

Southborough Village Preschool

October 2018 Newsletter

What a beautiful Fall season we are enjoying! We hope that you and your families find the opportunity to get out and enjoy the wonderful fresh air and beautiful colors this long weekend! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks at the Preschool and want to fill you in on a few things that might be helpful for you to know. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about anything!

Family Open House: We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Family Open House on Thursday, October 25th. We hope that you are able to join us for an opportunity for your child to show you around the classroom and to introduce you to new friends! Please see the chart below for your child's scheduled Open House time.

Southborough Village Preschool *Open-House Schedule*

Please join us on Thursday, October 25, 2018

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Toddlers Eppen/Distefano		T/Th AM & PM Henderson/Shaw/Kostiw
5:45 - 6:15 PM	MWF AM & PM Bergeron/Poutre/Kostiw	T/Th Full Day Michas/Mills	
6:30 - 7:00 PM		Full Day Pre-K Hartnett/Arpino	Full Day Pre-K Henderson/Kostiw

Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year: It's hard to believe that it's here already! It is time for us to begin the registration process for the next school year. Please note these important dates as we approach the first day of the registration process.

- **Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on Thursday, November 1st, for current students and their families, siblings and alumni.**
- **Registration for new families will begin at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 13th.**

Please keep this date in mind, as we would like you all to have the opportunity to register for the class that you would like. You will be receiving these documents in your child's backpack in the next few weeks, and they will be available at Open House as well. If your child is "graduating" from SVP, we welcome you to pass the information/application on to friends or neighbors who might be interested in registering. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions as to what might be the best class for your child for next year.

Parking Request: Due to the difficult parking situation at SVP, we ask that when you pull up to the fence during drop-off and pick-up, **please pull all the way up to the fence**, to allow for another car to pull up behind you. If you have pulled in behind another car, we ask that you return to your car as quickly as possible to allow the person in front of you to pull out. If we all work together, there should be plenty of opportunities for parents to pull in and out with minimal wait times. Thank you!

Staying Healthy at SVP: Of course the health of our students and teachers at SVP is always a big concern for us. As we are heading into the cooler months and “cold and flu” season, here are just a few things that we ask you to keep in mind.

- We account for each student every day. **If your child will not be coming to school, please be sure to call the office to let us know.** Teachers are unable to check email during the day, so it is best to call us at 508-485-3109. Even if you get our voicemail, rest assured that we will get the message.
- **Does your child have a cold?** As you know, colds are common throughout the school year. Children are allowed to attend school with a cold, but not a fever! Children must be fever free for at least 24 hours **without the use of any fever-reducing medication** (this is key).
- **IMPORTANT:** While your child may simply have a cold, if he/she is uncomfortable, coughing heavily, has a very runny nose, or has had a bad night’s sleep, please, please keep him/her home. Preschool is not fun when you feel horrible. Also, this is the best way for us to keep our students (and teachers) as healthy as possible. Thank you for your help with this. We greatly appreciate it!

Labels: Just a reminder, as the weather gets cooler and you start to send your children in with jackets and sweatshirts, please be sure that they have labels of some sort in them! We always have permanent markers available at school if you need to label something last minute.

Food Pantry Donation Program: We are excited to continue participating in a donation program for the Southborough Food Pantry. Each month, we will be collecting a few particular items that the Food Pantry tells us they are most in need of. There will be a collection bin outside of the front door and we encourage you to drop the requested items in there, if you are interested in donating. Please know that this program is completely optional.

The Food Pantry items requested for the month of October are:

- Liquid Dish Soap (Dawn, Palmolive, etc.)
- Solid White Tuna (in water)

Boo!! Halloween is upon us!!! We love this exciting time of the year and so do our students. Each class will be having a fun Halloween party on either Monday, 10/30 or Tuesday, 10/31. Your child’s teacher will let you know what is needed if you are interested in sending in a treat or paper goods. While it is fun to have some sweets at our parties, we work hard to make sure that our small treats are balanced with some healthy fruits and vegetables.

- Note: At Southborough Village Preschool, **we do not allow children to wear their costumes to school.** We find that costumes at school can be a little overwhelming for our younger students, and of course there is always the risk that costume pieces could get lost or misplaced. We promise we will be sure to find lots of other ways to have fun during this wonderful holiday!

Safety Month at SVP: October is Safety Month at SVP! We are excited to have a few fire fighters as well as police officers scheduled to visit this month, as we begin to learn about fire/general safety. Our topics will include safety in the home/kitchen as well as safety in public. We will talk about fire fighters and police officers and how they work hard to keep us safe. We will begin our monthly fire drill practices, focusing on how to get out of (and into) a building quickly, quietly and safely. We work hard to make sure the children are comfortable with the sound of an alarm ringing (ours is more like a bell), and that they get really good at stopping what they are doing, listening to directions and moving quickly and safely to a new location. If your child has any concerns or issues with the idea of a fire drill, please do let us know. Our goal is to make sure fire drills are not a scary experience at all!

Important Dates to Note in October and November

*As a reminder, we always follow the holiday/professional development/snow cancellation schedule that Southborough Public Schools follows. Please be sure to note the following dates on your calendar.

- **Monday, October 8th:** School closed for Columbus Day
- **Thursday, October 25th:** SVP Family Open House (see schedule for times)
- **Tuesday, October 30th and Wednesday, October 31st:** Classroom Halloween Parties
- **Thursday, November 1st:** First day of Registration for the 2019-2020 school year (8:00 AM)
- **Monday, November 12th:** School closed for Veterans Day.
- **Tuesday, November 13th:** Registration opens for new families for the 2019-20 school year.
- **Wednesday, November 21st:** Half-day (school closes at 12:00 noon-no PM session). School will remain closed on Friday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving break.
- **School re-opens Monday, November 26th.**

We are grateful to you all for your support on these, and all, matters at school. We have the best parents and families we could ever want and we appreciate your attention and thoughtfulness every day! We look forward to seeing you soon at our Family Open House. Have a great week!

Gretchen, Laura and the Entire Staff at SVP