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A Letter from Kelly...

Wow! It's May already – definitely one of my favorite months. We've been so lucky to have had such beautiful weather over the past few weeks. My afternoons have been spent playing outside with my kids and their friends. We've even been able to run through the sprinkler a time or two, and we are only a few weeks into spring.

For me, this May brings something new, the start of my solo run as board president at PNS. Although it is my third year serving on the board, I am still learning new things about our school every day. I have to say one more time how thankful I am to have served with Marta and all of this past year's board members. I am also looking forward to heading up our new board. It is certainly a busy time for us! Now that we've gotten through Spring Coffee, our work really begins as we make plans and preparations for the new school year to begin in September.

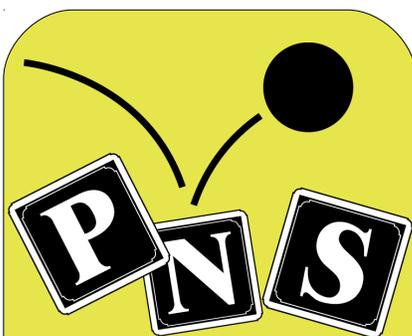
But before we talk about next year, there is still a lot of fun and excitement for this year's families. Our PNS students will honor Mother's Day on Thursday, May 10th and Friday, May 11th. I know the kids have been hard at work creating special surprises for their moms. Please check your email and teachers' letters for more information on class specific dates and times. Don't forget your camera, and if you are anything like me, you'll need some tissues too!

Our moms aren't the only ladies to celebrate this month. We will also have the opportunity to recognize our fabulous teachers and aides during the week of May 14. Your class reps will be in touch with details on class events, but be sure to let your child's teacher know how much they are appreciated by your family. Each one of them has their own special way of making our school a warm, loving, and fun place for our children to spend their mornings.

Finally, the End of Year Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 25th upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All children will cross the bridge from their current class to new adventures for next year. Some will be moving up to another preschool class or to another school while others will be taking the giant leap to Kindergarten. All families are invited to attend and once again, don't forget the camera! We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate so the kids can enjoy some time outdoors with their friends following the ceremony.

Just one last thing... a HUGE thank you to all of our dedicated and hard-working parents and teachers who have worked together to make this school year a success. I am often amazed and always grateful for the level of commitment and dedication that I see from our Providence family. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!

-Kelly



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Mark your Calendar

Thursday, May 10th
2s & 3/4s

Mother's Day Brunch
9:30 – 10:30 am

Friday, May 11th
CDO, 3s, & 4s

Mothers Day Brunch
9:30 – 10:30 am

Monday, May 14th
Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

May 14th – 18th
Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 23rd
Water Day for 3s, 3/4s, & 4s

Thursday, May 24th
Last Day of School

Friday, May 25th
End Of Year Ceremony

Tuesday, May 29th
Session I of Summer Camp
Begins

Monday, June 11th
Session II of Summer Camp
Begins

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CDO & 2s

Break out the tissues. School is almost over and I'm not ready for the end of the year and good byes. What a terrific year we've had together. I can't imagine how things could have been any better. Of course I need to thank Miss Phyllis and Miss Mary for all their hard work and good humor which kept us on track. Thanks to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be a part of our little community. You made my job a pleasure, and I feel honored to have been your child's first teacher.

Before we say farewell, we still have a month of fun ahead. We skipped our feelings theme in favor of butterflies last month but we'll bring feelings back for the first week of May. We'll roll play, have a puppet show and draw faces.

Then we will celebrate MOMS! On May 10th in the 2s class and on May 11th in CDO, we will have a mommy breakfast. This is an event that you won't want to miss. Our class will "perform" a little song and dance and we'll have special gifts to present as we enjoy a light



breakfast together. If for some reason you can't make it please let me know and hopefully someone else- a grandma or Dad can come in your place.

May 14th through the 18th, we will learn about pets. The art table will reflect the theme, as we make cats and paint fish. During circle time, we'll read Big Dog, Little Dog and sing How Much is That Doggie In the Window?. My daughter's pet guinea pig might visit us.

At the end of the month as we get ready for summer, we'll talk about water and the beach. We will have sand art projects and paint starfish. We'll sing Row Row Your Boat and sort shells. Weather permitting- I'd like to have water day activities for CDO and the 2s. Look for more information in my coming attractions email.

On the last day of school, we'll celebrate our good friend Obie's birthday. He is turning 3!

Mrs. B

3s

It's that time again. We wonder where the year has gone, but we also look forward to summer vacation and beyond. But before we say "see you later", we have a few more things to enjoy together.

We'll start off the month with some Gardening. Things have been growing a long time already this year, but there's always room for another plant or two. We will watch a bean seed sprout and then plant it in a pot we make ourselves from newspaper. Next we will work on special ways to honor someone very important in our lives - our Moms! A gala Mother's Day celebration will take place on Friday morning, the 11th, with Miss Judy's and Mrs. B's classes. An invitation will be coming home soon. Then we'll head Down on the Farm. We'll talk about who lives on a farm and get ready for our field trip to Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Park on Friday. While we're there, we'll visit lots of farm animals, take a wagon ride and have a picnic snack. On Wednesday, the 23rd, we're hoping for sunny weather, because it's Water Day! We'll have lots of fun ways to get wet outside. Then our last theme is Vacations. We'll talk about our favorite things to do with family and friends during the summer months



We'll finish up with the End of the Year celebration on Friday, the 25th. Our guys and gals will walk over the bridge and receive their "diplomas" while all the family paparazzi take plenty of pictures to record this milestone. Then we can hang out and socialize amidst hugs, "see you soon"s and "good bye"s.

I want to say a big Thank You to Susanne Fitch for being a super Class Representative this year and to Michelle Danis for making all our field trip arrangements. And thanks to all you families for your energy, patience, hard work and support. We couldn't have a great school like this without you!

We've learned a lot of things during our time together this year: It's okay to have the day off, but it's more fun to have a job. We love blowing up the "balloon". Miss Susan always brings Diet Coke in her snack. Rocks stay on the ground. We're just the right size to fit in our cubbies. Mrs. K can magically get everyone to complete art projects before we run out of time. We always hope there is time to play with toys at the end of the day. But most of all, it's great to come to school where your friends are and know you belong there, too.

Miss Susan

3/4s

I always have trouble writing the May newsletter. I think I am in denial that the school year is coming to a close. Where has the time gone?

These kids are each so special to me – they’ve all grown and become such individuals. I have so enjoyed spending time with them! Please know what a privilege it has been for me to teach your children and I will treasure the memories of a wonderful year. Enough sentimental stuff...



The week of May 7-10 will find us finishing up on all kinds of surprises and treats for our Mommies. Mother’s Day has to be one of the biggest celebrations during a preschool’s year...and this one will be no different.

Please mark your calendar for a tradition here at PNS...the 2s and 3/4s will be hosting a breakfast just for their Moms on Thursday, May 10th. We will start our “performances” promptly at 9:40 and then breakfast will be served. Bring your cameras and your Kleenex – this day always brings a tear or two to everyone’s eyes. After breakfast, we will continue with our regular day and you Moms are free to do whatever you do on a Thursday morning.

Next we go Down on the Farm from May 14-17. We’ll have several discussions concerning life on the farm...and we’ll graph which farm animal is each child’s absolute favorite. The dilemma: I have so many farm books that I struggle each year to decide which ones I want to share with my group. Ahhh!



We will be visiting Kidwell Farm on Wednesday, May 16th and I hope everyone can come along. This is a great farewell-to- preschool field trip. I would really like to thank Aimee Emmerich for all of her efforts as our Field Trip coordinator. It’s never an easy job with all the changes and rescheduling issues, but Aimee has done it all with great aplomb! Thanks so much!!!

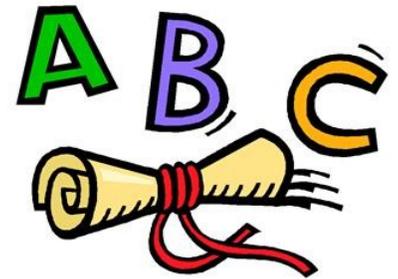
Another really BIG thank you goes to Rachel Heffron for being my Class Rep. She’s done a terrific job keeping us all organized, scheduled, and rescheduled... and that was not an easy thing to do, either! A standing ovation for both ladies!!!

Another highlight will be Water Wednesday on the 23rd...we’ll spend most of the day outdoors, playing in WATER!!! Please have your child dressed for the fun (sunscreen, bathing suits, shorts, and covered shoes that can get muddy, etc.)! We’ll be painting, blowing bubbles, washing and riding bikes, and lots of other fun wet activities. More details will follow.



Last, but not least, will be Celebration Week from May 20-24...who knows what will happen then? But I can promise you that every day will be FUN!!!

The Monday Gang will be completing their alphabet journey this month. We will play with Q, and his best friend U, on the 7th; x, y, and Z will star on the 14th; and we’ll have a grand review of all 26 letters on May 21st. This group of five year olds has really done a super job with letters and sounds...and has had lots of fun doing it! Next year will be a snap for all of them!



It has been a wonderful year. I do so appreciate the enthusiastic support that I have received from each one of you. Please know how much I will miss your children! Each one holds a special place in my heart. Bless you all.

Jane

4s

Each time I write this May article I am surprised by how quickly a year breezes by! Wasn't it just a few months ago that everyone was excited about Halloween? And now its summer! Thank you for sharing your little one with me. I hope learning was a fun time for them. Best wishes for a wonderful summer and easy transition to the Big School!

The month of May starts out with a unit on Butterflies. We will be growing Butterflies and by the month's end, we will be able to release them. Lots of Butterfly type of arts and crafts will be coming home.

Next is a celebration of Mom's on May 8th-11th. We will be creating a special surprise. On Friday May 11th, you are invited to come to school for a Mother's Day breakfast from 9:30-10:30.

Farm week is May 15th-18th. We will be mooing-neighing and clucking our way through the week.

May 22nd- 24th is our week of celebration. All summer birthdays can be celebrated this week. During this final week of school we will also be creating a special year-end keepsake.

On Friday May 25th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon is the Year End celebration. I'll be the one crying !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of sharing this special time together.

I love you all!

Judy



Warm Weather Reminders

- Remember to update your child's emergency clothing so they are appropriately dressed on hot days.
- Children should always come to school in closed-toe shoes. Pea gravel can be painful and annoying to little feet.
- Our teaching staff is not allowed to apply sunscreen or bug spray to children. You must apply it yourself before school if you would like your child to wear it.



End Of Year Ceremony

Friday, May 25th

10 AM - 12 PM

Providence Fellowship Hall



You won't want to miss your child crossing the PNS bridge to summer. Don't forget your camera! Stay tuned for more details about specific class times.

2012-2013 Enrollment

We still have a few openings for the 2012 – 2013 school year. If you have any friends or neighbors who are considering preschool next year, please send them our way. Contact Kyle Durbin, VP of Enrollment, for more information.

Tuition Reminder

If you are mailing checks or use automatic bill pay for tuition payments, please update the address to Providence Nursery School, c/o Asst. Treasurer, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax VA 22031



Reimbursements

Please submit final reimbursement requests to our treasurer, Sherry Steeley, as soon as possible. All reimbursements are due by the last day of school, May 24.

Last Chance to Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help watch siblings during Mothers Day brunches so moms can enjoy their special time with their “stars” of the morning.

Volunteers needed to help with set-up and clean-up of water day on May 23rd.

Volunteers needed to help with set-up and clean-up of end-of-year ceremony on May 25th.

Please contact Jennifer Mack, VP of Administration, for more information.



Operation Overboard: Vacation Bible Camp 2012

Dare to Go Deep With God! This ocean adventure will be filled with fun activities including crafts, games, recreation, science, and music. Ages 4 years old thru 6th

grade can participate in our Vacation Bible Camp from 9:30am-12:30pm at Providence Presbyterian Church, July 30th-August 3rd. For more information check out our website at: <http://providencechurchkids.org/> or contact Allison Hagner or Kyle Durbin.

Water Day

Water day will be held on Wednesday, May 23, for the 3s, 3/4s and 4s classes. Dress your kids to get wet, and don't forget to pack a towel! Also, please apply sunscreen before sending your kids to school as our teachers are not allowed to do so.



Thank You!

Thank you to this year's Class Reps. As members of the Board of Directors, they share a lot of responsibility when it comes to running our school. Their family job begins well before the start of school and it keeps them busy throughout the year. They attend every board meeting and act as your voice on the board. They organize play-dates, activities, and events like Teacher Appreciation Week. Our school wouldn't be the same without them. So thank you to Alexandra Hume, Lauren Etzler, Susanne Fitch, Rachel Heffron, and Bob and Kim Weber!

Thank you to Chris and Allison Hagner for doing such a fantastic job with the Providence Pages this year.

Thank you to our Executive Board for all their hard work in planning Spring Coffee and getting families prepared for next year: Jennifer Mack, Susanne Fitch, Sherry Steeley, Kyle Durbin, Laura Braceland, Liz Claeys, Alex Erickson, and Jessica Guillot. Thank you also to our social committee, Kyle Durbin, Michelle Weikert, and Holly Powers, for organizing refreshments and to all who brought food and helped with set up and clean-up.

Thank you to all who came out to help with our final clean-up and maintenance day of the school year: Jenni Buechler, Josh Martin, Jorge Rosand, Abbie Park, Alexandra Hume, Diane Dalton, Rick Brown, Sam Crowley, Qing Luo, and SueLynn McAndrew.

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