



MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

March is a month of wonders, when new life begins after winter. Of course, this year winter seemed shorter with such a dry February. Daffodils blooming, trees blossoming reminds us of the cycle of life and of a school year. Yes the school year is $\frac{3}{4}$ over. But from a more positive view we have nurtured 7 months of learning and growth and developed wonderful friendships. There is a lot of fun left and great activities and field trips coming.

We love to see alumni and current students around town. And it makes our community events fun too. Our spring community events help bond families outside of school. Barnes and Noble and Restaurant events extend friendships beyond our classroom and playground. I call them "fun"draisers.

I got an email from a prospective parent moving into the area and she asked about our program. I wrote about being play based with kindergarten readiness and all of our curriculum. She asked what makes us special. At first, I thought that would be hard to define; and then it came to me: **our families make us special**. Our families care enough to really be involved in their child's education both here at school and at home. Our parents invest in kindness and cooperation and are models for each of our children. **Our community makes us special**. Thanks to each of you for that.

Dr Seuss's birthday is in March so it seems fitting to use his quote to say "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." That is especially true of the Co-op because lifelong friendships begin here. We treasure each class day and making memories to last a lifetime.

Leslie James



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is here and spring is around the corner! This is a fun time of year at JKCP. There will be CPK and Dos Coyotes community nights, Sulfur Creek field trips, more community helper visits, parent appreciation tea parties and graduation festivities. Also, if we're lucky this month we might run into



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some leprechauns! With the days getting longer and warmer comes the chance to explore the outdoors with your children and the opportunity to create wondrous memories.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE! - It is mandatory for each family to cast an approval vote for the executive board nominees. The ballot box will be outside the classroom March 5th and 6th.

Preschool Sunday was a joyful occasion. The children were so cute and are such wonderful singers. A thank you to all who attended!

Also, a big thanks to everyone who came to our Barnes & Noble community night. It is always such a fun event for the kids, and it helps support the school. If you purchased a book for the school, please make sure Mrs. James adds your name to it so that your family gets recognition.

Graduation celebrations will take place on Wednesday, May 20th. The ceremony for the 4AM class will be at 9:30AM and the ceremony for pre-K will be at 12:45PM. This is such a special and memorable day for the children which no one will want to miss!

I will be sending out more information about the volunteer opportunities for the graduation committee. The email will highlight the different areas where help is needed, and we will have a meeting on March 25th (in between classes, so it's easier for everyone to attend) where you can sign up to volunteer.

Happy spring!

Heidi Wallace

JKCP Parent Board President

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

March is a busy month for us at school. We will be easing into springtime, watching things grow, and celebrating St. Patrick's Day, as we approach our time off for spring break.

Upcoming events and holidays:

Apr 6th – Apr 10th – No School, Spring Break

Apr 23rd & 24th – Parent Appreciation Tea

Letter of the Week for March:

Mar 4th – “Q&R”

Mar 11th – “S”

Mar 18th – “T”

Mar 25th – “U”



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Looking ahead:

Parent Appreciation Tea: Keep an eye out for information about our Parent Tea on 4/23 & 4/24. This is a sweet event during class time where families can visit over coffee & tea in the Fellowship Hall, and the children will sing some fun songs. This is an opportunity for the children and teachers to thank our JKCP families for all that they do for our school!

Graduation Pictures: Carney & Co. will come to JKCP again to take photos of the 4am & Pre-K class in their cap & gown. Pictures are on Mon. April 15th. This is optional, but always very cute.

Sulphur Creek Nature Center: The 4am fieldtrip is on Monday, May 4th (no Pre-K class), and the Pre-K fieldtrip is on Monday, May 11th (no 4am class). Sulphur Creek will come to JKCP to visit our 3am class on Tuesday, May 5th.

Graduation: Graduation is a fun celebration here at the Co-op. The children graduate from a great school year – we do not say graduate to kindergarten, as some will continue here, some will go to TK or DKA, and some will go to kindergarten. So please save the date:

- 4am Graduation will be at 9:30 on Wed. May 20th
- Pre-K Graduation will be at 12:45 on Wed. May 20th

Watch for information and how you can help.

 **Alice Richards – Asst. Director**

PARENTS CORNER

I mentioned our families invest in each child's education both at school and at home.

Many of you take the time to read to your child at home. This is so important for bonding and for modeling reading. Bedtime stories are a wonderful way to wind down from the day and a great routine to get into. Children learn to predict, ask questions, and develop vocabulary too.

Music is another way to teach and bond with your child. The children have so much fun with music. Having a keyboard is great- it is why the children are welcome to play the piano at school. Music weaves its way into many areas of learning. There are songs to help with transitions (like clean up songs) and songs to learn about our community (fire truck song) and songs with math (5 little ducks) or even days of the week songs. Silly songs help us rhyme and have fun. As adults certain songs bring back memories and feelings- music really touches the heart.

We love it when children make up songs as well. So sing and read with your child as much as you can. Both bring you and your child closer together.



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SNACK...

3AM

Emma
Brayden and Bryson
Jayden
Sethuni
Amelia
Sophia
Sethuni

4AM

Anders
Emma
Kevin
Victoria
Penny
Macie
Parker
Anders
Eduard

PREK

Hannah
Vivianna
Albert
Zoe
Samik
Vivianna
Tessa
Samik
Kaleb
Zoe
Myah
Nathan
Hannah
Colin and Roy

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO....

- Everyone who brought goodies for the Valentine's Day Party!
- Parker- bag of buttons
- Bradley- fun legos
- Emma Leong - sentence strips and baby wipes
- Carter and Cruz's Dad- oiled the doors and swings so they don't squeak

UPCOMING DATES

2020

April 6 th - 10 th	No School: Spring Break
April 15 th	Graduation Photos
April 23 rd & 24 th	Parent Appreciation Tea
May 4 th	No School: PREK - Sulphur Creek 4AM
May 5 th	Sulphur Creek in-class visit 3AM
May 11 th	No School: 4AM - Sulphur Creek PreK
May 19 th	Last Day of 3AM class
May 21 st	Graduation 4AM class - AM
May 21 st	Graduation PreK class - PM
May 29 th	Memorial Day
May 31 st	Dublin Unified Schools Out

