics/movement class continues to be so enjoyable for the children. She will be starting Series IV, which will be five, a week series on March 18th through April 22nd. If you would like your child to continue to attend Toni's class or want to start it for the first time, **please fill out the registration form attached as an attachment.**

Special Events

Thanks to **Murray Orrick** for coming to sing and play his guitar to the children twice a month. They love him and he electrifies "Circle Time" when he comes. **Wendy Dreskin** will bring her expertise on Butterflies this month. Wendy always brings educational lessons on nature and the outdoors. **Barbara Sarazen**, an alumni parent, teaches Spanish to the Dolphins and Tigers once a week trading Monday and Tuesday every other week. Also this month, we have **Scott Urquhart** who is a wonderfully storyteller through the use of puppets. Scott's creativity storytelling will have the children laughing one moment and spellbound the next.

Special Thanks

We would like to give a very special “Thank you” to Jennifer Kipp for providing a wonderful lunch for us during our staff meeting. A big “Thank you” goes to Soraya Nasirian for watching the afternoon children during our lunch meeting. Thank you both for your support!
