



## Upcoming Events

### Parent Ed Night: Kindergarten Readiness

Thursday, April 26,  
5:30-7:00 p.m.  
@Preschool Classroom  
See Article

### Lottery for 2018-2019

New and Returning Students  
April 27, 12:15 p.m.  
@Preschool Classroom

### JCP Board Meeting

April 30, 6:00 p.m.  
@Preschool Classroom

### Farm Day

Saturday, May 12.  
Details TBD

## Letter from the teachers:

Hello Preschool Families,

Our classroom has been filled with music, pussy willows, feathers, eggs, and nests these past weeks. We've put the sleds in storage and dug our first worms in the play yard; all sure signs that spring has truly arrived! If that weren't enough, we've been blessed with generous gifts from within our preschool community. From hula dancers to bee hives, to musical sharing, our students received the benefit of your willingness to share your interests, time and talents with them. Check out the "Thank You" portion of this newsletter for specifics and know that we are grateful.

As the end of the preschool year approaches, I've been reflecting on the changes we see in our students between September and May. It can be difficult to quantify progress in a play-based program where social-emotional development is given as much weight as traditional "academic" skills, yet there is a trajectory of subtle and meaningful changes that indicate growth. At the beginning of the year, for instance, many children bring us a random pile of books when we're reading in small groups. Eventually they become more selective, choosing a book for the particular story or by topic that interests them. Children begin to "read" to each other, sometimes telling the story by memory, sometimes reading the illustrations and sometimes making up a story as they go. All of these signify growth and are precursors to the decoding necessary for learning to read. Similarly, a child may first recognize her name tag by the decorations she's put on it, then begin to recognize the shape of her name, and then sound/letter correspondence. Many preschoolers learn to "read" their friends name tags and then the names of all their classmates. Writing reinforces and strengthens sound/letter correspondence and we provide guidance and opportunities through waiting lists, labeling artwork, making cards, writing letters and in dramatic play. In the realm of social/emotional development, we notice that our youngest players are interested in toys and their own agenda more than other players. They then begin to be interested in other children and eventually in particular children and particular kinds of play. We have an open program where



there are lots of opportunities to practice conflict resolution, self-regulation skills and how to enter and negotiate play. We facilitate and model these interactions and while it may not always be comfortable or easy, we believe the resulting social/emotional growth is valuable. If your child is moving on to kindergarten next year and you have questions about readiness, please come to our Parent Ed night where we'll have a district kindergarten teacher here to answer questions and provide information.

Finally, the fundraising lately has been non-stop crazy. We know. We wish we didn't have to do so much. Please take the time to thank your board members because they are working very hard to keep our preschool solvent.

Welcome back to preschool Daniel and Mason. We missed you. Welcome to the world Arnjt Lasinski. Congratulations Antonia, Jon, Ella and Ocean.

Here's a poem to share with your child:

Oh what a beautiful thing  
To see on the first day of Spring  
A green leaf is sprouting  
And that's why I'm shouting  
"Happy Birthday, dear first day of Spring."

Thanks for all your contributions,

Mary

#### ***LOTTERY FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS***

Registration forms for new and returning students are available now (in the preschool hallway and on our website at [www.juneapreshcool.org](http://www.juneapreshcool.org)) and need to be turned in by noon of Friday, April 27th.

#### ***PARENT EDUCATION MEETING: KINDERGARTEN READINESS***

Thursday, April 26th 5:30 - 7:00 p.m Preschool Classroom

Gastineau kindergarten teacher, Tanya Roust, has once again volunteered to come and provide information to those of you whose children will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2018, Childcare and pizza will be provided by donation. Tanya will present at 6:00. Look for an email soon.

#### ***PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE***

May 7, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

This is for prospective families looking for a preschool experience for their child. If you know anyone who might be interested, we'll have details on our website and on Facebook. Spread the word.

**Exciting Changes for the upcoming school year. Good News, and...More Good News.**

The first piece of good news is that if preschool as we know and love it is what you and your child are looking forward to for 2018-2019, you've got it! We will continue primarily offering part-time morning classes, MWF (\$210) and T/Th (\$140), just like always.

The second piece of good news is that if you love preschool but just really need more hours of care, we have a new option for you!

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, Juneau Co-op Preschool will be offering Preschool Plus, a Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm, limited enrollment program. The tuition for this 30 hour per week option will be \$785/mo. Children attending Preschool Plus will need to bring a lunch, and will be provided with a rest time (required by licensing, and the body wisdom of many preschoolers).

For students enrolled in Preschool Plus, parents will be required to participate in the co-op model for the morning portion, including the requirement to fulfill a family job, and participate in fundraising activities just as our MWF and T/Th families do. Parents should expect to have approximately one (8:30-12:30) workday per month (9-10 total for the year). Workdays will be distributed in both the MWF and T/Th classes to provide you an opportunity to be familiar with all the classmates and teachers who are part of your child's experience.

After the registration lottery takes place, any changes from enrollment in Preschool Plus, to just the MWF or T/Th class, will be subject to the same wait list priorities as apply to changing classes currently, and will be dependent on whether or not there is a part-time only spot available in the desired class.

If you have questions or concerns about this new program, please reach out to our 2018-2019 Registration Coordinator, Krista Jacoby, in person or via email, ([jacoby.krista@gmail.com](mailto:jacoby.krista@gmail.com)), or any other member of the board.

Juneau Co-op Preschool Board

Taylor Beard, Rachel Brown, Averyl Veliz, Emily Coate Thompson, Krista Jacoby, Talea Keller, Selena Hanvold, and Summer Koester

# April COLLAGE









### Dearest JCP Families,

Thank You for eating the raffle ticket frog and selling or contributing to help us meet our fundraising goal! Together, we sold 376 tickets this year, totaling \$3,760.

#### 2018 Prizes and Winners:

**Helicopter Glacier Trek for 2** - NorthStar Trekking (\$858 value)

Winner: Noelle Derse

**Taku Lodge Feast & 5-Glacier Seaplane Tour for 2** - Wings Airways (\$640 value)

Winner: Jake Jacoby

**New Patient Exam, X-Rays, & Teeth Cleaning** - Jared Lee, DDS (\$429 value)

Winner: Kristen McNamara

**Discover Alaska's Whales Tour for 2** - Gastineau Guiding Company (\$338 value)

Winner: Tim Travis

**One Night Room Stay and Two Entrees** - The Prospector Hotel (\$350 value)

Winners: Lily and Ishmael Hope

**\$100 CASH** - donated by Heather Skaggs, REALTOR - RE/Max of Juneau

Winner: Sue Koester

**One-Hour Belly Dance Party for 10** - Daughters of the New Moon (\$175 value)

Winner: Sarah Shaddy

Together, let's remember to congratulate our winners, thank those who bought tickets, and thank our generous prize donors for supporting Juneau Co-Op Preschool when we see them. Each person who contributes should hear that we appreciate all they do to help keep co-op preschool special (and open!).

Many Thanks also go to our families who reached out to donors for Silent Auction Items and Raffle Prizes this year. Thumbs up to Emily Coate-Thompson, Maressa Jensen, The Hope family, The Jacoby family, The Twitchell family, The Schwarz family, and Selena Hanvold for selling more than 10 tickets; Selena won the drawing for a Gift Certificate to Douglas Cafe.

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GRAZIE \* TESEKKUR EDERIM \* KHX KHXBKHUN

***Many thanks this month to:***

We have so many people to thank this month! Apologies if we've left anyone out.

Ben and Christal Higdon (Matilda's parents) for a whole amazing set of songs and musical instrument making in the T/Th class "Blow up your T.V....."

Olcay Caf (Nehir's Dad) for bringing in part of his honeybee hive and some of his gear for kids to see and touch and taste in the MWF class.

Shannon Seifert (Calder's mom) and Krista Jacoby (Audrey and Sofia's mom) for sharing their chickens with the T/Th and MWF class respectively.

Kara Hollatz (Owen's mom), Krista Jacoby, Olga Harutyunyan (Daniel's mom) for filling in when we needed parents to do a workday.

Sandy Fortier (Nora F.'s mom) for teaching us musical games and for tuning our water xylophone so we could actually play a song.

Sue Koester (Taegan's grandma), Ann Gifford, Tania Lewis for sharing a beautiful hula dance performance with the MWF class.

The lovely and amazing Selena Hanvold (Elias's mom), Taylor Beard (Otis's mom), and Rachel Brown for their hard work making the folk fest hot dog sale a reality and also Emily Coate Thompson (Juniper's mom) for having the idea.

All our incredible preschool bakers who donated baked good and the parents who worked the hot dog stand.

Maressa Jensen (alumni parent) for her unflagging efforts on behalf of preschool.

Jam busters: Rhonda Gardinier (alumni teacher), John Lager (Onna's grandpa), Reid Tippets, Amy Houk, and Gene for coming to play music in both classes.

Shannon Seifert (Calder's mom) for taking on the raffle and also everyone who sold tickets or bought all their own tickets.