Southborough Village Preschool
April 2026 Newsletter

Spring is in the Air: Well, maybe not the temperature yet, but we see the signs and we're excited for it! The milder weather will certainly mean more outdoor fun for us at SVP, but we also 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 at all.

School Closed Friday: Please remember that school will be closed this Friday, April 3rd, for a town-wide closure for Good Friday. We know there have been a lot of holidays lately, but this will be the last closure until April vacation (20th-24th) and then Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th.

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, called the DIAL-4 Parent Questionnaire. For your convenience, they have provided us with the parent questionnaires to distribute to you at SVP. We are distributing these to parents this week. You are asked to bring these questionnaires with you when you bring your child in for his/her kindergarten screening. We've been told that screenings at the Mary Finn School will begin in early May. Be sure to call your child's elementary school if you have questions regarding kindergarten registration.

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 1st and the T/Th classes will be inviting you to a celebration on Tuesday, June 2nd. Each celebration will last approximately 30-45 minutes and will be held primarily outdoors in the morning hours. Stay tuned for an invitation and the Family Celebration Schedule.

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, beginning on Monday, May 11th. During these few days, we celebrate the arrival of summer with fun activities and outdoor play. **Summer Fun days will be held on Wednesday, 6/3, Thursday, 6/4 and Friday, 6/5, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.**

Tuition Payments Due: At this time, all final tuition payments, as well as Early Drop-off and Afterschool Care fees are due. Please see Laura Eppen if you have questions regarding payments.

Registration Changes: If you're considering making any changes to your child's placement for next year, do reach out to us at this time. Availability is limited, with only a few spots remaining on Tues/Thurs and Mon/Wed/Fri Pre-K.

What's the difference between Nut-Free and Nut-Safe?: This is a great question and an important distinction when determining if we can serve any food products at school, including food for birthday treats and parties.

- **If a food is NUT-FREE**, it simply means that there are no nuts included in the ingredients. This is great, but not all to consider when selecting a food for school.
- **If a food is NUT-SAFE**, it means that not only are there no nuts included in the ingredients, but it is also manufactured on dedicated equipment that never processes nuts or manufactures food that contains nuts. **This ensures that the food is entirely nut-safe and has not possibly been cross contaminated by any other products that contain nuts.**
- **We are only able to serve food at SVP that is NUT-SAFE (not just nut-free).**
- **Many companies will list right on the packaging,** usually underneath the ingredient list if it is manufactured (or not manufactured) on nut-safe equipment.
- There are some recommended companies that will state right on the packaging label that it is **"School-Safe or manufactured in a nut-free facility".** We recommend these products when selecting something to send in to school for a birthday or party.
- **Keep in mind that birthday treats don't have to be baked goods-** kids love popsicles, Hoodsies, watermelon, fruit chews, a small cookie, etc.
- If you are wondering if the item you have purchased is not only nut-free, but also nut-safe for SVP, **we encourage you to send us a photo of the ingredient label ahead of time, so as to avoid disappointment at drop-off.** These labels can be tricky to read and we are always happy to help to ensure that food products are safe for all of our students. Thank you for your support, we are so appreciative!

Parking Lot Safety Reminder: As we begin to enjoy more pleasant spring days, it's not uncommon for families to linger a bit longer 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.

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 3rd: School will be closed for the town-wide holiday of Good Friday
April 20th through April 24th: School will be closed for April Vacation

May 8th: Kindergarten Expert Panels (Older students only-stay tuned for details)
May 13th: Alphabet Feasts (Older students only-stay tuned for details)
May 11th: Registration begins for Summer Fun Days
May 14th and 15th: SVP Farm Days (Stay tuned for details)
May 25th: School will be closed for Memorial Day
May 28th and 29th: SVP Beach Days (Stay tuned for details)
May 28th: All final payments due for Summer Fun Days and Playschool/Early Drop-off

June 1st: Family Celebrations AND Last Days of School for M/W/F Classes
June 2nd: Family Celebrations AND Last Days of School for T/Th Classes
June 3rd, 4th and 5th: Optional Summer Fun Extension Days (Stay tuned for details)