

Southborough Village Preschool

April & May 2024 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. Let us know if you have any questions.

Feeling Grateful at SVP! We have been amazed, but not surprised, at the donations we have received from our incredible SVP families, for our two community service drives. The children's clothing donations for the Cradles to Crayons organization, as well as the art supply donations for children's mental health therapy, through Advocates, just keep pouring in and we are thrilled! **If you are still interested in donating towards either cause, we will be accepting donations up until this Friday, April 5th.** Please let us know if you have any questions at all. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your tremendous generosity and thoughtfulness.

Pre-K Student Questionnaires: If your child will be going to kindergarten in the Fall, in Southborough or Northborough, we are required to fill out and send a brief questionnaire, to assist with their placement. Additionally, the schools also ask that you, the parents, fill out a similar questionnaire. For your convenience, they have provided us with the parent questionnaires to distribute to you at SVP. We will have these available beginning on Monday, during pick-up or drop-off. You are asked to bring these questionnaires with you when you bring your child in for his/her kindergarten screening. We were told that an email was going out this week, to families who have registered for kindergarten, and that screenings will begin after April vacation. Please call your child's elementary school if you have further questions.

Solar Eclipse: As you know, we are going to be having a rare solar eclipse in a few weeks. On Monday, April 8th, in our area, the eclipse begins at 2:15 PM, and ends at 4:38 PM, with maximum percent coverage of 92.9% occurring at 3:29 PM. We have had a few families ask if we will be letting the children view the eclipse. Good question! In short, the answer is unfortunately, no. We don't feel as though there is any way we can manage to have young children wear the viewing glasses as carefully as they would need to in order to safely view the eclipse. We will however be doing some fun activities throughout the day to teach them about the eclipse and what occurs during it. If your child attends school either in the afternoon or for a full day, you will be picking up during the eclipse. If you are interested in sharing this special event with your kids, we suggest you pick up early, so you will be home for the solar eclipse. There is much information available online for how to safely view the eclipse, or the effects of the eclipse, and where to purchase the proper eyewear to protect those young eyes.

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 3rd and the T/Th classes will be inviting you to a celebration on Tuesday, June 4th. 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 before April vacation, 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. Instructions for how to order will be attached to the flyers that are sent home next week, or you can access the catalogs on the website now, by following the directions below.

The deadline for ordering from these catalogs is **Friday, April 26th.**

- Go to clubs.scholastic.com
- Then in the upper right hand corner, click on "Get Started"
- Click on "Connect to Teacher"
- Click on the black box that says, "Find My Teacher".
- Enter our zip code, which is **01772**. Then click "Enter".
- The system will then list all of the schools in our zip code that participate in Scholastic Book Clubs. Scroll down until you find **Southboro Village Preschool**. Click on our school.
- Then you will click on the box that says, "Teacher's Name" and then click on "**Hartnett, Gretchen**". All orders will be placed under Gretchen Hartnett, regardless of who your child has for a teacher.
- Then you will have the option to "**Sign In**" if you already have a Scholastic account.
- If you don't have an account, you will click on "**Create an Account**".
- If you have any trouble at all, the customer service associates at Scholastic are always very helpful. Simply call **Scholastic Customer Service at 800-724-6527 (1-800-SCHOLASTIC)**.

Parking Lot Safety Reminder: Warm weather is in our future! As we begin to enjoy more pleasant spring days, it's not uncommon to linger a bit at drop-off or pick-up. Please take care to keep your child right by your side as you come to school and 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.

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 held on Wednesday, 6/5, Thursday, 6/6 and Friday, 6/7, 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 13th**. 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 20th, 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 15th through April 19th: School Closed for April Vacation

May 16th and 17th: Alphabet Feasts for the older classes (Students only-stay tuned for details!)

May 16th and 17th: Kindergarten Expert Panels (Students only-stay tuned for details!)

May 23rd and 24th: SVP Farm Days (Stay tuned for details!)

May 27th: School closed for Memorial Day

May 30th and 31st: SVP Beach Days (Stay tuned for details!)

May 31st: All final payments due for Summer Fun Days and Playschool/Early Drop-off

June 3rd: Family Celebrations AND Last Days of School for M/W/F Classes

June 4th: Family Celebrations AND Last Days of School for T/Th Classes

June 5th, 6th and 7th: 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 3rd and Tuesday, June 4th.*

- ***Please be sure to RSVP to your child's teacher, before the Celebration.** 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 3rd:

9:15-10:00 Ms. Michele and Ms. Jenn's Full Day Pre-K Class

10:15-11:00 Ms. Gretchen, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Angie's Full Day Pre-K Class

11:00-11:30 Ms. Laura and Ms. Linnea's MWF Toddler Class (at the Toddler House)

*11:30-12:00 Ms. Kara, Ms. Kathryn and Ms. Linnea's Classes *AM and PM Classes combined*

Tuesday, June 4th:

9:15-10:00 Ms. Sara and Ms. Lindsey's Class

10:15-11:00 Ms. Nina and Ms. Angie's Class

11:00-11:30 Ms. Laura and Ms. Linnea's TTh Toddler Class (at the Toddler House)

*11:30-12:00 Ms. Ruth and Ms. Michele's Classes *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.*