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A Letter from Jennifer...

It is so hard to believe that spring is right around the corner while staring at the mountains of snow in our front yard, back yard, side yard— well, you get the idea! —but as usual this month brings more activities at Providence Nursery School.

Our big event in March is the Mandatory Parent Meeting on Monday, March 8th. It's a night with lots to do, but it is also a great chance to see the administrative part of the school in action. The evening will start at 7:00pm with an hour of parent education by speaker Janet Levowitz, a Fairfax County kindergarten teacher who will talk about kindergarten readiness. Following the speaker at 8:00pm there will be the mandatory meeting to vote on the slate for the new 2010-2011 PNS Executive Board. You are welcome to come at 8:00pm if you cannot attend the parent education. The rest of the evening is a great opportunity to earn a volunteer hour at the monthly board meeting and to be a part of the important decisions that happen at PNS. Snacks and light beverages will be provided.

Spring is also time to start thinking about Summer School! In-house registration for the PNS Summer School will run from Monday, March 8 through Friday, March 12. If you want to register or have any questions contact your Summer School Director, Marta Davis, msteenstra@aol.com. The last day of the regular school year is Thursday, May 27 with the end of year ceremony on Friday, May 28, but Summer School will start on Tuesday, June 1 due to the Monday holiday. It runs

through June 25th so you can keep your kids busy for almost an extra month!

On Saturday, March 13 we will be having a make-up maintenance and cleaning day at PNS for the one missed in February due to snow. If you haven't done your one required cleaning day this year be sure to sign up for this one, as there is only one other left for the year.

Don't forget there is no school on Tuesday, March 16 for the PACT Conference and Spring Break will start at the end of the month, running Monday, March 29 through April 2.

Finally for those of you who don't know my family and I will be saying goodbye to PNS and Virginia on March 20 as we head back to Seattle. I will miss Providence and all the great experiences it has given me over the past three years. I watched Max grow up here and head off to Kindergarten, I have seen Sara go from her car seat at 3 weeks old to a toddler who runs to Mrs. B. and I have made many dear friendships that I treasure deeply. But who is saying goodbye? I have one more month before we head off.

Should you need to get in touch with me, please use my new email (jenn_lyon@yahoo.com) as we no longer have our Verizon account and if you would rather give me a call you can reach me at 703-424-4027.

—Jennifer Lyon

Mandatory Membership Meeting
 March 8th/ 8PM



PNS E-BOARD/ 2010-2011

Here are the nominees for next year's Executive Board. Positions will be approved at March's membership meeting on March 8th.



- President - Ann-Marie Ward & Marta Davis
- VP Admin - Kelly Volciak
- VP Forms - Angie VonAncken
- VP Enrollment - Jennifer Remsburg
- Secretary - Katharine McKenny
- Treasurer - Tiffany Link
- Assistant Treasurer - OPEN
- Fundraising - Christine Clifford & Prassu Mehta

CDO & 2s

March is here—can warmer spring weather be far behind? Of course, thoughts of spring

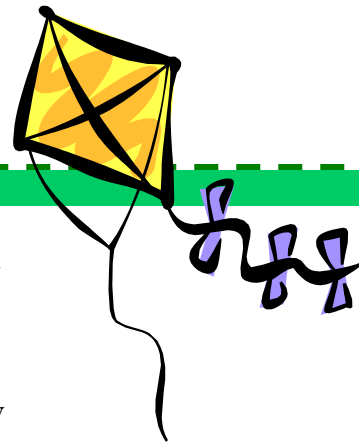
naturally lead to thoughts of blossoms, and boy are your little ones blossoming with amazing growth and development. Not only have my young friends sprouted and lost some of their baby cheeks, there are now genuine friendships forming in both classes and we're seeing more imaginary games and pretend play.



Rainbows will be the theme for the week of March 15th. One of my favorite art projects is to use spray bottles to paint rainbows outside. We'll give this a try. We'll also make kite fold-overs and find out what it's like to color with a bundle of markers. This will be a great week for practicing our colors!

The theme during the last week of March 22 will be Numbers. While we'll count forwards and backwards to ten while lining up and playing jumping games, our emphasis this week will be on the numbers 1, 2, and 3. We'll make Obie's favorite snack-- trail mix with cheerios. Of course the recipe will call for lots of counting! This week we'll also have a numbered ring toss and we'll try hop skotch.

—Mrs. B



—Weekly themes—
 3/1: Zoo Animals
 3/8: Zoo Animals
 3/15: Rainbows
 3/22: Numbers

So what do I have planned for my growing friends this month? Our theme for the first two weeks of March will be zoo animals. We'll make elephants and giraffes in art. We'll play a game of charades- pretending to be different animals and trying to guess what animal Mrs. B will be. We'll also build our own zoo with blocks.

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Well, we've had our snow days and now I am ready for Spring and warmer weather. We all need to go outside and run, slide, scream and swing. We're really lucky and thankful to be able to use the church's gym, but there's no substitute for that playground.

While we're waiting for the snow to melt, we'll learn what some of our animal friends are doing during winter weather – specifically pond animals. Where do all those frogs, snakes and salamanders go when it's cold? We'll finish the week with a field trip to Jerome Buddy Ford Nature Center on Friday the 5th where we can see some of those animals up close.

Then we'll do some rhyming and reading with Dr. Seuss and Mother Goose. We'll try

to make up words to rhyme with our names – some of them might be pretty silly. Renee Edwards from the Fairfax County Public Library will visit us on the 10th and bring along some of her Dr. Seuss favorites.

Then we'll celebrate the wearing of the green for St. Patrick's Day. We'll have plenty of shamrocks around and maybe some of those pesky leprechauns will come looking for their pots of gold.

We'll wrap up the month with a week of Wind and Kites. Wind experiments and hair dryer art are on the schedule.

Hopefully all of the above will keep us busy while we wait for Spring to arrive!!

—Miss Susan

—Weekly themes—
 3/1: Dr. Seuss & Mother Goose
 3/8: Dr. Seuss & Mother Goose
 3/15: St. Patrick's Day
 3/22: Wind & Kites

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March...the month of indecision...in like a lion and out like a lamb? Or vice-versa? I personally think it's time for warm breezes and sunny, blue skies. Plus the kids want nothing more to do with snow! They just want to be outside on bare ground – and I'm on their side!

Nursery rhymes will take center stage during the week of March 1st. It's always fun to see how many rhymes the kids know. We'll do lots of flannel stories and fingerplays, plus use our imagination to create interesting projects! We'll also play with rhyming words during the week! And you know how much fun that can be with a four or five year old!



Dr. Seuss will be our honorary guest during the week of March 8th. We will honor his memory by exploring several of his books...including my favorite, *Green Eggs and Ham*. Of course, we'll do some cooking on that day! (It never gets old!) We'll read several other Seuss treasures and even make our own special bookmark.

St. Patrick's Day and the color green will be our emphasis during the week of the 15th. We'll have fun with those elusive Leprechauns and will look for their mysterious pot of gold. You never know what might happen on St. Pat's Day at PNS!!! But you can count on it being FUN! Please don't forget that there is no school on Tuesday, 3/16. All the teachers and aides will be at our spring PACT Conference learning lots of neat stuff.

March 22nd is the beginning of our week where we "study" weather. Colorful experiments and discussions of "Why does it snow/rain/etc?" will take place during our circletimes. We'll all learn the colors of the rainbow in order (a great sequencing skill) and have lots of fun drawing them in different media. It's a very colorful week, for sure!

Spring Break begins in March...no school for the week of March 29-April 1st. Enjoy!

Don't forget the General Membership Meeting that will be held on Monday, March 8th. The election of officers for next year's PNS Board will be held. Time at the meeting will be time well spent!

The Fours' Gang is moving right along with their alphabet fun. The kids' listening skills are improving by leaps and bounds! They are all starting to really hear those initial sounds and think of words that start with our special letter. Letters this month will be N (week of the 1st), R (week of the 8th), G (week of the 15th), and V (week of the 22nd).

It's going to be a marvelous March!
-Mrs. Millward

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The month of March starts with a unit on Nursery Rhymes. We will practice reciting many of

them and also be listening for those rhyming words.

March 9th-12th is a study of Dr. Seuss. *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *One Fish, Two Fish* will form our unit of study. We will also cook up some green eggs and ham as well as make paper bookmarks.

"Green" week is March 16th-19th. During this week, those naughty little Leprechauns will make



-Ms. Judy

a visit to Providence and stir up some type of trouble. Shamrocks and lots of Treasures will be in school this week.

We will close the month talking about our weather. Let's hope for beautiful warmer sunny days so that we may get to enjoy the playground again.

—Weekly Themes—

3/1: Nursery Rhymes

3/8: Dr. Seuss

3/15: St. Patrick's Day/ Green

3/22: Weather

NOTICES

Maintenance Day

Saturday, March 13th

8:30AM-12:30PM

RE-SCHEDULED!

Sign-up sheets are posted on the front and back doors inside the school; please sign up at your earliest convenience, or you can email me. If you can not make it this month, you only have one more opportunity to fulfill your requirements (24 April).

Every co-oping family is required to attend one Clean-Up and Maintenance Day per child in a co-oping class. If you have already fulfilled this responsibility, you can receive four volunteer hours for coming again. If you do not think you will be able to attend any Clean-Up days this year, you can pay a buy-out fee of \$40.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me or Jenn Lyon know.

Thanks! —Karen Wallace

ENRICHMENT!

Dr. Seuss Story Time -Tory Ime
Wednesday, March 10/11:30
AM Fellowship Hall

Renee Edwards, the Early Literacy Outreach Manager from Fairfax County Public Library, will hold a "Dr. Seuss Story Time." Her 30-minute story time will include silly songs, rhymes, and Dr. Seuss books. 2's, CDO's and siblings are welcome with a parent.

Parent Education

Monday, March 8th / 7 pm / Fellowship Hall

Janet Levowitz, a Fairfax County kindergarten teacher, will speak to us regarding kindergarten readiness. The annual membership and board meeting will follow.

—Maureen Cushman

VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer opportunities for March:

- We need one volunteer for lunch bunch (12:30pm - 1:30pm) on Wednesday, March 3rd.
- Stay for the board meeting, after the mandatory membership meeting on March 8th.
- Attend the Maintenance Day on the 13th. If you have already fulfilled your requirement, you can earn 4 volunteer hours for coming.

—Karen Wallace

Summer School!

Registration forms for the ever-popular PNS Summer Program were sent out last month. In-house registration is from March 8th through March 12th. Get your forms in before the summer program is opened up to the public. Contact director Marta Davis with any questions. She can be reached at (703) 934-2713 or msteenstra@aol.com.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Online Parent Surveys will be emailed at the beginning of the month. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and concerns about the way things are done at PNS.

—Karen Wallace

BULLETINS

Thank you to the following families for bringing food and/or helping with the potluck and concert.

Michelle Hejl, Emmy Cade, Angie Faggard, Todd Funk, Marta Davis, Holly Reick, Maureen Cushman, Angie VonAncken, SueLynn McAndrew, Thao Doan, Tiffany Link, Allison Hagner, Jenn Lyon, Christina Kodesh, Susanne Fitch, Ann-Marie Ward, Lisa Muras, Kristen Merten, Janet Amiryar, Leslie Herman, Anais Hughs, Prassu Mehta, Emily Tuszynski, Christine Clifford, Jeewon Kim, Audrey Nelson, Liz Claeys, Karen Wallace, Karen Wagner, Dawn Ahrens, Michelle Weikert, Burvis family, and Jennifer Gear.

—Karen Wallace

Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Tiffany Link, Ann-Marie Ward, Maureen Cushman and Susanne Fitch) for all their hard work. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Maureen Cushman for helping with speech screenings. Thanks to Helen Burvis for organizing our busy open house and for working through our 2010-2011 enrollment. Thank you to our social committee, Abigail Park and Karen Wagner for providing the great treats for our visiting open house families. I cannot tell you how many moms appreciated that we had a snack to keep their kids busy why they asked questions. Thank you to Jenny Sladicka for taking such good care of our preschool pets throughout the year. Finally thank you to every PNS family for your patience during these unexpected snow days.

—Jenn Lyon

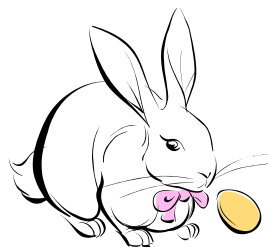
*Providence Presbyterian Church
invites your family and friends to attend our*

Annual **EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**

Saturday, April 3rd

10am-Noon

Rain or Shine (Indoor event)



All Families are welcome to enjoy free food, pretzel making, moon bounce, egg hunts, games and crafts!

**! NO SCHOOL ! SPRING BREAK
BEGINS ON MARCH 29TH!**



MARCH 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Speaker— 7pm</i> <i>Membership & Board Meeting</i> <i>8 PM</i>	9	10 <i>Dr. Seuss Story Time/ 11:30 AM</i>	11	12	13 <i>PNS Maintenance Day</i> <i>8:30AM— 12:30PM</i>
14	15	16 <i>No School</i> <i>PACT CONF.</i>	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>No School</i> SPRING BREAK		31			

