

March and April Newsletter

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Dear Everyone,

Although we had enough of the snow, sunny days are in the future. I know that we are all together when we say “**Bring on Spring!**”

Children’s Activities:

During this “windy” month of March we will expose the children to many basic scientific principles about “moving air.” In our Pre-K rooms these lessons are combined with a “Weather Unit.” The unit ends with a handy weather chart that we hope you will hang up and help your child use at home.

During our food projects the Beginner’s and Nursery classes made a huge Fruit Salad. They eat this for snack if they want to and usually there is not one drop left when the day is over. Many thanks to all of the parents who took the time to buy fruit for this project.

Also, the Beginner’s will be making waffles, cinnamon toast, brownies, hand squeezed orange juice, mini pizza, grilled cheese, apple crisp, smoothie fruit, carrot cake with cream cheese icing, hot pretzel and veggie pita tacos. YUM! YUM! Miss Ellen and Claudia.

All of the children will be making their Mother’s Day gifts sometime this month. We have to send them out to be processed and this usually takes about six weeks. For St. Patrick’s Day we do a few projects in which everything is GREEN! Miss Melissa will provide all the children with mini green bagels to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day !

Spring Break

Our Spring Break is from March 29th through April 5th. We resume school on Tuesday, April 6th. Please mark your calendars.

Attention Parents: If you are in need of childcare during spring break, Please notify the front desk. We will not be providing care if we do not have enough children. Thank You.

After Spring Break, all the groups will be enjoying their “Spring Unit.” This unit has the children planting something, making a variety of Spring flowers, caterpillars and beautiful butterflies.

During the last week of March, the children will be going home with a little bag filled with grass and candy as well as a Passover project. If you are of the Jewish faith and are sensitive to having a little bag with a bunny decorated on it, Please see Melissa. Please remember that we are not skilled in the teachings of these religious faiths, but are sharing the different cultural customs of these holidays.

After our lovely Spring Units, all the groups will spend some time studying about transportation. This unit includes **a Great Bus Trip** for our Nursery children.(See our Spring Trips for more info about this trip) After transportation is over, the Pre-k groups will dive into their most favorite **DINOSAUR UNIT** which includes a trip to New York City.(see our Spring Trips for more info.)

SPRING TRIPS

Pre-K- During the Dinosaur Unit we offer an opportunity for our Pre-K children to see the Dinosaur Exhibit at the Museum of Natural History in New York City. At least one parent is required to come on this trip. **The cost of the trip is \$38.00 per person. The date of this trip is Thursday, May 13th.** It is a wonderful trip as well as an All-Day affair. **A special note will go in all the cubbies soon. Please sign up for a head count as soon as possible after you receive this special notice.** The sign-up sheet is posted outside Ms. Judy’s room now. Also, Please let us know immediately if you do not wish to have your child participate in this trip. Another important notice with more specific details about this trip will go home in early May.

Nursery- Our Nursery children will be going on their “Spring Trip” and to the Longstreet Farm in Holmdel, NJ. The date of the Nursery Trip is Tuesday, June 1st. Even if Tuesday is not your school day, you are invited to come along with us on the trip. This trip is not mandatory so if you do not wish to participate in this trip, please let Melissa know as soon as possible. The trip permission slip will be posted outside of Miss Sue’s room soon. **The cost of this trip is \$15.00 per person.** If you could, please pay when you sign up. **The deadline for collection of these fees is May 15th. Please give all money cash or checks made out to cash directly to Miss Cindie. Watch for trip notice any day now.-**

Tuition Information

Tuition payments are winding down for the year but they are still due both March 1st, April 1st and May 1st. Many of you will be finished with this years tuition payments on May 1st. This last payment covers from May 4th to May 30th.

Some of you will still have a payment due on June 1st. You will be sent a reminder if you are one of these families. Security deposits for next year are due March 1st. You will be sent a notice early in May along with other important information about next year.

Mark Your Calendar with these Important Dates

**School will be closed from March 29th through April 5th.
We will reopen Tuesday, April 6th.**

May 31st school is closed for Memorial Day.

The last day of classes for the students is June 17th. Graduation for Pre-K children in Friday, June 18th. More info to follow. Graduation will be held at The West Long Branch Community Center at 11 a.m.

Staff Day is June 21st.

Summer Fun at Ivy Hedge

Ivy Hedge is now registering for the Summer Fun once again. It will be eight weeks of fun filled enjoyment for your child. This program is for children 2 years to 4 years of age. Hours are from 9:00 to 1:00. Or 9:00 to 4:00 (we can accommodate earlier dropoff and later pick up if needed) Three Days- Tues., Wed, and/or Thurs. This Program runs from June 29th until August 21st.

Space is still available, see Melissa for a registration form. Enroll Today.

Please note that interest in summer camp is very low and summer camp will only be offered if there are enough children enrolled. A final decision will be made by April 15th.

Raising Money for a good Cause

We at Ivy Hedge have just experienced another tragic loss. The Fay family has just lost a member of their family. Mr Chris Fay, the father of Vas Fay in Miss Ellen's Beginner class has just past away at the very young age of 38 years old. Mr. Fay had Juvenile Diabetes and we at Ivy Hedge would like to donate to The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in his memory. If you would like to donate, please submit a check made out to the Diabetes Foundation in his memory to the front office. Please understand that you are under no obligation to participate.

I, Melissa Kopec am willing to match dollar for dollar any monies collected from the children.

We at Ivy Hedge would like to wish everyone a very safe and fun Spring Break!!!