

Southborough Village Preschool

April and May 2021 Newsletter

Dear SVP Families,

Spring is in the air! Warm temperatures will mean more outdoor fun for us at SVP, but we certainly do have a lot of exciting things coming up in the classrooms as well. Please make note of the upcoming events, updated **Travel Quarantine Guidelines**, and be sure to pay close attention to the school calendar dates at the end of the newsletter as well, **including updates to the last days of school**. Please let us know if you have any questions at all.

SVP Family Teas? This is normally the time of year that we begin to prepare for our favorite annual Southborough Village Preschool tradition, our Family Teas. As you know, however, everything is a little bit different this year, due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. Unfortunately, the Department of Early Education and Care will be keeping all restrictions in place through the end of the school year, so we are unable to invite families into the classrooms for our Family Teas. As such, while we are planning on some fun “end of the year” celebrations for all students, our focus will be on the Full-Day Pre-K classes, as those students will not be returning to us in the Fall. Please stay tuned for more information from your child’s teachers in the coming weeks, regarding plans for end of the year celebrations. We thank you for your understanding and flexibility with this. We are all disappointed, as we do love inviting you all into the school, but we will be sure to make things memorable, nonetheless! Stay tuned!

Updated Travel Quarantine Guidelines: You may have already heard that the Public Schools of Southborough and Northborough have updated their travel quarantine guidelines to come in line with the updated CDC guidelines. As such, Southborough Village Preschool will be following the same updated travel guidelines, and you will find them below and attached for your reference, including international travel guidelines.

- **We do ask though, regardless of your vacation/travel plans, to wear masks, socially distance** and use caution while socializing with people outside of your household, out of consideration for the Southborough Village Preschool community. We’ve done so well this year, thanks to the extreme care and caution our staff and families have taken and we want to be sure not to let our guard down so close to the end of the school year. Thank you!

- **There is an important change to the guidelines, that we would like to draw your attention to.** While you will notice there is not a mandatory quarantine for out of state travel anymore, a PCR test is required to return to school if your child has traveled out of state for more than 24 hours, by plane, or car, and/or been unmasked with people outside of your household, regardless of where you have traveled outside of MA.
- For the full guidelines, please read the attached document.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL GUIDELINES (Northborough/Southborough Public Schools):

All domestic travel outside of Massachusetts that is greater than 24 hours requires you to follow the [Massachusetts Travel Advisory](#).

In our effort to keep our school communities as low risk as possible, the Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough require these guidelines be met when returning to school after domestic travel outside of Massachusetts.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL	THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET TO RETURN TO SCHOOL
<p>If your domestic travel outside of Massachusetts includes any of the following higher risk situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel by plane, bus, train • Travel by car with individuals from outside your household. • Travel to amusement parks or other densely populated venues. • Travel that includes unmasked activities with people from outside of your household 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of student*/staff negative PCR test (this test must be done after leaving MA and up to 72 hours prior to or any time after your return to MA) • You must quarantine until you have the negative test result. • If no test, quarantine for 10 days, return to school on Day 11

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about what is happening at SVP in the coming months, please don't hesitate to contact either Laura or Gretchen. Your questions and feedback are always welcomed. We thank you for all of the support you have given us this year, we couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely,

Laura, Gretchen and the Entire Staff at SVP

Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year:

April 19th through April 23rd: School Closed for April Vacation

May 25th and 27th: Life on the Farm Days (Rain dates May 26th and May 28th)

May 31st: School Closed for Memorial Day

June 1st and 3rd: Beach Days (Rain Dates June 2nd and June 4th)

***Important: Please note the following changes to our last days of school.**

June 9th: Last Day of School for 3 Day Classes

June 11th: Last Day of School for 2 Day Classes

***Please note: Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be offering our usual Summer Fun Days after the last day of school.**