



Upcoming Events

Preschool Raffle

Please see article.

JCP Board Meeting

**Monday, April 2nd, 6:00p.m.
to 8:00 p.m.
@ Preschool Classroom
All Welcome**

Parent ED: Kindergarten Night

**A district kindergarten teacher
will join us to talk about
kindergarten readiness. Date
TBA. Watch for Email.**

Folk Fest Hot Dog Sale

**We have a chance to raise funds
for JCP by selling hot dogs and
baked goods to hungry hordes
at the folk fest. We'll need
bakers and workers. Watch for
a sign up sheet online and on
coatroom door.**

Letter from the teachers:

Greetings Preschool Families,

Looking back, this past week you might have heard of the large dragon head created by Hosanna and painted by the children; or seen the calligraphy done on red paper with black paint; or heard about eating 'sticky rice.' All of these were part of our focus on Chinese culture. Before beginning this, we had several thoughtful discussions about the appropriateness of such activities and how to insure that stereotypes and cultural misrepresentations were not promoted, while still sharing some wonderful stories, art and experiences. Within my own family, we have 2 daughters born in China, and have traveled to China 3 times. I find the language and writing fascinating, and enjoyed sharing some of this with students. We also want to invite you to share any stories, language lessons, or food items that come from cultures of your own family, as we work to grow an awareness of the richness of all cultures.

Looking ahead, this is the time of year when many parents of 5 or near 5 year olds, begin more seriously considering the upcoming kindergarten age year. Kindergarten registration for elementary school enrollment will be on April 12, from 1-5. The school district staff I spoke with noted that parents should bring immunization records and a copy of your child's birth certificate, to complete the paperwork for registration. Within the school district there are also 3 optional programs including Montessori Borealis, Tlingit Culture Language & Literacy, and the Charter School. Please check with the Juneau School District for more information about these programs and their application process. Watch for our upcoming Parent Education night with the feature topic of kindergarten.

Lastly, we would like to extend our congratulations to the Russell Family, and welcome to the world, Eleanor Aurora Russell.

Happy (Almost) Spring,

Linda



KID QUOTES

After reading some giant stories and learning the song, *I'm Not Small*, we asked the MWF Class what large thing they would carry:

Tegan: "A castle"
 Giada: "A unicorn"
 Teller: "A bike"
 Nethir: Miss Linda!
 Daniel: "Teller"
 Audrey J: "A blue whale"
 Juniper: "Juneau"
 Evelyn: "Preschool"
 Liam: "A Dinosaur (Stegosaurus)"
 Ona: "Bomo (her cat)"
 Matteo: "The world!"
 Mary H: "Louis"
 Sigrid: "A rainbow unicorn"
 Esmé: "the earth"
 Mason: "the Federal Building"
 Auderey F. "Mickey Mouse"

Kid Quotes

After reading *Mitchell Goes Driving*, we asked the T/Th Class what they would drive and where they would go if they had a license:

Xenali: "A tractor, to Africa"
 Hiram: "A Secret-Puppy-mobile to Gustavus"
 Ella: "A tractor to Phonia (imaginary place)"
 Vivian: "A car to the gas station and then work"
 Calder: "A fly to Africa"
 Elias: "A bat mobile to outer space and Washington"
 Sophia: "A bus to school"
 Nora D. "A car with Dad to Gastineau School"
 Nora F. "A motorcycle to Colorado"
 Gleb: "A motorcycle to outer space"
 James: "A gecko-mobile to the ceiling"
 Ollie: "A race car to the science center"

PRESCHOOL RAFFLE

Our annual preschool raffle will begin with ticket distribution on Monday, March 26th and Tuesday, March 27th. Each family is responsible for selling at least 10 tickets at \$10.00 each. There will also be opportunities to sell at IGA (date/time TBA). Look for a sign-up sheet on the door if you'd like to sell your tickets there. If any of you want to arrange group ticket sales at another location, you're welcome to do so. Just let us know. We have some wonderful prizes this year. **Ticket stubs and money are due back at preschool by noon on April 9th.** Winning tickets will be drawn April 14th at a time and place yet to be determined. Need not be present to win. Please contact Shannon Seifert (Calder's mom) at Shannon.seifert@gmail.com or 818-269-2687 with questions or concerns. If you would like more time to sell more tickets over Spring Break, contact Shannon and she'll get them to you.

More KID Quotes

Ona: "Do you know why i'm sitting so close to Liam?"

Mary: No, but I was wondering. Why are you sitting so close?"

Ona: "Because him's so handsome."

Firefighter: (talking with T/Th class about replacing batteries in smoke alarms): "Do your parents ever forget things?"

Elias: "Sometimes my Dad forgets his manners."

GAK

Children in both classes enjoyed making and playing with GAK. (Not to be confused with the other non-Newtonian substance we make called Ooblek). If your children want to know how/ why it works, there's a lot of information on the internet or you can do what I do and mutter something about "hydrogen bonds" Eight out of ten times you'll be at least partly correct. Here's the recipe we use:

1. In a medium bowl mix 1/2 cup glue with 1/2 cup colored water.
2. In a small bowl or cup dissolve 1/2 tsp. Borax into 1/4 cup warm water. Make sure Borax is dissolved. Add to glue mixture and stir gently. When strands begin to form and hold together, knead lightly, pour off any remaining water, and play.

Gak is easy to clean from tabletops but not clothing or carpets. Do not ingest. You can add color to GAK with markers and older kids can use straws to blow bubbles in it, especially if Olcay is helping.

FEB/MAR COLLAGE





THANK YOU * SPASIBO * GRACIAS * GUNALCHEESH * TAKK * SALAMAT *
GRAZIE * TESEKKUR EDERIM * KHX KHXBKHUN

Many thanks this month to:

This month we're grateful the following folks for enriching our community:

All the parents who chaperoned fire station visits.

Rachel Disney (Xenali's mom) for playground loose parts which have become forts, unicorn horn factories, time travel machines and much more.

Taylor Beard (Otis's mom), Larry Woolford (Esme's dad), Rachel Disney (Xenali's mom) and Teacher Hosanna for last minute work day relief and general awesomeness.