

The Smile

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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 and developing their social skills as they interact with each other in their play and outdoor activities.

Amazing Athletes is coming to Happy Face for two fun-filled field days! 2.5s and 4s will have their field day on Monday, May 20th and the 3s on Tuesday, May 21st. All students will participate during normal school hours.

End-of-the-Year Parties and Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 23rd for 3s and Friday, May 24th for 4s. Please arrive promptly at 9 AM so we can begin the festivities as soon as possible. The 3s will celebrate at Happy Face with a sing-a-long and party. The 4s will have their celebration at the Happy Face as well. The 2.5s last day is Wednesday, May 22nd (the class will have a small celebration including a special snack during normal hours-no parents), 3s last day is Thursday, May 23rd. The 4s last day is Friday, May 24th.

It is hard to believe the 2023-2024 school year is coming to a close.  This year has been wonderful. The teachers and I have enjoyed working with your children and were amazed at their growth. Thank you for participating in our fundraisers and for all your support!

We wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer. Please joins us for our popular playground playdates: 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7 and 8/21 from 9-11AM.

Keep Smiling,

Elizabeth

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# Letter from the Director

Elizabeth Denis

## Updates from the Board of Trustees

Meeting held on April 25, 2024 – final meeting

In attendance — E. Denis, J. McCloskey, B. McGinnis, W. Wilding and J. Keyes

## **Thank you for all your help!**

**Fundraising** – Mother’s Day Flower sale at Zadlock’s

**Registration-** Open registration is still ongoing

**50th Anniversary –** GoFundMe update

**End of Year Celebrations –** 3s on May 23rd at Happy Face and 4s on May 24th at Happy Face

**Community Chronicle –** advertising

**Playground playdate schedule**

**Camp –** full!

**Amazing Athletes –** Field Days



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 Hot Dog Lunch and Pajama Day

Friday, May 17th

We invite the 4s and three day 3s to wear their favorite pajamas to school on Friday, May 17th. Students will also enjoy a Hot Dog Lunch. Happy Face provides the hot dogs, chips, and popsicles. If your child stays for lunch bunch you may want to send a snack instead of a full lunch. Lunch bunch and Amazing Athletes will run on a normal schedule.



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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.

 Brynna McGinnis

Cheryl Brown

Jessica Keyes

Whitney Wilding

If you are interested in joining the board, or would like more information please reach out to Brynna McGinnis at 908-310-3911 or

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At Home

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
* flowers
* pets/pet care
* caterpillars
* butterflies
* Pond

The nursery rhyme of the month for the 2.5s is:

* **Little Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe**
* **Hey Diddle Diddle the Cat and the Fiddle**

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!



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## 2.5s

The last day of school is Wednesday, May 22nd. The children will have a small celebration and a special snack with their teachers – no parents.

## 3s

## Last Day of School Party & Sing-A-Long

Thursday, May 23rd

The last day of school activities will take place at Happy Face. The students should arrive promptly at 9AM. Parents, siblings and families are invited to join us. We will have a sing-a-long, followed by a party in the parish hall. Look for a SignUp Genius to donate a snack to share. Lunch bunch and Yoga will run as usual. Thursday is the last day of school for **ALL** 3s.

4s

Sing-A-Long & Graduation

Friday, May 24th

Graduation activities will take place at Happy Face. The students should arrive promptly at 9AM. Parents, siblings and families are invited to join us. Festivities will begin immediately after arrival. We will have a sing-a-long first, followed by a graduation presentation and then food and beverages in the parish hall. Look for a SignUp Genius to donate a snack to share. **Students will leave the celebration with their parents; there is no lunch bunch or Amazing Athletes.**

