

Southborough Village Preschool

April & May 2023 Newsletter

Spring is in the air! These lovely 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 be sure to pay close attention to the school calendar dates at the end of the newsletter, including information for our end-of-the year Family Celebrations.

Parking Lot Safety Reminder: Please take care to keep your child right by your side after we release them to you at the gate or door. We ask that you don't allow them to run around the gardens, or walkways or parking lot and be sure to hold their hand while walking to and from your car as there are so many vehicles pulling in and out during this busy time. We thank you for your help as we work to keep our students safe.

And speaking of gardens...the early, warm weather really caused our perennials to push up through the ground quickly this week, especially around the tree in the small white fenced-in area. You may want to encourage your little ones to observe this spring phenomenon over the next few weeks. Natural science is fun with kids!

End of the Year Family Celebrations: We are excited to be able to invite you to our end-of-the year Family Celebrations this year. Each class will be hosting a Family Celebration on their last day of school. The MWF classes will be inviting you to a celebration on Monday, June 5th and the T/Th classes will be inviting you to a celebration on Tuesday, June 6th. Each celebration will last approximately 30-45 minutes and will be held primarily outdoors. In order to make the Family Celebration a special event for your child, please consider making alternative arrangement for siblings. See the invitation below for more details regarding your child's Family Celebration. We look forward to seeing you!

Scholastic Book Club: On occasion, we offer an opportunity to order books through Scholastic Book Clubs. Please note that ordering is completely optional, but if you are interested, feel free to look at the book catalogs that will be sent home on Monday/Tuesday of this week, as well as many other catalogs that are available online. If you choose to order books, you can order easily online. All books will be shipped to our school and we will distribute them to you upon their arrival. We anticipate delivery within a few weeks.

While shopping online, just type in **[scholastic.com/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.com/readingclub)** and enter the **Class Activation Code: K3CFL**. The deadline for ordering from these catalogs is **Friday, May 5th**.

SVP Book Nook: We've really been enjoying watching the kids browse at the Book Nook before and after school! As a reminder, all of the books are there for the taking, so please stop by and take as many as you or your little ones would like. Feel free to donate books that you are done with as well. We're so happy to see our families enjoying this fun community opportunity. Please spread the word to friends and family who might also be interested.

Summer Fun Program: This year, we are excited to be able to offer another fun SVP tradition, Summer Fun Days! This is a completely optional program that you are welcome to sign your child up for. During these few days, we celebrate the arrival of summer with fun activities and outdoor play.

- **Summer Fun days will be Wednesday, 6/7, Thursday, 6/8 and Friday, 6/9, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.**
- Please send your child with a nut-free lunch.
- The fee for the Summer Fun Program is \$50.00 per day. Siblings will receive a 50% discount for the second child.
- Students will have the opportunity to move between the classrooms as they feel comfortable.
- Registration for Summer Fun Days will begin on **Monday, May 15th**. Sign-up sheets will be available at the front door, or feel free to give us a call/email and we can sign your child up for you.
- We ask that initially you only sign your child up for days that he/she normally attends school, but the following week on Monday, May 22nd, you can register your child for any additional available Summer Fun dates.

Be sure to let us know if you have any questions at all, we are always happy to help!

Sincerely,

Laura, Gretchen and the Entire Staff at SVP

Important Dates for the Remainder of the Year:

April 17th through April 21st: School Closed for April Vacation

May 9th: School Closed for town-wide Professional Development Day

May 25th and 26th: SVP Farm Days (Stay tuned for details!)

May 29th: School closed for Memorial Day

June 1st and 2nd: SVP Beach Days (Stay tuned for details!)

June 2nd: All final payments due for Summer Fun Days and Playschool/Early Drop-off

June 5th: Family Celebrations AND Last Days of School for M/W/F Classes

June 6th: Family Celebrations AND Last Days of School for T/Th Classes

June 7th, 8th and 9th: Optional Summer Fun Extension Days (Stay tuned for details!)

Family Celebrations at SVP!

The annual end of the year Family Celebrations are a lot of fun at Southborough Village Preschool! The children have been working on some special songs for you and we know you will love to see how much they have learned and grown this year. During your child's Family Celebration, your children will also be serving you a special snack as well as cool refreshments, for your enjoyment. This is also the day that you will receive your child's special year-end portfolio or journal. Below, you will find a few important things for you to know about your Family Celebrations as well as the class schedule. Be sure to let us know if you have any questions regarding the Celebrations.

- Family Celebrations will be held on the last regular days of school, on Monday, June 5th and Tuesday, June 6th.*
- Please be sure to RSVP to your child's teacher. It is very important that each child have a parent or parents attend their Family Celebration. In the case that neither parent can attend, we ask that you send another special person to attend in your place (grandparent, aunt or uncle, etc.). Please be sure to let your child's teacher know if you will be attending the Family Celebration or if someone else will.*
- Please arrive on time. We stagger the Family Celebration times so that there is only one Celebration going on at the school at a time. Because of this, we ask that you be prompt. We will need to be sure to start right on time, in order to keep to our tight schedule. Thank you!*
- In order to make the Family Celebration a special event for your child, please consider making **alternative arrangements for young siblings.***

We thank you and look forward to having you attend our Family Celebrations! Please see the Family Celebration schedule below, to find out what time your Celebration will be and let us know if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely Yours,

Gretchen and Laura

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Family Celebration Schedule

Monday, June 5th

9:15-10:00 Mrs. Kostiw and Mrs. Evers Full Day Pre-K Class

10:15-11:00 Mrs. Hartnett and Mrs. Connors' Full Day Pre-K Class

11:30-12:00 Ms. Kara, Ms. Ruth's and Ms. Linnea's

**AM and PM Classes combined*

Tuesday, June 6th

9:15-10:00 Mrs. Distefano and Mrs. Michas' Class

11:00-11:30 Ms. Laura and Ms. Linnea's Toddler Class

11:45-12:15 Ms. Ruth, Ms. Christine, Ms. Kara and Ms. Karen's

**AM and PM Classes combined*

* These are regular, full school days. If your child will be staying at school after your Family Celebration, we always recommend you have a conversation with him/her to let them know that you are leaving but you will be back to pick them up, as this can be a bit confusing for little ones.

*If your child attends both a M/W/F Class as well as T/Th Class, please plan to attend both of their Celebrations. We request to have at least one guest per child at each Celebration.