



## May 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### Sunrise Montessori Annual Fair

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with Sunrise's Annual Fair – your time and efforts helped to make it very successful. The rain did not dampen the fair at all because everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. The balloonist did a beautiful job with each child, and we hope to have him come back to Sunrise in the future. We were also lucky to have volunteers from Kohl's Department Store in Milford who ran the games and staffed the pizza table.



The volunteers from Kohl's were wonderful and kind, and they helped us out in any way that they could. Our special fair committee consisted of Rebecca Baril, Amy Gilman, Elizabeth Orlando and Allie Lutkevich. They put in countless hours to gather items for our Silent Auction Tables and our Raffle Table. Also behind the scenes were dedicated Board of Directors members: Sue Roecker, Jacquelyn Gubka, Syed Azhar and Paul Roeber. I think the children were especially thrilled to see their

teachers working the games, activities, raffles and interacting with the parents. Everyone took a special spot at the fair to help the afternoon run smoothly. Thank you to all the families that came to the fair and congratulations to the raffle and silent auction winners.

### Field trip highlights

Our field trip to Stony Brook on Monday was rainy, but still the beauty of this nature preserve did shine through. The peacefulness of Stony Brook was evident amongst the waterfall, pond and open field. The children explored mud from the pond and found bugs such as isopods (woodlice), nymphs, roly poly bugs / pill bugs, beetles, salamanders, slugs, mosquitoes and baby dragonflies. Many of the bugs were hiding due to the rain, but it was nice to find what we did. As we walked the nature path we saw beautiful birds (red cardinals) fly above our heads. The geese walked close to the children as they wandered in the fields. It may have been wet, but we had a lot of beauty surrounding us. Thank you to all the families who attended the field trip to Stony Brook. Hopefully, we created some nice memories and a fun learning experience about bugs.

### Gardens

Have you noticed all the beautiful tulips and daffodils in front of the school? These were planted by the children last fall. In addition, the strawberry garden and the butterfly garden were planted by our Kindergarten Program children this spring. The Kindergarten children also have an herb garden growing in the library area of the school. Part of this garden will be transported to our Community Garden that is located on King Street in Franklin. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year growing, maintaining and harvesting vegetables and herbs in the Community Garden. Soon a signup list will be posted for the garden to be watered throughout the summer months. We are always thankful for the children and their families who water the garden during the summer months because the vegetables flourish, and the Franklin Food Pantry benefits from our children's hard work.

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## Looking ahead to 2017 -2018

As we look forward to the upcoming year, I wanted to update parents on several announcements and changes.

Sandhya Jain will begin her Montessori certification training at the Montessori Institute-New England in Beverly, MA this summer. Training programs strengthen a teacher's understanding and application of Montessori curriculum, principles and classroom management. After successful completion of the program, Sandhya will obtain her American Montessori Society certification. Her training and practicum will take place throughout the next year.

Kara Stegeman will complete her internship in her graduate studies program next year. This internship will take place at another school. We will miss her, and wish her well in her continuing education and in her upcoming marriage.

This spring the Personnel Committee interviewed qualified candidates for the co-lead teacher position in classroom B. We are very pleased to announce that Audrey Lietar will join Elizabeth Yered as co-lead teacher next year. Audrey graduated from Rhode Island College with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Community Programs. Her American Montessori Society training is from New England Montessori Teaching Education Center, which is the same program from which Kara and I received our Montessori certification. We are happy to welcome Audrey to Sunrise.

Andrea Koska, Farida Ghadyali, Alka Pai and Jessica Mucciarone continue in their current teaching roles for the upcoming year.

It is a pleasure to work with your children. As early childhood educators we are honored to guide, observe and follow your child's progress and growth throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your child with us!



Some of the butterfly larvae in the classroom.

## Keeping in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please know that you can also reach us via email.

As the teachers are working with the children during the day, please note that a reply to your question may come after the afternoon dismissal or later. If your message is urgent and you need to reach someone right away, please call the school at 508-541-8010.

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Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Program! It is a great way for your children to stay in touch with their classmates, meet new friends and experience age-appropriate and exciting themes.

Final invoices will be sent in mid-May and are due June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Week 1: June 26 – June 30



### Under the Sea

Week 2: July 10 - July 14



### Transportation

Week 3: July 17 – July 21



### Outer Space

Week 4: July 24 – July 28



### On the Farm

### **Classroom B reminder**

Please note that Ms. Stegeman will be traveling on holiday in May and will be absent from the classroom from May 3 through May 17. Please speak with Ms. Yered or Mrs. Ghadyali, send in a note or call the office if you need to relay information regarding your child.

### **Place holding deposits for 2017-2018 were due May 1**

Just a quick reminder that invoices have been sent to families whose child/ren are enrolled for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. If you have already sent in your deposit and tuition agreement, thank you. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Before we know it, we will be celebrating Father's Day. This year classroom B will host their breakfast at 9:00am on Thursday, June 8th and Classroom A will host their breakfast on Friday, June 9th at 8:30am. All children are welcome to come even if they normally do not attend on Thursdays or Fridays. It is always a special time when fathers join us in the classrooms, but if any of the fathers cannot attend, please ask a special person come in his place. As we get closer to the Father's Day Breakfasts, detailed information will go out.

### **Sunrise Montessori School logo apparel**

Logo apparel is here! If you missed the sign up form and display at the Spring Fair, don't worry – there's still time to place an order. T-shirts (short & long sleeve; hats, sweatshirts and more are available). Stop by the office for details.

Happy Spring!

Karen Roeber, Director



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Please note that all current events, news and the academic year calendar are also found on the school's website:  
[www.MySunriseMontessori.com](http://www.MySunriseMontessori.com)

**Monday, May 15** – Field trip to Stony Brook in Norfolk.

**Monday, May 29** – Memorial Day holiday. No classes, no extended day

**Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9** – Father's Day Breakfasts

**Wednesday, June 14** – End of School Year Celebration in the Courtyard of Moseley Mills beginning at 10:45am. The day will conclude with a picnic lunch on the playground.

**Monday, June 26** – Week 1 of our Summer Program begins.