



Family Newsletter

From The Director's Desk

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Spring is starting to peek through the end of winter and show us signs of new growth. It amazes me each year to see the growth that has happened in the children as the end of the year approaches. You can see how comfortable they are and the new skills they have developed. As the weather improves we will be able to play outside more comfortably and for a little longer each day.

Please remember that we ask children to **arrive by 9:00 to 9:10** each morning so they can participate in circle time. If you arrive later, have your child enter the group quietly or arrive after group time is finished. Please take conversations outside so you do not disturb classes. It is hard to continue a group time with

several late arrivals causing interruptions.

Curriculum projects vary by class interest. Teachers offered parent conferences and talked with individual parents about the learning they have seen your child do this year. Teachers will continue to plan and post their lesson plans on their parent boards in their classroom. Please feel free to set up a conference with your teacher at any time.

I want to thank you all for turning in **registration** forms. We have full classes for Toddlers and Pre-K for Fall. Our Waddler and Pre-school classes still have availability. We have children that will stay for summer/fall and those registered for fall only. Now that I have received your registration, I have sent out confirmation letters with your approved

schedules. Currently I will not be able to accommodate all schedule changes. A lot can change between now and September. Current families will have priority for the schedules they request and I dated the forms so I know who make the requests first. Let me know as soon as you can about your own schedule changes. Please let me know if you do not receive the orange Enrollment Confirmation.

Parent communication is very important to us. Please continue to keep us informed. During peak drop off/pick up times, be aware that other parents are waiting and keep your conversations brief. Please leave notes on the communication pad next to the time clock in the lobby, all staff read it!

*Have a great Spring,,
Katrina Brooke*



for children in your community. Encourage others to get involved. Thank someone who is making a difference for children.

These are just a few of the ways we can all teach and support young children.

CALENDAR

- ◆ March 15th at 10 AM Reptile Isle will visit
- ◆ March 16th WEAR GREEN, St. Patrick's Day.
- ◆ March 20th First Day of Spring
- ◆ April 1st April Fool's Day, Wear your clothes backwards and Crazy Hair to school to fool everyone! Watch for a crazy Lunch!
- ◆ April 3 Happy Birthday Ms. Darcil
- ◆ April 6 Happy Birthday to Bill Shyne the Owner!
- ◆ April 16-20th **SPRING BREAK** *Childcare for full day families only, additional charge for part day families, billed in June.*
- ◆ April 12th Family Potluck and Game Night 6:30-7:30 PM CEC Woodinville
- ◆ April 18th Happy Birthday to Ms. Lilia
- ◆ April 22-28th Week of the Young Child!
- ◆ April 26th Class Group Photo's

Coming:

- May—Teacher Appreciation Week and Mother's Day Tea's, **CLOSED** for Memorial Day.
- June 1st Father's Day Picnic
- ☺ **June 20th Last Day of School**
- June 25th Summer Session

Week of the Young Child

April, **22-26**, early childhood educators and programs around the country will celebrate Week of the Young Child and build awareness that **Early Years are Learning Years®** Childhood is a unique and valuable stage of life; a time of

enormous opportunities; a time to grow, to learn, & to build the future.

Each of us can help make the most of children's opportunities. Volunteer to help in your child's class. Read with a child. Speak out



We have an open door policy and encourage parent involvement!

Parent Involvement

I would like to invite you to come and visit your child's classroom during the day. We have an open door policy and encourage parents to join us for lunch, class time or enrichment classes so you can see what your child's day is like.

We do not require parent involvement, like parent co-ops do, but we welcome and encourage it! When

you are able to see how the children interact and get to know the other children in your child's classroom you gain a clearer understanding of the group dynamics and the developmental stages.

I also want to encourage parents to let me know when they have a concern so it can be addressed.

Katrina's e-mail is

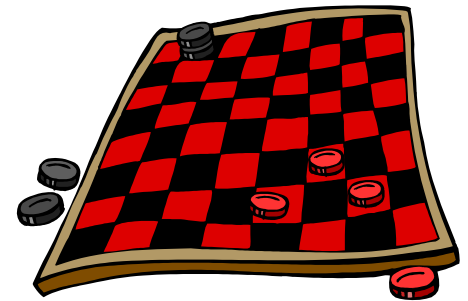
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Parent communication is important to us and often just having a chance to talk can give families information about the bigger picture of the classrooms and school. You have a **Parent Pocket in your classroom. Please check it daily** so you will get important notes like incident and injury reports.

Family Potluck and Game Night!

Lets all get together and play games and share food! April 12th we will meet at the Carol Edwards Center, 17401 133rd Ave NE in Woodinville in the Ev-

ergreen Room at 6:30 PM. We will need some parents to help set up at 6:00 PM and to clean up at 7:30 PM. Please bring a game that is appropriate for your child



to play and share with a friend as well as a dish to share with others.

Time Clock

In case a child did not get signed in or signed out correctly we have a time clock correction sheet. You do not need to sign this sheet unless you get an error message or when you arrive and it tells you your child is already in!

Computers are very logical, if you don't sign in, you can't sign out. Until you sign out you can't sign in again.

Signing in and out is our way to track your attendance for the Department of Early Learning as well as tracking overtime/ hourly time used for billing. We use the attendance information to ensure everyone is

here during emergencies and fire & earthquake drills.

I am finding that parents are not completing the signing in or out process so please review the directions! The time clock will say "Thank You, Good-bye" when you have signed in/out properly.

I believe some parents do not complete the process by moving too fast and not waiting for all the prompts or are forgetting to **press finish for a second time** after the machine confirms you are checking in or out.

Each person needs to have their own code.

I need to know who is picking up/ dropping off and at what time. This is mandated by The Department of Early Learning. If mom and dad are using the same code, I will have incorrect information. If you give grandma your code, I have incorrect information. If you would like to add pick up codes please let Katrina know. Thank you for your help keeping your child safe!



Parent Education

Parent Map's Lecture Series

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1. March 21st Wendy Sue Swanson, MD will speak on Health, Happiness and Family Balance.
2. April 10th Rosetta Lee will speak on Parenting Essentials to Prevent and Address Bullying
3. May 1st, Julie Metzger & Rob Lehman will speak on Will Puberty Last My Whole Life?
4. May 10th John Gottman, Ph. D on Making Marriage Work: Trust, Love, Loyalty
5. May 15th Howard Behar on Teens: Finding Passions and Purpose

Buy Tickets Today!

go To parentmap.com/lectures or call 800-838-3006

Reminders:

- As the warm weather approaches children often take off coats and hats. Children enjoy trading items. Make sure you are taking home **YOUR** child's clothing. You may return home without the same items you brought. Please check the lost but found basket. We ask children not to share items to prevent the spread of germs/bugs.
 - We will **donate unclaimed items on April 18th.**
 - Please **clean out your child's cubby** and make sure they have a change of clothes that fit them.
 - **As you do your spring cleaning at home keep us in mind!** We need boys and girls underwear and pants in size 3 to 6, brushes, tents, hand towels and other real tools you use around the house.
 - Parents with Only & Plus schedules can drop off as early as 8:30 AM without an additional charge. Full day students can arrive as early as 7:00 AM.
 - **NO DOUBLE PARKING!**
 - **NO Car Idling—Kids breathe the fumes on the play yard!**
 - Spring is around the corner but it is not here yet! Please make sure your child has a warm, water proof jacket. The children stay outside for 20-45 minutes at a time.
- ☺ **April 16-20th SPRING BREAK** *Childcare for full day families only, additional charge for Only/Plus day families. We do make arrangements with LWS D families.*

We are a school
where teachers
and students
EXCELL.
Parents and
community **CARE!**

Community Project for Spring

In February we raised, \$1,850!!! to support American Heart Association. Students will receive prizes for the money they raised in their cubbies to take home. Thank you for all your support and donations!!!



Parent Resource & Feedback

Are you having a problem with your child listening, sleeping, or another **parenting issue**? The Shyne School has teachers and books you may find helpful. We have books about discipline, separation and other topics important to parents. Please feel free to use us and our materials as a resource!

We like to know how you feel about our school. Each year we ask parents to fill out an **evaluation form**. The form has detailed statements to check that you agree with on one side and open ended questions for your answers on the other side. Please take a few minutes and let us know what a good job we are doing and how we can improve our service.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-10, 2008

Rowena Hall has graciously offered to organize Teacher Appreciation week. We need a parent from each class to **volunteer to help**. Please sign up on the Parent Board on the front door if you are interested in helping. This can be organized through meetings, e-mail or over the phone.



Teaching children to be socially responsible is often more useful than learning A,B,C's in Preschool!



SAVE THE DATE!

June 1th 2012

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Cottage Lake Park for our Father's Day Picnic

This year's Father's Day Picnic will feature:

Shyne School

Olympics

Families come prepared to participate in Olympic style events. Please watch future newsletters for necessary items to bring. Be sure to dress appropriately, as you will be sure to get dirty!!

Each family will be responsible for supplying their own picnic dinner.

The Shyne School will bring dessert!