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The Smile

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Letter from the Director

Elizabeth Denis

Dear Parents,

It's March! The sap is running and spring is in the air! March at Happy Face means "maple syrup." The 4s and 5s take their annual trip to Mysty Mountain Farm on March 5th, where they will learn, and experience firsthand, the process of making maple syrup on a working sugar maple tree farm.

Other March themes include the color "green," St. Patrick's Day, rainbows, spring and Dr. Seuss. During Dr. Seuss week (3/5-3/9), we will make "green eggs and ham" and please dress "wacky" on Wednesday, March 7th, for our Wacky Wednesday. The teachers use these exciting themes to enhance our curriculum, promote creativity and to teach and develop preschool skills in math,

language arts, science and social studies.

The teachers and I look forward to our conferences with parents the week of March 12th - 16th. Don't forget to sign-up through Sign-Up Genius if you would like to meet with your teacher.

Easter egg hunts will take place for the 3s on Tuesday, March 27th and for the 2 1/2s, 4s and 5s on Wednesday, March 28th. Our spring break begins on Thursday, March 29th. School resumes Monday, April 9th.

Keep Smiling,
Elizabeth

Updates from the Board of Trustees

Meeting held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Happy Face Nursery School

Please attend our
next board meeting
Thursday, March 1st
@ 7:30 pm
in the Conference
Room @ Happy
Face Nursery
School

**All are
Welcome!**

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- Scholarships
 - There will again be a scholarship available for a student attending the 3's and a student attending the 4's for the 2018/19 school year
- Registration for 2018-2019
 - Open enrollment is in progress
- Mommy & Me Class
 - Friday mornings: 3/16, 3/23, 4/13 and 4/20
- Fundraising: The Heirloom vegetable and plant sale has begun with planting! Stay tuned for progress.
- Conferences will be held the week of March 12th - Please sign up via SignUp Genius
- Camp Smiley: June 4 - 8 from 9:30am - 1pm. Stay tuned for more details.
- Speech Screening: March 22nd from 9:30-11:30am
- Planning of Easter Egg Hunts



Dr. Seuss's Wacky Wednesday

* Week of March 5th *

Wacky Wednesday will be held Wednesday, March 7th

Today all students should dress "wacky" as we read *Wacky Wednesday* and enjoy a 'Topsy Turvy' day in school. Don't be afraid to be creative!!! The Wackier, the better!

Dr. Seuss is the pen name for Theodor Seuss Geisel. He was born during 1904 in Springfield, MA. In 1927, he began working for magazines, submitting both cartoons and humorous articles. Dr. Seuss submitted his cartoons to *Judge*, *Life*, *Vanity Fair* and *Liberty*.

During WWII, Geisel joined the army and wrote for Frank Capra's Signal Corps Unit in Hollywood. In 1954, *Life* published a report concerning illiteracy among school children.

The report said that children were having trouble learning to read because their books were boring. This inspired Geisel's publisher and prompted him to ask Geisel to write a book using 250 words (the publisher's idea how many words at one time a first grader could absorb). Nine months later, Geisel, using 220 of the words given to him, published *The Cat in the Hat*, which went on to instant success.

In 1960, Bennett Cerf bet Geisel \$50 that he couldn't write an entire book using fifty words. The result was *Green Eggs and Ham*. Theodor Seuss Geisel died September 24, 1991.



Mysty Mountain Maple Syrup Farm Trip

Boulder Hill Road, Tewksbury

Monday, March 5th

On Monday March 5th, the 4's and 5's will visit Mysty Mountain Farm to learn, first hand, how maple syrup is produced. Mysty Mountain (maple syrup) Farm is owned and operated by Pam and Charlie Garrett, Happy Face alumni parents. Please make every effort to arrive at Happy Face promptly at 9AM, at which time we will take attendance and caravan to the farm. Remember to wear your boots - the farm is muddy! Normal school dismissal times, including Lunch Bunch and enrichment program will be followed.



HAPPY START SCHOLARSHIP

Happy Face offers a financial-needs-based scholarship for a 4-year-old student interested in attending Happy Face.

The Scholarship will award:

\$500 towards tuition for the 3's program

\$1,000 towards tuition for the 4's program



Camp Smiley

Camp Smiley will be held at Happy Face

June 4th-8th 2018

From 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 3 years (potty trained) to 5 years of age will explore a variety of hands-on fun activities as well as enjoy socializing with their peers.

Camp Director: Meg Schafer

Cost: \$175 per child.

Space is limited to 30 children.

\$50 non-refundable registration fee due at sign up.

Registration deadline is April 13th - Final payment due May 16th.

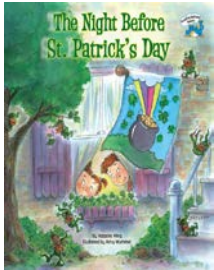
Children should bring their own bag lunches except for the last day, when lunch is included.





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

- Maple Syrup
- The color green
- Shamrock shape
- St. Patrick's Day
- Dr. Seuss
- Spring
- Letters X, Y and Z
- Numbers
- Rainbows
- Nursery Rhymes
- Color words



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

- **Humpty Dumpty**

The color and shape of the month for the 3s is:

- **Green**
- **Shamrock**

The author of the month for the 4s is:

- **Dr. Seuss**

To extend learning at home, you may wish to read books related to these themes, such as the following:

- **Violet the Pilot** by Steve Breen
- **The Night Before St. Patrick's Day** by Natasha Wing

March Show & Tell

3s

Tues., 3/6: Something Pirate
Tues., 3/13: Something Shamrock
Tues., 3/20: Something SPRING
Tues., 3/27: No show & tell
(Easter Egg Hunt)

4s & Fab 5s

Wed., 3/7: Letter W
Mon., 3/12: Letter X
Mon., 3/19: Letter Y
Mon., 3/26: Letter Z

Important Dates:

Week of March 5th
Week of March 12th
Tues., 27th (3's)
Wed., 28th (2.5's, 4's and 5's)
Thurs., 29th and Fri 30th
Mon., April 9th

Dr. Seuss Week
Parent Conferences
Easter Egg Hunt
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School closed - Spring Break
School resumes

