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Letter from the Director

Elizabeth Denis

Dear Parents,

May is a busy month at Happy Face. Lady bugs, bees, butterflies, pets and flower projects will fill the school with the wonderful anticipation of the warm summer months to come. The playground is already buzzing with the happy sounds of children playing together and developing their social skills as they interact with each other in their play and outdoor activities.

The 4's and 5's have an exciting month ahead of them. Both classes have visited the Hunterdon County Arboretum on Wednesday, April 26th and received an educational lesson on reptiles and snakes. Parents and children had fun seeing and learning about the abundance of wildlife at the arboretum.

The 5's have been working hard on their poetry all year and are excited about reciting their poems for their parents at their annual Poet's Tea on Friday, May 19th, at Mrs. Denis's house. On Monday, May 15th, the 4's and 5's will take their annual school bus trip to Valley View School, visit the kindergarten classrooms and take a tour of the school with the school principal. On the way, home the bus will ride past the other local elementary schools before returning us to Happy Face. Regular dismissal times will be in effect.

The 3's are looking forward to a wonderful time on their class trip to the Hunterdon County Arboretum on May 2nd. This month the 3's will enjoy Fiesta Day at Happy Face on May 11th. In preparation for their fiesta the 3's will make their own class piñata and learn about the traditions for such occasions in the Mexican culture. On Fiesta Day, they will make quesadillas and nachos for snack, then gather to break the class Piñatas and find, to their delight, the treasures hidden inside!

End-of-the-Year Parties and Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd for 2s and 3s and Wednesday, May 24th for 4s and 5s. Please arrive *promptly* at 9:00 AM so we can begin the festivities as soon as possible. We will celebrate outside on the playground following the sing-a-long and graduation ceremony, weather permitting.

It is hard to believe the 2016-2017 school year is coming to a close. The teachers and I have enjoyed working with your children and thank you for sharing them with us this year. Just a reminder - please be sure to register your child for Camp Smiley as soon as possible if you plan on sending your child to camp. Happy summer!

Keep Smiling,

Elizabeth

Updates from the Board of Trustees

Meeting held on April 6, 2017

In attendance —

E. Denis, D. Mayberry, J. McCloskey, C. Bolger, D. McDede, J. Baumann, J. Pearson, and L. Bushey.

Please attend our
next board meeting
Thursday, May 4th
@ 7:30 pm
in the Conference
Room @ Happy Face
Nursery School

**All are
Welcome!**

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Summer Camp - Openings still available as of May 1st

Fund Raising - "March Madness" campaign will continue to accept donations. Vendor Fair was a great success! Thank you to all who participated! Heirloom plant sale is ongoing.

Eagle Scout Project Approved- Improvements will be made to playground and bulletin boards

End-of-Year Parties - Sing-along will be inside, then celebration and food outside, weather permitting.

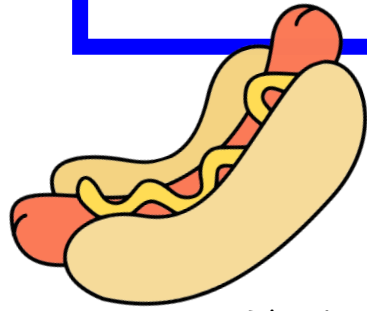
Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
@ 11:30 AM

Happy Face teachers provide our children with a formal education in a caring and fun environment. They contribute to the first leg of a fascinating, life-long journey that our children are making. Teachers help our children to develop a happy curiosity toward learning and life as they grow into productive global citizens. We would like to take the opportunity to demonstrate to our teachers how much we appreciate them in their role as educators with an informal luncheon in the conference room.

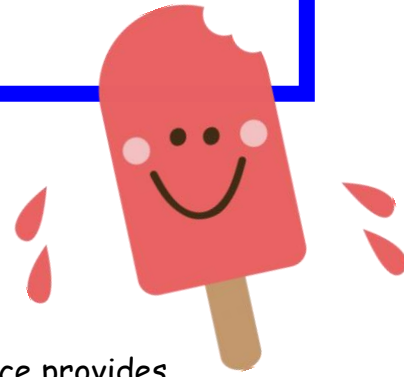
This lunch is coordinated by the Room Moms and is funded by the Room Mom fee you paid at the beginning of the school year. Thank you to all of the parents who have made contributions.





Hot Dog Lunch

Monday, May 22nd 2017



The 4s and 5s will enjoy a Hot Dog Lunch on May 22nd. Happy Face provides the hot dogs, chips, and popsicles. The time of arrival and departure remains as usual. Monday Lunch Bunch pick up will remain at 12:30 p.m., no need to send lunch. Enrichment schedule will run on a normal schedule as well.



The Happy Face community would like to take the time to thank the following board members who have volunteered their time this year on the Board of Trustees.

Julie Baumann - President
Jen Powell - Vice President
Courtney Bolger- Secretary
Liz Bushey - PR
Trudy Flood - Room Mom Coordinator
Becky DiRe - Yearbook Coordinator

It is with great appreciation that we recognize next year's Board of Trustees:

Jen Powell - President
Jessica Pearson - Vice President
Erica Balzer - Secretary
Liz Bushey - PR
Julie Baumann & Jenn Martineau - Room Mom Coordinator

May In Review

Children will spend this month reading literature and investigating several themes and topics including:

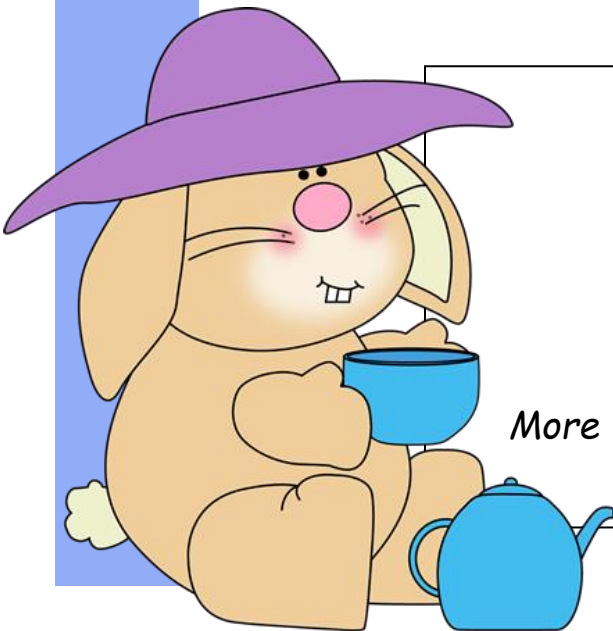
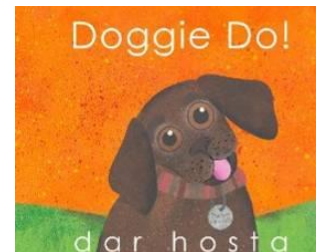
- Mother's Day
- ladybugs
- barnyard animals
- bees
- the color blue
- play props
- Fiesta Day
- Poet's Tea
- flowers
- pets/pet care
- caterpillars
- butterflies
- Pond

The nursery rhyme of the month for the 2 1/2s is:

- ***Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary***

The author of the month

- **Mo Williams and Dar Hosta**, author of ***Doggie Do, If I Were a Tree, I Love the Night, I Love the Alphabet*** and more!



FAB 5's - POET'S TEA

Friday, May 19th

9:30 - 11:30 am

at Mrs. Denis's House

More information will go home before the event!

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s & 3s Last Day of School Party & Sing-A-Longs

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017

The last day of school activities will take place in the Parish Hall. The students should arrive promptly at the usual time. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and guests are invited to join us. Festivities will begin approximately 15 minutes after arrival (9:15). We will have a Sing-A-Long first, followed by food and beverages on the playground, weather permitting. There will be no Lunch Bunch.

4s & Fab 5s Sing-A-Long & Graduation

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017

Graduation activities will take place in the Parish Hall. The students should arrive promptly at the usual time. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and guests are invited to join us. Festivities will begin approximately 15 minutes after arrival (9:15). We will have a Sing-A-Long first, followed by a graduating presentation followed by food and beverages on the playground, weather permitting. There will **no** Lunch Bunch.

