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EXETER DAY SCHOOL

April News

Think Spring!

From the Principal

Well, Mother Nature is still keeping us on our toes. A week after I said you don't need snow pants and boots... it snows! The children still don't need snow pants but they will need boots now that we have mud.



Assuming that this is the last snow day of the year, we only have to make up one snow day (two for the pre-k) since we have five built into our calendar. We will be foregoing our Spring in-service day to make up the day for the three day classes. The Tiger Sharks are going to a Fisher Cat baseball game on May 22 which will be a full day of school. This will make up their second day.

Parent Center

We still have the following openings in our Summer Camp Sessions. The themes are as follows:

Week #1- Things that Go (8 openings)

Week #2- Circus (1 opening)

Week #3- Pirates (3 openings)

If you would like one of the spots, give Pam a call.

Field Trips

We have several field trips scheduled for this month.

The four year old classes are going to the Portsmouth Children's Museum .

The three year old classes will be going to the SPCA.



The Tiger Sharks are going bowling. Next month they are going to see the Fisher Cats play and to Charming-fare Farm .

The 2 and 3 day classes will go the beach, weather permitting.

Extracurricular Classes

In 2008-09 we will continue to offer our two Music Classes, *Rhythm Around the World* and *Babes on Stage*, and our *Tot Chefs (cooking classes)*.



We will not be running the extracurricular art class.

We will be starting up a new class *Fun & Fitness*, which will run on Tuesday afternoons and be open to children who are 4 or 5. We will take a maximum of 12 students in the fall and 12 in the spring.

Registration information for all of these classes will go home in the June 1st mailing. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

From the Office

Monthly and quarterly tuitions were due April 1st.

The April payment is the last payment for most students. If you have automatic payments from your bank, please notify them.

Board/Parents' Committee

We are looking for people to serve on the Board of Directors or Parents' Committee for the 2008-09 school year. If you are interested please contact the school.

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The Giving Tree

- Large brown grocery bags
- Peg hooks for workbench peg board
- Quart and lunch size Ziplocs
- Glue sticks
- Masking tape



Auction

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A huge thank you to Kym Campfield, Leslie Del Sesto, Cindy Morris and Dawn Kenison for all of their efforts in coordinating and running the 5th Annual Auction. I know that there are many, many more people who helped with the auction and a huge thank you to you as well. This was the most successful auction to date bringing in over \$17,000! These funds will come in very handy this year since we just spent almost \$10,000 on electrical and plumbing work. We updated our security by installing a buzzer door system and installed new heat detectors in every classroom as well as emergency lighting, to name a few. We also flushed out all of the sink and toilet drains and pipes throughout the school. When you add the increased heat and plowing bills this year, it couldn't have come at a better time.

We also plan to put some into the tuition assistance fund.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

A kindergartener was spelling words. She wrote the beginning consonant, a string of random letters and ended it with "sometimes Y."



On the Monday after Easter a boy announced, "Easter is a tough holiday because you have to find all those Easter eggs."

Speaking of Easter, I was taking my meat out of the oven on Easter and my 2 year old granddaughter asked, "Is that the hamster?"

I went into Mrs. Daigle's room and chatted with a few of the children. I was leaving the room and a boy followed me out with his project in his hand, "Excuse me , boss lady, but I was going to show you this!"

Overheard at lunch, "It's not good for kids to have Coke... only grown-ups!"

While playing on the playground a child explained to me, "I am a deer and he is a deer tick. The deer tick takes diseases out of the deer!"

For St. Patrick's day the Bear Cubs were discussing green fruits and vegetables, using play food as props. They had seen a cucumber, then Mrs. Moreau held up a pickle and asked if anyone knew where pickles came from. Three Bear Cubs promptly answered, "A jar!"

At carpool a teacher suggested to a student, "You better check with your babysitter about eating that candy before lunch." "I'd rather not!" she replied.

The children dyed Easter eggs at school. At carpool a teacher asked, "Where did you get your egg?" "I made it at school!" she replied. Another child got into her car and the mother asked, "How was your day?" The child replied, "Someone laid a purple egg!"

Mrs. Anderson is working on nursery rhymes with her two day classes. This particular day she recited, "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater". I drove my grandson home from school and asked what story he heard. He told me, "Peter put his wife in a pumpkin patch so she wouldn't get lost!"

Another student told Mrs. Anderson, "My daddy would never put his *life* in a pumpkin!"

A teacher was walking past Mrs. Tremblay's room and overheard a child say, "Mrs. Tremblay, I hear you're retiring soon!"

Ms. A opened up a bread that a parent sent in for Easter snack. Her daughter announced, "That's bikini bread!"



We are celebrating The Week of the Young Child April 21-25. A separate notice went home explaining daily activities. There was an error on Thursday. **I mistakenly listed the three day classes instead of the two day classes. It should be as follows:**

THURSDAY- *My Many Colored Days* Staff and students should wear the following colors:

Red- Tiger Sharks, Orange- Roos, Yellow- Busy Bees, Green- Cardinals, Blue or Purple- Bear Cubs, Orange- Tadpoles, Green - Blue Birds.

Parents' Committee is supplying the fixings for ice cream sundaes for everyone.

Parents' Committee has arranged a wonderful day for the staff on April 3rd. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to send in items or donate time. This is always a day that is enjoyed tremendously by the staff.

WIC Drive

This month we will participate in the drive for WIC (Women, Infants and Children). This is the 6th year we have participated in this drive and it has been very successful. They are looking for **gently used children's clothing sizes preemie to 5T, disposable diapers, wipes and maternity clothes**. Think of us when you do your spring cleaning. The clothing may be dropped off at the school. A more formal notice will go out next week.

Thank you in advance!

Mark Your Calendar



APRIL



- 1. Final tuition payments!
- 3- Staff Appreciation
- 7- NE Conference for Educators
Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Moreau, Ms. A
- 8- SPCA -Roos and Busy Bees
- 9- Children's Museum- 3 Day AM & PM
- 12-25- WIC Drive
- 15- SPCA- Bear Cubs, Cardinals
Tadpoles, Blue Birds
- 18- Friday Babes on Stage Performance
- 21-25- Week of the Young Child
- 22 & 23- Picture Days
- 28- May 2- Spring Break

MAY



- 9- Mother's Day Teas for
5 -day and 3 -day four year
old classes
- 12- Monday Babes on Stage
Performance
- 22- Fisher Cats Game-
Tiger Sharks
- 26- No School- Memorial
Day

JUNE



- 4- Charmingfare Farm
Tiger Sharks
- 5- Last Day of School for 2-
Day classes
- 6- Last Day of School 3-day
and 5- day classes.
- 9- Last Day of School (staff)
- 16- First session of summer
camp begins