Board of Director’s Corner

May 2015

Campus Pre-School Families & Staff,

The end of the Spring Semester is rapidly approaching and the temperatures are finally starting to resemble Spring. Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated in the United States during the first full week of May each year, and this year falls on the week of May 4th. The Board would like to thank all of our teachers and staff at CPS for their hard-work and dedication in providing a friendly, caring, and nurturing environment for our children. The Board of Directors continues to accept applications for three openings for three-year terms, starting in October. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please visit our website (https://www.binghamton.edu/campus-pre-school/board.html) and fill out and submit the application form.

Zach Staff
Board President

The Director’s Corner

Are we there yet? Is it Spring? I don’t know about you, but I have never been so excited to see tiny buds and blossoms from the trees...please, anything but snow! Despite all of the unseasonable weather these past few weeks, we had much more time on the playground! Every classroom has been doing very exciting spring activities so make sure to check out what the children are creating!

The CACFP conference that I attended was full of great information and I will be implementing many things that I brought back in the next few months to ensure we are accurate and up-to-date with all requirements of the CACFP program. In addition, I learned many exciting ways to implement a Farm To Pre-School program which will hopefully prove to be very helpful for us as we begin in the upcoming months.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th and we will be celebrating our wonderful teachers all week! Thank you for all of the generous donations that were made to help show our teachers how special they are to all of us!

Some exciting news for the Fall...we will be doing some rearranging of classrooms and opening another 2 year old classroom! While doing so, the teachers, Freedom and myself have decided that it would be fun to change the room names also! Each classroom will choose a name of a bird that they like as their new room name! I know that some teachers have already begun thinking of what their “little birdies” will be called so feel free to share some ideas for them. Get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
**WEW BEAR NEWS**

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 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 Nicole

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**POOH BEAR NEWS**

This month we have lots of exciting activities planned. The Campus Pre-School Carnival is May 6th from 5:30—7:00 PM. Please be sure to sign up in the classroom if you would like to attend! Don’t forget our popcorn sales end May 4th. You can turn in order forms and money to the office no later than this day.

In May we are going to start off by learning about birds. We will be making bird feeders and going on hikes to bird watch. After that, we are going to learn about farming and plants. We are going to get our hands dirty making our garden beautiful!

Happy Mother’s Day to all of our fantastic moms!

The Pooh Bears would also like to welcome Megan O’Hearn to our room as our newest Assistant Teacher!

Kait, Michelle, Megan

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**HONEY BEAR NEWS**

Spring has sprung!! It has been such a treat getting outside to the playground to play!

In May we will be planting in our garden and preparing for Mother’s Day. We also plan on having baby chicks visit the Honey Bear class for a week or so. We will also be observing tadpoles change into frogs! This is an amazing learning experience.

Keep an eye out for the Parent / Teacher conferences. If you are interested in having one, please sign up on the sheet (which will be next to the daily sign-in sheet).

Thank you to the Hatala family for donating the fun puzzles and books to the Honey Bear class!

Claire, Brenda, Jessica

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**BEAR CUB NEWS**

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

Now that the warmer 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. We still have a tube from the fall. Applying sunscreen before your child comes to school is the best way. Let the teachers know if you do—thanks!

Also, a reminder about footwear for summer play: I know there is a lot of cute and 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 cover the back and front of their feet, especially sneakers, are the best. If your child insists on sandals, please leave a sturdy pair of shoes for outdoor play.

Leyla will be celebrating her 3rd birthday on May 29th! Happy birthday to her!

Reminder: Campus Pre-School will be closed from May 18th—25th for maintenance work.

Also, our spring carnival is May 6th, and our First Campus Pre-School Art Show is May 29th!

Happy Spring!

Chris, Jamie and Sarah
TEDDY BEAR NEWS

In May we will be working on our Mother's Day gifts, planting, and our Art Show pieces.

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 thank Laura (Nathaniel’s mom) for all the art goodies!

Happy 4th birthday to Junqian this month! Now all of our Teddy bears are four years old!

Gabe
Michele
Renee

PANDA BEAR NEWS

Hooray for May!
We had a lot of fun in April. We hope you enjoyed our silly grass heads—we couldn’t believe how fast the grass grew! A HUGE thank you to Cornell Cooperative Extension at Finch Hollow for coming and teaching us all about hummingbirds—we had a blast and are looking forward to seeing hummingbirds at our feeders.

May will be an exciting month for us as we will embark on a month-long artist study which will end with the 1st Annual Campus Pre-School Art Show on May 29th. We are very excited to be learning about different artists, art techniques, and to be creating as much as possible! Miss Kat and Celia’s mom will even be joining us to teach lessons on different types of art! If you would like to contribute to the Art Show, please speak with Miss Stacy and she will tell you how you can help!

By now you have probably registered your child for kindergarten. There will be a list in our classroom for you to fill in where your child is going to attend and what (if any) after-school program he or she will attend. Pandas that play together, stay together.

• Reminder: we are closed May 18th—25th.

Stacy and Julie

GRIZZLY BEAR NEWS

April showers bring May flowers! April seemed to be such a weather rollercoaster, so we are looking forward to those May flowers as well as more consistently warmer, sunnier weather!

April was a great month of fun and exciting activities and crafts! We focused our curriculum on how things move—for example: our bodies, water, and transportation.

We are excited to celebrate a very important day which we will be preparing for during the beginning of the month. The Grizzlies would love to recognize all of the Mommies! We love you and appreciate all the hard work and love that you show. Have a wonderful Mother’s Day, we couldn’t do it without you!

The Grizzlies will learn a new curriculum this month called “Growing and Changing.” The children will learn the process and steps of how plants, animals and humans grow. Then we will grow our own plants! This month we have many fun and exciting activities and crafts in store.

• Please remember to bring in sunscreen, insect repellant and a signed “topical medication” form for your child.

Ms. Miranda

POLAR BEAR NEWS

April was a month for learning about Farm and Garden. First, we began our gardening project. The Polar Bears planted various kinds of seeds and carefully placed the containers on the window sill. As we learned about the life cycle of the sunflower and the life cycle of other plants, the children observed their own potted seeds begin to germinate and grow. With luck, we might just have a garden full of beautiful flowers and a bounty of tasty vegetables for the summer session! In addition to growing plants, the Polar Bear Class also began an egg incubation project. We carefully set 12 chicken eggs in our incubator and began the tedious task of waiting all 21 days for them to hatch. This newsletter will be written before I know the results of this hatch; but, I’m hoping for 12 happy chicks!! Besides chickens, the Polar Bears also learned a lot about other animals that live on farms. We sang animal songs, read some great farm books, and pretended to be farmers and animals on our own farm. We even had some live animal visitors come to our classroom! There’s nothing like having some real hands-on experiences to help children learn about the world around us. Now 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 important women in our lives. We will also be learning about birds, insects, and amphibians, oh my! Please don’t forget about our Preschool Carnival on May 6th and our upcoming field trip to Finch Hollow on May 7th. Campus Preschool is also having its first ever Art Show on the 29th, in which your child will be a featured artist! Write these dates down so you don’t miss out. May is going to be one fun-filled month!

Nicky and Carolyn
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 15th. If your situation has changed and you need care through the end of June, stop by the office. There is no block grant money available for summer.

REMINDER

CPS will be closed May 18th—25th for University conducted scheduled maintenance and for Memorial Day.

May 4th-8th 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.

We have a registered dietician working with us on the monthly menu! Look for changes in the coming months. -Miss Freedom

Staff Birthdays
Tonya Rivera 5/4
Gabe Kopansky 5/11
Kelly Barton 5/16
Stacy Paradiso 5/26

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

We are preparing for our 1st Annual Art Show May 29th! Look for more details in your parent mailbox coming soon!

Popcorn Orders & Money must be turned in by Monday, May 4th, 2015!