



Preschool News
October 2018



Looking Back	Looking Forward
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♥ Bears	♥ Halloween
♥ Harvest	♥ Grinding Grain

Letter from the teachers:

Hello Preschool Families,

While Stumps has enjoyed the last of the fall dandelion leaves, we've enjoyed a variety of fall activities since you received the last newsletter. Some students in the TTh class took a field trip to the cemetery for tree climbing and a preview of the upcoming leaf jump. They also harvested a basketful of potatoes from the plants started at the end of last year, growing in the play yard over the summer. The MWF class visited the Community Garden, and helped harvest carrots and potatoes from the charity plots, as well as harvesting the same from teacher Linda's family plot. That week both classes made delectable vegetable stews from our harvests, as well as family contributions.

Bears are also part of fall in Juneau. Last week we read many versions of "The 3 Bears", observed bear skulls and skins and shared bear stories. The Preschool Plus and some morning students last Monday added our own preschool bear story. Alerted to its presence by a departing parent, we watched through the climbing room windows as a bear ambled down the alley just feet away! We all held our breath when it passed by the neighbor's chicken coop, and the chickens did too, as they suddenly became very still and quiet! The bear moved on through the parking lot, over a backyard fence, of off on its own fall ventures.

We're looking forward to more fall ahead, and meeting with many of you at parent teacher conferences this upcoming week.

Mary, Linda, and Ana



Messages from the Board:

FUNDRAISING

As you may or may not recall from your preschool registration form, fundraising is essential to the running of the preschool and pays for all of the fun learning activities that we do with the kids. EVERY family needs to chip in but you don't have to be involved in EVERY activity. Below is a list of things that all families need to contribute in the year. Of these we would love to start gathering raffle items ASAP so be thinking about these. More detailed info to come...

EVERY FAMILY NEEDS TO PROVIDE In 1 YEAR:

- 2 items for various auction/raffles throughout year (need to collect these soon)
- 1 3-hour shift at FARM Day in May
- Sell at least 10 Raffle tickets (\$10 each, so \$100 total)
- Baked Goods for various bake sales (3 desserts for Thanksgiving Pie Sale at Foodland, dessert auction, etc)

TUITION REMINDER

Hi JCP Families,

The job of preschool treasurer is a parent volunteer position filled by kind and busy people just like you. We know everyone is busy and a multitude of things can come up unexpectedly, but we're reiterating the JCP tuition payment policy here just in case you haven't had the time or inclination to peruse that fascinating handbook we gave you a while ago. If you have questions or concerns about tuition, don't hesitate to ask. In the meantime, here's a gentle reminder of the policy:

Alternate Payment Agreements, Late Fees and Non-Payment

Tuition is paid in advance and due on the first of the month. If circumstances arise which make timely payment difficult, it is a member's responsibility to contact the treasurer as soon as possible to make a payment plan, which must be documented on the Alternate Tuition Payment Agreement form and signed by the member and the treasurer.

If payment for the current month is not received by the 10th, and a signed Alternate Tuition Payment Agreement is not in place, a late fee of \$2.00/day will accrue until tuition is paid in full. In the spirit of our co-op. Please respect the time of our treasurer by calculating and remitting applicable late fee at time of late payment.

If tuition and late fees are not paid by the 25th, the "last month" tuition will be applied, and the student will be dropped from the class roster effective the first of the following month.

Possible reinstatement after a drop for non-payment will be on a space-available basis, and will require payment for the current month, and tuition deposit.

It is the goal of Juneau Co-op Preschool to make membership accessible to as many families as possible. In light of that, we are happy to work with alternate payment plans according to family paycheck schedules or other limitations, and will do our best to be flexible when handling crisis situations and extreme extenuating circumstances. However, to ensure fairness to all co-op members, and maintain our ability to fulfill the co-op's financial obligations, under no circumstances may a child continue attending when tuition is more than 30 days past due.

Upcoming Events

Halloween

Tuesday, October 30 &
Wednesday, October 31

LEAF JUMP

Our annual leaf jump is coming up soon and the maple leaves are beginning to fall. Grab your child and head out to gather some. You can dry them at home or, if that's not possible, bring them to us and we'll try to dry them at preschool. Thanks!



What is Your Favorite Berry?

Strawberry	Raspberry	Blackberry
Aria Eophon Esmé	LARI Nadia	Addine Liana Mary Morgan Alice

What is Your Favorite Berry? Gleb

Strawberry	Raspberry	Blackberry
Liana Ernie Mary Owen Esmé	Ocean Mason Jack Otis	Nora Oliver Ella Elias Taegan

Kid Quotes

Pumpkin weigh-in:

After buying a pumpkin we asked a few preschoolers to hazard a guess as to how much it might weigh:

Feray: "Too much!"

Matilda: "A lot!"

Owen: "I think as much as me"

Werewolves in Juneau:

Mary to some preschoolers: "Well, some people like to pretend but we know ghosts and witches and werewolves aren't real."

Elias: "Yes, werewolves are! I saw one out my window when I went to bed one night."





Fun Photos



Birth Announcement

Congratulations to the O'Leary family on the birth of baby boy, Kelan Jacob O'Leary, arriving on October 3, 2018! We hope to see him at preschool very soon.



**THANK YOU * GUNALCHÉESH * SPASIBO * TESEKKÜR EDERIM *
GRACIAS * KHX KHXBKHUN * TAKK * GRAZIE * MERCI**

Thanks and appreciation this month to:

- ⇒ Antonia Elstad (Ocean's mom), for her spontaneous and generous gift of flowers to all the teachers. It brightened our day.
- ⇒ Olcay Caf (Fera's Dad), for expertly installing the rope swings in the climbing room.
- ⇒ Ben Durrant (Morgan's Dad), for donating real ship ropes to the play yard.
- ⇒ Shannon Seifert (Calder's mom), Ben Higdon (Matilda's Dad), Miriah Twitchell (Khájaa's mom), Antonia Elstad (Ocean's mom) and Selena Hanvold (Eilias's mom) for stepping up to fill holes in the work calendar.
- ⇒ Taylor Beard (Otis's mom), for sharing her lovely home and great cooking with the preschool board by hosting our board retreat.
- ⇒ Teacher Linda for generously allowing the MWF class to harvest potatoes and carrots from her community garden plot.
- ⇒ Laisne Waldron (alumni parent and executive treasurer) for fabric donations and for the new fish in our fish tank.
- ⇒ Our hardworking preschool board who somehow manage to donate more time than they actually have.

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The Juneau Co-Op Preschool is a non-profit organization run by involved parents and dedicated teachers. Although preschool families pay monthly tuition, 30% of the preschool's budget comes from other sources, primarily fundraising. Fundraising is vital to the success of our school!

Instead of saying "Good Job!", try one of these...

Descriptive Praise Guidelines

1. Describe what you see. "You're jumping rope!"
2. Notice the positive outcomes or benefits.
"That's good exercise!"
3. Be grateful if appropriate. "Thank you!"

The Big List of Descriptive Praise

1. I noticed how hard you worked on that.
2. It must feel great to be able to do that all by yourself.
 3. Thank you for helping.
4. It looks like your friend/sibling is really happy you're sharing.
 5. You didn't give up, even though it was hard.
 6. Thank you for not interrupting.
 7. What do you like best about your work?
 8. Thank you for waiting.
 9. You worked on that for a long time!
10. I notice how you're trying so hard to be polite.
 11. You're being a really good friend.
 12. Your work looks so neat.
13. I noticed that you were concentrating really hard.
 14. I can tell you tried your hardest.
 15. What are you going to do now?
 16. Tell me about what you did/made.
 17. You did it!
18. I can see all of your practice is paying off.
 19. I really appreciate your help.
20. I can tell you really enjoy dancing/jumping, etc.