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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next BOD meeting May 8th at 5:15pm
- Next staff meeting: ECE Appreciation week April 24th at 6:30pm

FROM PAT'S DESK

Can someone help me remind Mother Nature that Spring was supposed to commence several weeks ago now? It's going to be very hard to play soccer in the snow!

I am sure many of you have noticed our new logo and business letterhead over the last few months. I thought it was time with our new name change and with the coming publicity regarding our expansion to SSCY to revise all of our documentation. I hired a new graphic designer who designed our new logo, letterhead, business cards, newsletter and coming soon - new website! I am quite pleased with the new design and presentation.

Tammie and I have been busy reviewing our policies and HR procedures. We have made some positive changes to enrolling new children and staff and revising our parent manual, etc. I have been feeling reinvigorated about all of these changes and I hope they will impact our staff, children and families positively. One of the reasons I wanted to develop a parent evaluation form is to get the feedback from all of you on how we are doing! We want to know what is working well and where we can improve. Your concerns, suggestions and positive comments help us be the best we can be to your most valuable assets - your children!

TAMMIE'S TIDBITS!

On May 14th it is National Denim Day for the Breast Cancer. So please join us for the 17th Edition of National Denim Day. Wear denim and /or a "pink flower" ribbon for a small donation to bring awareness to this great cause! If you wish to make a donation of \$20.00 or more please see a staff member and we can issue an Income Tax receipt. We will have pink flower tattoos for the children. We will also have a donation box at the sign out counter and the ribbons this week.

In other news please make sure to fill out the summer survey as it is due May 13th!





KINDER CORNER NEWS

Michelle Lawrence from Prelude Music will be starting another ten week session with the kinder program this Thursday in the afternoon. The children are excited to have her back!

Arlyn attended an evening workshop on "Learning Stories". It is a form of documenting the children's play and play ideas and what we can learn from them

when we observe them more closely. Arlyn has spent a lot of time making such observations with the children in the kinder program and more recently we have asked all the staff to participate in this form of learning.

This month on our information board we have posted "All about Moe"! The children have had two

sleepovers now with Moe the mouse and we thought you would all be interested to see what and who he is and what this program has meant to the children.

Please take a few minutes to see what he is all about and how the children have been enjoying this wonderful literacy and language promoting program!

Favorite Quote of the Month

Children learn how to make good decisions by making decisions, not by following directions.

- Alfie Kohn

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMMING

The Friday clubs have been a huge hit with the kids! The current clubs running are dodge ball, cooking and gaming clubs. They will run until May 10th!

From May 13th - June 28th the clubs will run every Monday and Friday from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. We will be getting out into the

community a little bit more frequently. The choices for this spring session will be Geocache Fun, Money Manners and Mad Science!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MARCH & APRIL BABIES!

CHILDREN:

Andrew, Jenaya, Eunice, Hope, Faith, Gino, James

STAFF:

Tammie, Melchie and Jennifer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our next meeting will be held May 8th at 5:15 pm. As always, babysitting and dinner is provided during all Board of Directors meetings!



STAFF NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Robyn and Richard to our program. Robyn has worked with us previously and Richard is new to our team. Both will occasionally be here as substitutes.

It's that time of year again! ECE Appreciation week will commence on April 22-26.

Staff performance evaluations will also commence the first week of May. This is always a great opportunity to review this year's goals and objectives!

PARENT NOTICES

Last week I sent out a Program Evaluation survey to all parents and guardians whose children attend our program. Thank you to all who have participated thus far. This survey will be open for ten days to complete. Your feedback is extremely important to us! I will be posting the results on the parent program after I have collected and reviewed all of the results.

As the weather SLOWLY gets warmer please be sure to supply your child with the appropriate clothing i.e.: rain boots, indoor shoes, splash pants, etc. We will continue to go outside weather permitting.

Thank you!

ME TO WE

On February 14th, Tammie and Suzanne hand delivered 70 cookies to Siloam Mission! The cookies were a huge hit and the children enjoyed making them the day before!



I have attached a copy of the article about our Veteran cookies included in this email for everyone to read and see!

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