

# Southborough Village Preschool

## September & October 2022 Newsletter

What an amazing few weeks we have had at SVP! As the weather is cooling and the leaves are turning, 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 usual, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about anything. We are always happy to hear from you!

**Don't Forget to Sign-in at the Door!** It's hard to believe that we are only finishing our second week of school, and drop-off is already going so smoothly! We thank you for your support as we greet your children and take them into the building, we know this can be a stressful time. We do ask that you **always remember to take the time to sign your child in** on his/her class clipboard before you leave. You will find the clipboards right on the table at the front door. As a reminder, the sign-in sheets confirm that you have communicated ahead of time with us if your child has any symptoms or illnesses, and that you are following the COVID/Illness policies in place. Thank you!

**Speaking of Illnesses...** as we expected, there are definitely a lot of illnesses going around! If your child develops illness symptoms, we ask that you email both your child's teachers and the directors, so we can be in touch regarding your child's particular situation. While the specifics of our COVID/Illness Policies can be found on our full policy, in summary, please remember the following.

- If your child develops symptoms, i.e. congestion, cough, sore throat, headache, fever, etc., please use a rapid test to test for COVID and reach out to the teachers and Directors with the results.
- If negative, and there is no known COVID exposure, and your child has been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication, AND your child's symptoms are mild and manageable (not coughing a lot or a very runny nose), your child may return to school, but should mask and retest on Day 5.
- We do reserve the right to ask you to pick your child up if we feel as though he/she is too sick to be at school, (coughing a lot, lots of congestion, tired, etc.).
- If your child develops symptoms during the day, we may have them put a mask on.
- If your child has non-COVID related symptoms (ear infection, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) he/she must be fever free for 24 hours, on antibiotics for 24 hours, and not vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- If your child is determined to be a close contact of a COVID positive person, he/she may attend school but we ask that they mask, and test on Day 5 of contact. Please let us know if your child is a close contact.
- If someone in your household tests positive for COVID, please reach out to a Director so we can discuss your particular situation (is the positive person isolating, is the child vaccinated, etc.) so we can make the best decision possible in order to prevent the spread of COVID at school.
- We can be reached at [directors@southboroughvillagepreschool.com](mailto:directors@southboroughvillagepreschool.com), or feel free to call the office.

**Will your child be staying home?** Please reach out to us, through an email (teachers and directors) before 8:00 AM or by calling us at the office (508-989-5652) to let us know if your child will not be attending school. We account for every student each day. Thank you!

**School Portraits Coming!** We are excited to tell you that we will have an **amazing photographer, Jennifer MacNeil**, joining us this year for student portraits. She worked with us pre-COVID and we are thrilled to have her back again this year. She is a local portrait photographer and her work is truly beautiful. She has such a wonderful way with the kids and does an amazing job of bringing out the best smiles! Teachers have emailed the Google Doc order form that you will need to fill out by next Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to have Jennifer take your child's portrait. Complimentary whole class photos will be digitally provided to all students. The portraits sessions will be held as follows:

**Mon/Wed/Fri classes will have portraits taken on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** (rain date of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>).

**T/Th classes will have portraits taken on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** (rain date of October 20<sup>th</sup>).

Please let us know if you have any questions at all. **We ask that you be mindful of the order deadline, which is next Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Coming Soon...The SVP Book Nook!** Do you have some children's books at home that you are finished with, but that you enjoyed so much you'd like to see someone else enjoy them? Well, you'll want to keep an eye out for a new addition to the front of our little red school house, you guessed it, a little, red Book Nook! When the Book Nook makes its debut, we invite you to bring along some great books to line it's shelves and then we invite you to browse and select some new books for yourself. We encourage you and your children to bring any type of children's book that you think will be of interest to others- fiction, non-fiction, board books, etc. We can't wait to share our SVP Book Nook with you all!

**Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year:** It's hard to believe that it's here already! It is time for us to begin the registration process for our 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 Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for current students and their families, siblings and alumni families.**
- **Registration for new families will begin at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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 registration documents in your child's backpack in the next few weeks, and they will be available on our website as well. 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.

**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 Thursday, 10/27 or Friday, 10/28. Your child's teacher will let you know what is needed if you are interested in sending in a snack 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 healthy fruits and vegetables.

- **Note: At SVP, we do not allow children to wear costumes to school.** Costumes can be overwhelming for our younger students, and there is always the risk that costume pieces could become lost/misplaced. Thank you for your understanding.

**Labels, Labels, Labels!** Please take care to label every item that you send to school with your child, including masks, backpacks, lunchboxes, food containers, water bottles, jackets, hats, etc. Labels really do help us to ensure that all items are returned to the correct families at the end of each day.

## Important Dates to Note this Fall

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

- **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for Rosh Hashanah
- **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for Yom Kippur
- **Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>:** School Portrait Days
- **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Classroom Halloween Parties
- **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for town-wide Professional Development Day.
- **Tuesday, November 1st:** First day of Registration for the 2023-2024 school year (8:00 AM).
- **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for Veterans Day.
- **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:** Registration opens for new families for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Half-day (school closes at 12:00 noon-no PM session). School will remain closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.
- **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>:** School re-opens after Thanksgiving break.

We are grateful to you all for your support on these, and all school matters. We have the best parents and families in the world, and we appreciate your attention and thoughtfulness every day! We hope that you and your families find plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy the wonderful fresh air and beautiful colors in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

Gretchen, Laura and the Entire Staff at Southborough Village Preschool