



May 2010 Newsletter

Congratulations and Farewell

The Weekday School staff would like to extend a note of thanks to all of our departing families for sharing your wonderful children with us. The 2009-2010 school year was filled with fun, learning, sharing and growing.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Isaya Arellano, Dakota Bahr, Katie Cummings, Calvin Fairhead, Lilli Fullmer, Hattie Gore, Kyle Granath, Bella Guillamondegui, Tucker Jones, Eli Kane, Preston Kimbrough, Ella Kozicki, Holden Luffman, Zoe McKeever, Francesco Messina, Nathan Moseley, Katie Murphy, Maggie Murphy, Nova Potter, Eli Spangler, Michael Tamberino, and Paige Tyler.

When children move on from preschool, it is a sad time for us, but a wonderful time in a child's life. The Weekday School staff is proud to have been a part of your child's early childhood learning and growing experience. We appreciate the trust and support you have bestowed on us in allowing your child to attend here.

Stay in touch! We always like to hear about the progress of our alumni.



From the Director

We have experienced a wonderful school year. Many of you have volunteered countless hours to help your child's teacher in many ways. We want to thank you for helping with classroom activities, serving on the Weekday Children's Ministries Board, class-sitting during staff meetings, contributing to our Holiday luncheon for the teachers, and shoveling the mulch for the playgrounds. The list never ends. Also, thank you for the items (toys, clothes, books, classroom supplies, etc.) you have donated to the Weekday School.

Without your continued friendship and support our school year and school would not be the success it is.

Thank You!

Ms. Jean

Belmont Weekday School

Special Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **5/6:** Pre-K fours and fives graduation in church sanctuary at 10 am
- ☺ **5/6 & 5/7:** Mother's Day Celebration (see your child's teacher for more information)
- ☺ **5/11 & 5/12:** Summer open house (see last page for more info)
- ☺ **5/21:** End of year picnic
- ☺ **5/24:** Last day of spring session
- ☺ **5/25-5/28:** Teacher in-service (WDS closed)
- ☺ **5/31:** Memorial Day
- ☺ **6/1:** First Day of Summer

Need of the Month:

It's the end of the year, time for our big picnic to celebrate!

May's need is Paper Plates and Paper Towels.

Classroom News: Infants

For the month of May the babies will be exploring with the color orange. We will also be making bugs and flowers. Please remember a change of clothes, the more time we spend outside the messier we get! Thank you for helping apply sun-screen before school, it saves us time and allows more time for play. If you have not already sent a sun hat for your child we would like for you to do so this month. You may keep it at school in your child's cubby if you would like.



Ms. Ashlee and I would like to thank you all for letting us care for your children. This year has been filled with joy and great memories due in large part to your children. We will miss having your babies in our class. They have grown so much throughout the year. It is so special for us to see the changes they go through. We will miss you all.

Thank you
Ms. Jade and Ms. Ashlee

Classroom News: Toddlers

It is hard to believe that it is already May. Throughout the month of May, we will continue to learn about spring by focusing on insects that have captivated our attention recently. Art projects and activities will incorporate ladybugs and butterflies. We will also be finger-painting and discussing the shapes that make up ladybugs and butterflies.

Toddler's Classroom News: A sensory and art area has been added to the classroom. The children now have more options to discover, explore, and create through play every day. We invite our parents to share any interesting object or objects that the children can work or play with. For example, recycled yogurt cups, strainers, or other small cups would be great for our sensory play. To insure the safety of our children in their new play experiences, please consider the size of the objects suggested or donated for our classroom use.

Emotions may run high this month since it is the last month of this school year for most of the children in our classroom. It will be hard for us as teachers to say goodbye to your sweet toddler children, but "The wheels on the bus go round and round..." . We would like to wish the best to all of you. We thank you for all of the love, trust, cooperation, and understanding you have shown to us. We have learned so much from you and your children. The experience has truly enriched our lives.

Highlights of the month: We will celebrate Mother's Day on the mornings of May 6th and 7th. Please join us for pastries and fruit as you drop off your child.

Thank you and best wishes,
Ms. Karina, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Meaghan

You have brains in your head. You
have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any
direction you choose. You're on
your own, and you know what you
know.
And you are the one who'll decide
where you'll go.
Oh the places you'll go.
[Dr Seuss](#)

Classroom News: Twos

Spring has sprung in the 2's class! We planted our lima beans and look forward to sorting various seeds and beans in our math center. During April, we created beautiful rainbow art and painted colorful flowers for our bulletin board. We will continue to make interesting insects, such as ladybugs, caterpillars, and butterflies. Because all children love to talk about their "boo-boos" and get a new band-aid, we will be offering a doctor center in our classroom. The children have grown to love our visit to the school library (right across the hall). We visit at least once a week and it is always an exciting time when the children choose their very own book to read.

Just a little over 3 weeks are left and then our BIG 2 and (3 year olds) will move up for the summer. We've had a wonderful year and it has been a joy getting to know your child. We can't wait to see them continue to grow!

Much love,

Ms. Mimi, Ms. Lauren, and Ms. Emily



Classroom News: Nearly Threes

Dear Nearly Three Parents,

April was such a great month for the children! They had a blast hunting for eggs, planting their Lima beans and watching them sprout! We also talked a lot about animals and eggs. Ask you child what different kinds of animals hatch from eggs. Because the children showed a special interest in turtles (which hatch from eggs), we will be incorporating a unit on turtles into our May calendar.

May is going to be packed with a plethora of great activities to end out the year!!! The first week we have planned a unit on flowers. We will be making a Mother's Day surprise for all of our Mom's at our Mother's Day Breakfast on May 6th and 7th (watch for more formal invitations coming soon in your child's folder). The second week we will take a pretend "visit to the zoo" and learn about all the different animals that live there. Since our "End of the Year Picnic" takes place at the end of the third week in May, we thought it would be appropriate to do a unit on Bugs. The last day of school, May 24th, we will host an "Unbirthday" Party (more details coming soon).

Don't forget the WDS Open House to meet your child's new teacher and get acquainted with your child's new classroom for the summer session is May 11th and 12th from 9:00am to 9:30am.

We have enjoyed teaching your children this year and are sad to see them leave, they have all come a long way since August and it has been a joy to watch them grow and develop new skills throughout the year. They are an awesome group!

With Love,

Ms. Kelly and Ms. Claire

The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.

- Edwin Way Teale

Classroom News: Younger Threes

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is already May?! The end of Spring session is around the corner and the class will be moving up. Before then, we will be celebrating Mother's Day and working on a couple end-of-the-year class projects as well as talking about zoo animals. Depending on interest and enthusiasm, we will try to arrange a field trip to the zoo. Look for an interest-form in your child's folder.

Important Dates: Mother's Day Brunch will be on **Thursday, May 6th and Friday, May 7th**. Tentative trip to the zoo would occur on **Friday, May 14th**. The school's End of the Year Picnic Celebration will be **Friday, May 21st**. Last day of Spring Session is **Monday, May 24th**. Teacher In-Service Days are **May 25th- May 28th**. The school will be closed for **Memorial Day on May 31st**. We realize May holds a lot of important dates to remember so please let us know your thoughts about the zoo trip as well as any questions/ clarifications.



We keep talking about how much we are going to miss this group! Ms. Diane will be staying in the younger 3s classroom so the children will be able to see her often. Ms. Ashley will be continuing her graduate program full-time and will therefore not be at the Weekday School but she is excited for numerous playground visits! We are so proud of the class and know they will have an incredible time in their next adventures whether it is at the Weekday School or in a new place or even a new state! Thank you parents for an absolutely wonderful year, we could not have done it without all your support.

Love,

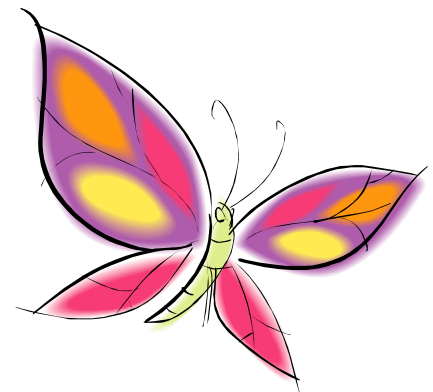
Ms. Diane & Ms. Ashley

Classroom News: Older Threes

Wow, what a great year! We have had such a great time learning and exploring with your child They have grown and developed into such big boys and girls.

May will be a month full of Mother's flowers and butterflies. The puppet truck will be here on the 4th and our end of the year picnic is on the 21st. Please be sure your child has an extra pair of clothes in his/her cubby. We are exploring everyday with different kinds of fluid play.

Ms. Maria and Ms. Christy



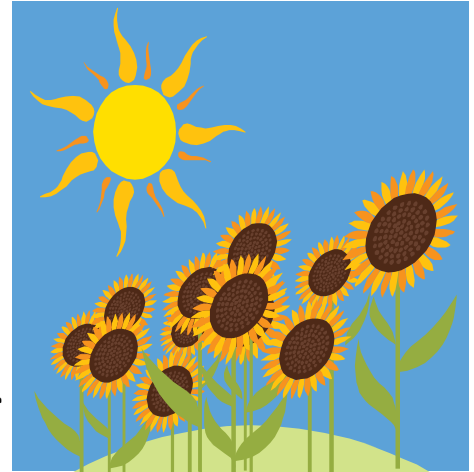
Classroom News: Pre-K Fours

Wow! We can't believe the end of the year is near. The caps and gowns have been ordered and the excitement builds as we approach the magical graduation day, May 6th.

In April we learned about the weather and how plants grow. We read rhyming poetry by Jack Prelutsky, painted flower pots, planted sunflower & marigold seeds and observed beans sprout. We have been caring for our precious plants each day. If we are lucky like the rhyme says, April showers we hope will bring us May flowers. The plants will come home this month to be transplanted so the children can continue to watch their plants grow and bloom!

May 21st is our end of the year celebration picnic and May 24th is the last day of school. Our summer session will start on Tuesday, June 1st. This time of the year is always bittersweet for us. As we welcome new families and children, we will truly miss those children & families that have spent the past year with us. We always welcome those that move on to visit us when they have time.

Ms. Val, Ms. Liz, and Ms. Michelle



Classroom News: Pre-K Fives

We are having a ball in the Pre-K classroom and enjoying the beautiful spring weather! The children had an excellent time on our fieldtrip to Purity Dairies. This month we are planning a walking trip to the Fire Department. As the school year ends and graduation is upon us, we are excited for our students who are going off to kindergarten. We are so happy about the growth and development we have seen in our students this year and are confident that they are prepared for a pleasant school experience. We are looking forward to a fun and eventful May.

Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Carol



We Need Your Child's Outgrown Shoes

In order to grow and learn, your child needs to be able to explore and play in water every day. With fluid play, messes can occur which is why we ask that you provide an up to date change of clothes for your child. As the teachers increase your child's exposure to sensory play which includes messy water play, we also need your child's outgrown shoes. When you donate any closed toed shoes that your child has outgrown, the children that happen to get their feet wet during water play have a dry pair of shoes to wear while at school. Coincidentally, dry feet make happy children and teachers!

If you have any shoes to donate, please bring to Ms. Laura's or Ms. Jean's office. Thank you for your participation.



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Summer Enrollment Open House:

The WDS will host a school-wide open house. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to visit his/her new classroom and meet the teachers.

- **For Current Students:** Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11th and 12th, from 9:00am - 9:30am
- **For New Students:** Tuesday, May 11th, from 10:00am—10:30 am

We feel that the Open House eases the transition process at the beginning of the summer session.

Please note that this is a very informal open house. There will be current students in the classroom under the care of the teachers.

If you are not sure which classroom your child will be moving to, please see Jean or Laura in the office.

Hand Painted Platters Up for Auction

It's Platter Time!!! Each year your creative children team up with their inspired and artistic teachers to produce these one-of-a-kind keepsakes. The platters are from All Fired Up and have been lovingly hand painted by each class. And each year you, the resourceful parents, are invited to bid on these beautiful platters during a silent auction. One lucky parent will be the highest bidder and will get to take the work of art to display in a place of honor in your home!

This year the silent auction will be conducted at Belmont Weekday School during the week of May 3-7th. During this time the platters will be on display outside Laura's office for you to "ooh and aah" over, and of course keep track of where you are in the bidding. The minimum bid for each platter will begin at \$55, and all proceeds will go toward the fundraising efforts for BWDS. On Friday, May 7th the auction will be closed promptly at 9:30 AM and the lucky winners will be awarded their treasure at that time!



Thank you!! And happy bidding!!
