Small Talk

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Summer Fun Coming Your Way

This time of year seems to come up quite fast for me. I am starting to see sightings of sun so summer must be coming.

Keep these dates in mind for the end of year:

May 21st Last Day of School
May 25th Tuesday, Discoverers Picnic @ Edmonds City Park 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
May 24th Monday, Imagineers Picnic @ Edmonds City Park 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
May 24th Monday, Inventors Picnic @ Edmonds City Park 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
May 26th & 27th Thursday & Friday, Preschool Cleanup from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
May 27th Thursday, Inventors Graduation – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Thanks to the hard working board, parents and of course Teacher Patty for making this a wonderful preschool year.

This is my final year at Shoreline Cooperative Preschool. I have been a part of Shoreline for 8 years and cooperative preschools for a total of 12 years and feel they have had a wonderful impact on my children’s lives. I have made some long lasting friendships as well as my children. My oldest at 13 still goes to school with a girl she met in preschool before they were 1 years old and still has a close bond with her. It has been great being a part of such a wonderful preschool. Thanks for all the memories.

See you this summer at the park!
Tina Adams
Chair

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Come enjoy some fresh air and sunshine with us!
Look for your preschool friends **every Wednesday** at 11am.

Additional park information can be found by visiting the web addresses listed below. Many of the parks have exciting things to offer in addition to the playgrounds. **Check the back for rainy day alternatives.

June 9- Horizon View Park
(Nice paved path for bikes, skates, or scooters)
http://www.cityoflfp.com/community/places/qhorizon.html
47th Ave NE and NE 201st St., LFP

June 16- Shoreview Park
http://www.cityoflfp.com/community/places/qhorizon.html
700 NW Innis Arden Way, Shoreline

June 23- Meridian Playground (Wallingford)
www.seattle.gov/parks/park_detail.asp?ID=1104
4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Seattle

June 30- Paramount Park (great for bikes and scooters)
www.cityofshoreline.com/parks/facilities/index.html
NE 155th St. & 8th Ave NE, Shoreline

July 7- Hickman Park, Edmonds
www.yelp.com/biz/hickman-park-edmonds
23700 - 104th Ave. West, Edmonds

July 14- Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (low tide 1:19 pm)
www.cityofshoreline.com/parks/facilities/index.html
2021 NW 190th, Shoreline

July 21- Edmonds City Park
www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/parks/parkspaces/matthews.htm,
3rd & Pine, Edmonds

July 28- Matthews Beach (swimming in Lake Washington)
www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/matthews.htm
93rd & Sand Point Way, Seattle

August 4- North Lynnwood Neighborhood Park (spray park)
www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Content/Community.aspx?id=43
18510 44th Avenue West. Lynnwood

August 11- Brackett's Landing, Edmonds (low tide at 12:15)
http://www.yelp.com/biz/bracketts-landing-edmonds
Main St & Railroad Ave, Edmonds

August 25- Saint Edward State Park Playground
www.parks.wa.gov/alpha.asp
14445 Juanita Dr NE, Bothell

**If it is raining, meet at the Seattle Gymnastics Academy for Indoor Playground from 11:30 to 12:45. 12535 26th AVE NE, Seattle. Cost is $6.** www.seattlegymnastics.com/indoorplayground2.html

Enjoy your summer!
Dear Parents,

Thank you all for another great year at Shoreline Cooperative Preschool! The work from your Board of Directors and your commitment to your committee jobs has kept us well organized and shown what cooperation can do! It’s been my pleasure to watch all the friendships grow this year – the adults as well as the children of SCP – and admire how you have supported each other. You have included each other, swapped preschool workdays with each other and delivered dinners to each other! You’ve even shared parents’ nights out together. We’ve had some pretty fabulous times this year as well...our exceptional excursion coordinators have kept us busy with exciting new field trips – riding in umiaks, trout fishing and driving fire trucks! More exciting still are the four new baby chicks that we’ve hatched and are watching grow.

Now as we loosen our schedule and go into summer I hope for a relaxing break for you and your family. To keep up on community happenings I like the ParentMap calendar and include their website here:

http://www.parentmap.com/index.php?option=com_p mcalendar&startDate=05/07/2010&endDate=05/09/2 010&Itemid=268&pageNum=0

To send you off I’d like to share a list by the Inventor’s class after we had been talking about respect this spring:

To Be Respectful, We...
1. Say thank-you and please
2. Ask for things
3. Don’t grab
4. Share with others
5. Include your friends
6. Get things for others
7. Say no thank you
8. Use a respectful tone of voice
9. Listen to each other
10. Don’t exclude
11. Don’t stick your tongue out at people
12. Listen to your friends
13. Use your manners

Words to live by! Have a wonderful summer!!!

Fondly,
Patty

Note from the Vice-Chairs

Thank you to everyone for a year of committee jobs well done! It takes everyone doing their jobs to help the preschool run smoothly, and we appreciate all your efforts.

Spring Fling was our final all-school event and was very fun this year, with lots of ice cream to eat with mounds of toppings. The kids had fun running continual rounds through the obstacle course, getting tattoos on arms, faces, and tummies, and stringing and then eating “O” cereal necklaces. Thank you to the set up and clean up crews for that event!

The final event of the year will be graduation for the Inventor class. Inventors and their families will meet in the gym starting at 6:00 PM on May 27th for a potluck dinner before Patty hands them their diplomas. They will be entertained with folk dancing and a sing-a-long after the ceremony. Best wishes to all the Inventors as they launch into kindergarten!

Susie O’Donnell
Emily Kelton

Digging in the Sand

By Teacher Patty

The Inventor’s class had a great field trip to Brackett’s Landing in Edmonds this month and came up with the following list of what they saw on their beach walk:

1. Crabs
2. Two Moonsnails
3. Hermit Crabs
4. A Gunnel
5. Sponge
6. Anemone
7. Suckerfish
8. Shells
9. Sand
10. Baby Sea Stars
11. Rocks
12. Salty water
13. Baby Crabs
14. Seaweed
15. Goopy Stuff
16. Tire
17. Sea Cucumber
18. Barnacles
19. Octopus
20. Bald Eagle
21. Seals
22. Seagulls
23. Nudibranchs

What a great time we had! And it was a beautiful day too!
The PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Board Position is still available and we need YOU to be the PAC representative for Shoreline Cooperative Preschool. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the way our Cooperative Preschool system under Shoreline Community College.

PAC meets monthly during the year with December off. The duties of the PAC board include:

- Provide outreach to the community through a liaison,
- Find a speaker for all the schools one time in March
- Organize an All School Board Member Training in June.

And don’t forget, if you hold a board position you get a pass on cleaning the classroom. What a bonus! If you think you might be interested in this position you may contact me or Teacher Patty for more details.

Regards,
Lisa Cornell
cornellmaier@yahoo.com

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Be a PACman (or woman)!

...c’mon, join the board. You know you want to!

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Class Link

By Jenny Dunn
Registrar

We’re starting our transition to the new Board, and I want to thank Janet Shin and Vien Do for volunteering to be co-Registrars for next year. I’m grateful for their willingness to spend some of their precious spare time working for SCP.

Although the Imagineers class for 2010/11 has filled up, we still have space available in the Discoverers and Inventors classes. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a 2-3 or 4-5 year old who is looking for a preschool. If you would like to see who has registered for next year, go to the Roster: Class link on the web-site, and click on “Show next year’s Roster.”

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Kid Serve Seattle

By Rhonda Bachler

Continuing the discussion from the April parent meeting on getting kids involved in charity and volunteering, check out www.kidservesseattle.com.

“kidServe Seattle is a unique organization that brings a variety of volunteer experiences to families with kids ages 5 – 12…kidServe Seattle partners with other organizations to bring social, civic and environmental volunteer experiences to families and children who want to give back – all in one place.”

“We focus on matching a child’s interest with volunteer experiences by partnering with non-profit organizations throughout the community that serve five unique areas:

- Animals
- Arts
- Social Outreach
- Environmental causes
- Health & Wellness

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Editorial Appreciation

By Melanie Banfield
Newsletter Editor

Thank you for all of the wonderful contributions we had in each newsletter issue this year. Cooperative preschools are about parent involvement and we like to stay informed about what our families are doing through open communication and participation. The quotes from your children are precious! It’s been a wonderful year here at Shoreline and I hope that everyone has enjoyed reading about it!
Imagineers March On...

By Sara Lorimer
Imagineers Class Coordinator

The Imagineers have matured so much this year! They've gone from mostly parallel play to imaginative games involving four or five of them at once: Superheroes, Hospital, and Superheroes in the Hospital are climbing-room favorites. Many of them are writing their names and even doing a teeny bit of reading. Circle time could be overwhelming for some children last fall, but everyone's figured out how to keep their hands to themselves (mostly) and how to be quiet when Teacher Patty is talking (mostly). All the boys and girls are taking bathroom breaks, doing at least a token attempt at cleaning up, and showing great concentration during small group time. They have real conversations during snack time, either with each other (which is amusing to eavesdrop on) or with the parent at the table. They're not toddlers any more, that's certain.

Some Imagineers won't be returning in the fall, and we'll miss you guys. To those of you who are coming back: Inventors! We'll rule the school!

See you at the park,
Sara

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Farewell to the Inventors of 2010

By Kelly Szabo
Class Coordinator

I can't believe this is the end of my time here at Shoreline Cooperative Preschool! After six years of Halloween carnivals, Winter Celebrations, Spring Flings and countless board and parent meetings, my time to move on has come. And the same is true for many other parents (Tina Adams trumps us all with a whopping 9 years of service). And along with all of us parents who are moving on, so are our Inventor children. So I say “farewell” to all of the Inventors who are on their way to kindergarten, and a hearty "farewell" to those parents who are moving on to new experiences. To those who will be returning to SCP again, I hope your time with SCP will be as incredible as mine has been.

This past year has been fantastic. The Inventors have laughed and cried and loved together. They have been on many wonderful field trips, have learned to count in Spanish and Japanese, and have written in Chinese. Teacher Patty has enriched their lives so much, their futures are sure to be nothing but successful. Thank you, Teacher Patty!

Congratulations Trenton and Kari and Nobi and Karina! Way to go, Fletcher and Ava and Cameron! Woohoo to Isaiah, Aaron and Sam! You rock, Zoe and Milan and Sam! Knock their socks off Beth, Elie and Levi! Best of luck and success to you all!

Sincerely,
Kelly
**Birthday Wishes**

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**Silverwood and Birch Bay**

“We are going to Silverwood in Idaho. It is a combination of rides and water slides. The kids are really looking forward to the trip. Another fun place we are going to and go every year is Birch Bay. When the tide is out the beach goes out forever and when the water come in it is shallow. We all love to make endless sand castles and see all the water creatures, shells and other fun stuff.” –Tina Adams

http://www.silverwoodthemepark.com/

Also check out Birch Bay Waterslides: www.birchbaywaterslides.net

**Summer fun jar**

You spend a good month or more before the summer starts loading the jar with quick activities and full day activities. At the beginning of each week we pull several slips from the jar and fit them into our week. At some point this summer we'll be building a catapult and riding to the Red Hook Brewery on the trail around Lake Washington!” –Lisa Cornell

**Return of the Meerkat!**

Meerkat madness is back at the Woodland Park Zoo. Check out the new exhibit: Kick off the summer season with the opening of an all new, indoor meerkat exhibit featuring a group (or “mob”) of burrowing meerkats. And now you can get there quicker with an all new west entry designed to shorten wait times and provide you access to all the essential guest amenities— www.zoo.org

**“Much Ado About Nothing”**

This year, the Seattle Shakespeare Company will perform “Much Ado About Nothing,” a comedy all ages can enjoy. (Its second performance, “Othello,” might be a little dark for younger playgoers.) Shows will be performed around the Puget Sound area in locations ranging from Lynnwood to Federal Way and Bonney Lake. Another Seattle company, Greenstage, will put on “Romeo and Juliet” and the lighthearted “As You Like It,” with performances from Lynnwood to Burien. Children who can’t sit still to read might be entranced by the actors’ lively antics. (And if they’re not, you can leave early without sacrificing ticket money.)—

http://www.parentmap.com/content/view/1455/89/

**Petting Zoos**

Farrel-McWhirter Park, Redmond
Forest Park Animal Farm, Everett
Kelsey Creek Park, Bellevue
Rotary Ranch Petting Zoo, Marysville
Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle

**Summer Festivals**

Edmonds Art Festival, Edmonds, June 18-20
Washington Brewers Festival, Kenmore, June 18-20
Shoreline Arts Festival, Shoreline, June 26-27
Birch Bay Waterslides, June 26-27
Bite of Seattle, Seattle Center, July 16-18
Kirkland Uncorked, July 16-18
Torchlight Parade, Seattle Center, July 31
In Their Own Words

"My favorite thing at preschool is when Teacher Patty reads books to me and helps me write stories." — Ava, Inventor

Elliott saying to Andre (while they were building a block structure together): "That's my best friend, Andre. I like to play with him!" — Elliott, Imagineer

"I like to play in the playroom! Do we get to go back to preschool when its springtime again?"— Jaden, Imagineer

"I liked the field trip to the farm where we got popsicles and there was a playground."— Karina, Inventor

"Hey mom, I have an idea: we should have a sleepover at school," — Claire, Imagineer

"Look, mom, I'm just dancing with my friend Evan. I want different color fingernails like her. Can we paint my fingernails when we get home?"— Claire, Imagineer

"I have chicks now. It has "chewy" (the tarantula). Today I get to go to preschool and pet a chick. I like to see "Chewy's" old skin. She molted her old skin."— Aaron, Inventor

"It's not know. Eating snack! Playing. And playing in the climbing room. Them all things that I like doing at preschool."— Ivy, Imagineer

"Teacher Patty is good and really nice and she teaches us lots of stuff."— Aaron, Inventor

Favorite memory: "Do you remember that play we went to (Brementown Musicians)... The animals could talk."— Aaron, Inventor

Zoe says her favorite thing about SCP is "to go shopping when it's time to leave"... hmmm... Lisa (mom), Discoverers

"My favorite thing about school is when I get to be the VIP and when Brogan's mom brought pancakes for snack! Because, well, I just LOVE pancakes!"— Claire (Imagineer)

Ava’s (Inventor) funniest memory of SCP: “Nobi playing with Lego guys and saying ‘Superman to the rescue, I am Lego-man!’ and her favorite field trip, “Riding on the school bus.”
Sweet and Saltines

Submitted by Heather Gibbs

40 saltine crackers
2 sticks unsalted butter
1 cup brown sugar
8 oz chocolate chips (1 1/3 c.)

1. Preheat oven to 425. Line large rimmed cookie sheet with foil and saltines.
2. In medium saucepan, melt butter and sugar together and boil for 5 minutes.
3. Pour evenly over crackers.
4. Put cookie sheet in oven and bake for 5 min or until bubbly. Watch closely!
5. Melt chocolate chips and spread evenly over the top. Transfer pan to freezer for 15-20 minutes, until cold.
6. Break into pieces and store in an airtight container.

Homemade Gak

From www.thirtyfun.com

Mix together 8 oz Elmer's Glue with 3/4 cup water + 2 drops food coloring (optional).
Dissolve 1 tablespoon "20 Mule Team Borax" (found in laundry aisle) in 1/4 cup warm water.

Take a Popsicle stick and dip it into the glue, then stir it in the borax solution until no more will clump on stick. Take off of stick and repeat. Mix up more Borax solution as needed. Play with GAK to blend. Store in an airtight container or ziploc bag.

If you just want to make the GAK and not turn it into a project, the two solutions can be mixed together in larger portions to make the proper consistency.

Homemade Silly Putty

From www.kidsturncentral.com
By Jane Billman

This is really kind of a tricky recipe because it's like making bread. You have to make it a few times to get just the right texture. Also, cheaper brands of glue may not work as well because they have too much water in them.

Combine approximately 2 parts glue to 1 part liquid starch. Stir it up and it will stick to whatever you're stirring it with. If the mixture sticks to your fingers, add more liquid starch. If it won't stick to itself, add more glue. Store in an airtight container in the fridge. If you want the mixture to get tougher and thicker, let it dry out a bit in the air. If you get it just right (and I rarely do,) it will pick up newsprint like the store bought stuff.

Silly Putty is lots of fun to cut with scissors. Also use some playdough toys with it, or ice cube trays, muffin tins, plastic strawberry baskets, etc. Caution: This often sticks to clothes, hair, and furniture. Wear a smock and play with this stuff in uncarpeted areas! If you get it on fabric, use vinegar to get it out.

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