

Southborough Village Preschool

September & October 2023 Newsletter

What an amazing few weeks we have had at SVP! As the weather is finally 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.

School Portraits Postponed: Unfortunately, we just received word this afternoon that our portrait photographer will not be able to come in this week, due to a family emergency. She will be in touch with us as soon as possible, to reschedule the portrait days, likely in a few weeks. Please stay tuned for more information. Thank you for your understanding.

Don't forget to sign-in and sign-out at the door every day. It's hard to believe that just a few weeks into the start of school, 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 digitally sign your child in and out**, on your Procure app, each day. If you will be having a family member or babysitter drop-off or pick-up your child, please ask them to bring their phone and let them know your child's four digit access code. We are happy to assist them as they sign your child in or out. Thank you!

You're invited to our Family Open House! We are excited to be looking forward to one of our favorite annual school events, our SVP Family Open House. We hope that you are able to attend this fun evening on Thursday, October 26th. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to show you around the classroom and for you to see some of the fun things that we have been working on. You will also be able to meet your child's classmates and families. Please see the open house schedule below and let us know if you have any questions at all, we look forward to seeing you on October 26th.

Southborough Village Preschool Open-House Schedule

Please join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Toddler House
5:00 - 5:45 PM	T/Th AM & PM Ruth/Christine	T/Th Full Day Sara/Lindsey	Full Day Nina/Angela	Toddlers Laura/Linnea
6:00 - 6:45 PM	MWF AM & PM Kara/Kathryn & Kara/Linnea	Full Day Pre-K Gretchen/Kelly/Haley	Full Day Pre-K Michele/Jennifer	

Illnesses at SVP... as we expected, there are definitely a lot of illnesses going around in school settings. 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 in 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, so that we know your child has been tested for COVID.
- **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 attend school, but should 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 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. Please let your child's teacher and Directors know that your child has been tested for COVID, before he/she returns to school.
- If your child is determined to be a **close contact of a COVID** positive person, he/she may attend school but it is suggested 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 that 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, 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 (508-485-3109) to let us know if your child will not be attending school. We account for every student each day. Thank you!

The SVP Book Swap Box! 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? You are invited to bring them to school and donate them to our SVP Book Swap Box. 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. Please allow your child to take home any books that they find to be of interest, as frequently as they wish. When your child is finished with the books, you are welcome to keep them or return them for another child to enjoy. Thank you for participating in our Book Swap Box Project!

Registration for the 2024-2025 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 Wednesday, November 1st for current students and their families, siblings and alumni families.**
- **Registration for new families will begin at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, November 15th.**

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 Monday, 10/30 and Tuesday, 10/31. 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. **Please send a photo of the ingredient label before the day of the party.**

- 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

- **Monday, October 9th:** School closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **Monday, October 30th and Tuesday, October 31th:** Classroom Halloween Parties
- **Wednesday, November 1st:** First day of Registration for the 2024-2025 school year (8:00 AM).
- **Wednesday, November 15th:** Registration opens for new families for the 2024-25 school year.
- **Wednesday, November 22nd:** Half-day (school closes at 12:00 noon-no PM session). School will remain closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.
- **Monday, November 27th:** 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