Southborough Village Preschool
October 2026 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.

You're invited to our Family Open House! We are excited and 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 22nd. 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 22nd.

Southborough Village Preschool
Family Open-House Schedule
Please join us on Thursday, October 22, 2026

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Toddler House
5:00 - 5:45 PM	**MWF AM/Full Day** Lindsey/Angie	**MWF Full Day** Gretchen/Jenn	**MWF Full Day** Michele K./Ruth	**Toddlers** Laura/Linnea
6:00 - 6:45 PM	**T/Th Full Day** Kara/Ruth/Linnea	**T/Th AM** Michelle V./Angie	**T/Th Full Day** Michele K./Nina	

It's School Portrait Time! Our wonderful photographer, Madelyn Kostiw, will be coming to school on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th, to take individual portraits of the kids as well as whole class photos. The portraits will be taken outdoors.

If you are interested in purchasing your child's photos, please use the Google form that will be sent out on ProCare, in the coming days, to order and pay for a sitting and digital photos for your child. We do ask that you fill the form out even if you are not planning on having a portrait session for your child, so we know what your plan is for that day, and so that you can receive a whole class photo. If your child attends school all five days, you may choose which day to have your child's portrait taken on. All children will receive and be included in a whole class photo regardless of your decision to purchase a session/package. Please note, Madelyn will be taking a photo of each one of our students, for use in the classroom only, even if you are not interested in paying for a portrait sitting/digitals. Please know that there is no pressure whatsoever to sign up for portraits, we are aware that a lot of families have portraits done elsewhere. We simply offer this opportunity for your convenience. Please reach out to us (or to Madelyn -her contact information will be on the Google form) if you have any questions.

Registration for the 2027-2028 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 Monday, November 2nd for current students and their families, siblings and alumni families.**
- **Registration for new families will begin at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 16th.**

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, 10/29 or Friday, 10/30. 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 either send the food in ahead of the party, or simply send us a photo of the ingredient label before the day of the party. We do not allow homemade treats to be served at school, so as to avoid possible cross-contamination with allergens. Thank you for your understanding with this important safety policy.**

- Note: At SVP, **we do not allow children to wear costumes to school during Halloween parties.** 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.

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 ProCare 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!

Thoughts on Adjusting to School: This is the time of year that we marvel at how far our students have come in just a few weeks, and how quickly they have adapted to a new setting, new routines, new friends and teachers. Kids really are amazing! With that said, you may have a child who is struggling or seems reluctant to come to school, or separate at the front door, or even to use the preschool bathroom. This is all very normal for preschoolers, but we assure you, your little one will adjust before you know it, and make tremendous strides over the coming weeks. Let us know if you would like to talk with us at any point about any aspect of your child's adjustment to school. We are always interested in working with you to make your little one's preschool experience as positive and stress-free as possible.

In the meantime, we do have some suggestions that can help your little one acclimate to a new school, new teachers and new friends.

- **In the morning, try to be as positive, and reassuring as possible**, reminding your child that they will have a good day and that you are excited to see them soon.

- **If your child is upset, be brief and cheerful with your goodbye and draw upon their past success**, by reminding them that they were nervous before but they ended up having a wonderful and successful day and that they will be able to do that again. Feel free to call the office at any point, to see how they're doing later -we know how hard it can be to be wondering about them!

- For young "toileters", we suggest **that you send your child to school in outfits that are easy to get on and off quickly, especially while your child is working to become comfortable using a bathroom in a new setting.** We suggest avoiding tights, long dresses/skirts, belts, skinny jeans or overalls for young toilet trainers. It's common for a teacher to have more than one child in the bathroom at a time and outfits that are easy to get on/off are always a welcome bonus on our end!

- **For lunch**, try to include your child in food selection so they know what to expect when they sit down to eat with friends. Also try putting a little tear in food packets and then show your child how to open the package by pulling it apart at the tear. Children love to be able to show how independent they are during mealtimes.

Will your child be staying home? Please reach out to us, through ProCare before 9:00 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!

Toys from Home…While we always understand that a child might need a transitional object to make the trek into school feel a little more comfortable, we do strongly suggest, when possible, leaving all toys and special objects at home. It's very difficult to keep track of a child's personal items in the classroom, and even more so when it's a toy that is very appealing to other students. Thank you!

Labels, Labels, Labels! Please take care to label every item that you send to school with your child, including 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 12th:** School Closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **Thursday, October 22nd:** Southborough Village Preschool Family Open House (see schedule)
- **Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th:** Classroom Halloween Parties
- **Monday, November 2nd:** First day of Registration for the 2027-2028 school year (8:00 AM).
- **Wednesday, November 11th:** School closed for Veterans Day
- **Monday, November 16th:** Registration opens for new families for the 2027-28 school year.
- **Wednesday, November 25th:** Half-day (school closes at 12:00 noon- no PM session). School will remain closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving break.
- **Monday, November 30th**: School re-opens after Thanksgiving break.
- **Monday, December 21st:** School Closed for Holiday Vacation
- **Monday, January 4th**: School re-opens after Holiday Vacation

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.

~Gretchen and Laura