The Director’s Corner

Dear Parents,

Are we there yet? Is it Spring? I don’t know about you, but I have never been so excited to see my car covered with tiny buds and blossoms from the trees...please, anything but snow! Despite all of the unseasonably nasty weather these past few weeks, we had a month of exciting “Let’s G.O. (Get Outside)” activities. A few of the mornings included plenty of binocular fun, the creation of rain gauges that proved to be very useful tools, ribbon dancing, rock finding adventures, and painting along with plenty of colorful, creatively designed whacky hats on parade to celebrate the culmination of our “Let’s G.O. (Get Outside)” festivities.

During the month of May we say goodbye to our graduating BU student families. Although we are sad to see you leave us, we wish you well as you enter the next phase of your life. Please honor us with a visit someday, it is always exciting to see and hear young adults describe their memories of CPS.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5th-9th, if you would like to acknowledge your teachers, and the cook, please stop by the office to pick up a note to write your message on. We will display them up in the main hallway.

We still have Block Grant money available for undergraduates to attend Summer Session. We have yet to receive the (2014-2015) Block Grant Guidelines and Forms. Make sure that Peg has the appropriate information to contact you over the summer should any changes occur upon the arrival on this information for fall.

The annual survey will be sent out this month, please place the completed surveys in the envelope attached to the School News Board at the main entrance.

Congratulations Grads!

Peg Smith
Director

FYI

As we prepare for Spring and outside adventure, take precautions to stop Ticks & prevent Lyme Disease
Contact: www.health.ny.gov or our local Broome County Health Department.

Congratulations!!!

To: Nicki Auerbach for completing the Br. Co. Health Dept. 8 Hour Administering Medication Training (MAT)

To: Tanisha Arroyo, Alisha Ortu, Renee Fabrizi, and Stacy Paradiso for attending the NYSOCFS Regulations Training on 3/8
Happy May Day, every day of May!
We have planted seeds and are impatiently waiting to see the sprouts. We have found signs of new and renewed life—the birds are singing, the woodchuck is grazing, the flying insects are “bugging” some of the us, the bushes are yellow and green, and there are baby leaves on the trees. The children love it outside, we have moved some of our daily schedule outside—art, stories, games, and manipulatives, to enhance their exploration. Please continue to provide clothing that can be layered or removed for the changing weather.

We will be working in the garden, making gifts for our volunteers and Mother’s Day, as well as playing in dirt.

Think Spring!
Kelly Louise Sue

In May we will be very busy with our spring projects. We will be planting seeds, hopefully we will be getting our garden ready, and working on special gifts for Mother’s Day! We will also be working on many other art related activities.

Kennedy will be celebrating her 3rd Birthday on May 11th. Happy Birthday to Kennedy!

Now that the nicer weather is here, please remember to have sunscreen and hats to protect your child from sunburn. Chris will let you know if you need a new tube of sunscreen. Applying sunscreen before your child comes to school is a help in preparing to go outdoors. Let the teachers know if you have applied it or not upon arrival.

Also, first a reminder about footwear for summer. I know there is a lot of cute/fashionable footwear for children, but please remember we want your child to be safe when running and climbing on the playground. Good sturdy shoes that enclose the back and front of their feet are the best (sneakers). If your child insists on sandals, please leave a pair of sneakers for outdoor play!

May is also spring conference time! I will be putting out a sign-up sheet.

We will be discussing your child’s progress and placement for the next school year.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG and we have been celebrating “Let’s G.O. Get Outside!” We have been doing some great activities that the children have truly enjoyed;

* Created a rain gauge and have been charting the results (we are at 2” so far).
* We went color hunting and bird watching!
* We learned about our colors and celebrated the RAINBOW!
* And we roared with dinosaurs!!!!

There are so many activities that we just don’t have enough room to list them all!! Check out the daily calendar on the Honey Bear Buzz board for more fun events we will be doing to celebrate the beautiful weather!!

Now that it is getting sunny and warm again, please make sure your child has sunscreen on when they come to school, we will reapply later in the day. Also please check the bins for extra clothes that are appropriate for the weather. We plan to go out A LOT!

Keep an eye out for Parent Teacher Conferences. If you are interested in having one, please sign up on the sheet next to the daily sign in sheet.

Tina Scott Brenda
**TEDDY BEAR NEWS**

In May we will be working on our Mother’s Day gifts, planting, and doing a lot of spring time activities.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, it is very important for children to drink water, especially when being active outdoors. It is very difficult for young children to consume enough water from the drinking fountain. Please feel free to send in a water bottle labeled with first and last name to keep in their cubby.

We would like to wish Nevin a Happy Birthday! He will be turning 4 this month.

Gabe
Michele
Renee

**PANDA BEAR NEWS**

The Pandas had a great time with our “Let’s G.O. Get Outside” activities. We danced with ribbons, collected and painted rocks, and planted flowers, to name a few.

The chicks brought excitement and adventure to our class. We learned the life cycle of a chick, weighed them as they grew, and wrote stories about them. We were all sad to see them go back to the farm.

We concluded our “Earth Day” unit on campus exploring the Earth Day Celebration. We planted sunflowers with the compost we helped make with leftover food from our class. We tried some yogurt and saw animals from the zoo. The Pandas sang our recycling song for everyone to hear before we left the celebration.

Kindergarten Registration and screenings have begun. If you have not scheduled yours yet, contact your home school or district office to make an appointment.

Mother’s Day is on May 11th. The children are busy creating something special for all of our moms!

We hope to be adding tadpoles to our science table soon.

Claire
Stacy

**GRIZZLY BEAR NEWS**

Hooray for Sunshine! Finally!! It has been a long cold Winter and the Grizzly Bears are ready for some fun in the sun!

May means that our school year is winding down. I know that some of you will be leaving at the end of this month. We have had such a wonderful journey this year, it is hard to believe it is almost over!

April was a great month. We started to see some warm weather. We learned about bugs and birds. We learned about Earth Day and how we can take care of our planet.

Coming up this month we will be talking about Cinco de Mayo! We will make different salsas and guacamole. We will also be getting ready for Mother’s Day and doing some planting in our gardens.

Getting outside in the sunshine has been great! As the weather gets warmer we will be getting outside even more. We will be needing to put sunscreen on before heading out. If you have not already, please fill out a new permission slip for us to apply sunscreen and please bring in a fresh tube. Please remember that the sunscreen must be in lotion form. Also be sure to check cubbies to make sure there is weather appropriate spare clothing. If your child wears sandals to school, please be sure they have sneakers for the playground!

Thank you,

Miss Kat

**POLAR BEAR NEWS**

April was a month of many things; the biggest event being the loss of one of our Polar Bear Teachers, Ms. Jane. Jane was greatly loved and respected, and she will be truly missed. In her memory, the Polar Bear class has begun a gardening project to create a beautiful flower garden in her honor. Thank you to all of the families who have since donated flowers or plants to this garden! We will share photos of this project and invite all families to come see our results later this month.

In relation to Jane’s Rainbow Garden Project, the Polar Bears have been exploring the science of plants and gardening. They have learned specifically about the life cycle of the sunflower and have applied that knowledge to understanding how many other local plants grow. Currently we have a vegetable and herb garden, and several varieties of flowers growing under the class’ supervision and care.

While we discussed plant growth, we also delved into the topic of Farming. We talked about farms that grow vegetables and fruit for food, as well as raise animals. For a whole month the Polar Bears attempted to incubate and hatch chicken eggs. However, just like on a real farm, sometimes things don’t pan out. While the eggs did not hatch, we didn’t totally miss out on the chicken experience. Thank you to the McCollum family for allowing their hen, Peaches, and their chicks (Honey, Lemon, and the gang) to visit our classroom. The Polar Bears were even fortunate enough to witness Peaches actually lay an egg at school! Now that is a real life experience!

The month of May is here and you can expect a lot of great things from the Polar Bear class! May is a month to celebrate mothers and other prominent women in our lives. We will also be learning about birds, insects, and amphibians, oh my! Please don’t forget about our upcoming field trip to Finch Hollow on May 5th and there is the Campus Pre-School Carnival on the 6th. We are going to have so much fun this month!

Happy May, Polar Bears!

Nicky, Carolyn, and Andi
Attention BU Students

When registering at CPS last Spring you were given the option of enrolling your child for 9-months or 10-months. If you are enrolled for the 9-month schedule, your last day is May 23rd. If your situation has changed and you need care through the end of June, stop by the office.

REMINDER
CPS will be closed May 26th for Memorial Day.

Staff Birthdays
Gabe Kopansky 5/11
Kelly Barton 5/16
Stacy Paradiso 5/26

May 5th-9th is Teacher Appreciation Week.
Take a moment to recognize your child’s teachers with a note of appreciation.
Stop by the CPS Office get your note to write a message on.

REMINDER
Spring Tuition must be paid in full before your child can start Summer Session.