



Hamilton Preschool News



Father's Breakfast

One of our favorite events is our March event called Fathers' Breakfast. We will send home invitations with an RSVP for **March 11th & 12th**. Please let us know if Dad is coming or who is coming in his place (Grandpa, uncle or male friend). Every child **must** have one adult available to come that day. Please plan to come no later than 8:00 and we will finish promptly at 8:45 a.m. All the children so enjoy having Dad come and eat with us and visit in the classroom. Children will remain here until regular dismissal time.

CONFERENCES

Thank you, one and all, for your participation in your child's conference. If you have any concerns to follow up on from the original conference, please feel welcome to call and leave a message for the teacher to return your call. Many thanks to Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Wright for helping us with childcare on those days.

DELTA GAMMA VISION SCREENING

Thank you to Gretchen Ross (a Hamilton grandmother) and her team of volunteers for their help in screening our children. Their dedication to children's vision is deeply appreciated each year. Ambliopathy is a vision problem corrected with much success if treated **as early as possible**.

Gail's Corner

As many of you know, February is Dental Health Month. We have screened ears & eyes here at preschool but we also talk with the children about the importance of taking good care of their teeth.

Several classes have learned about senses during February and will continue to explore sensory skills during March. Help your child at home to talk about what they hear, what they taste, what they touch, what they smell, etc. Ask open ended questions and see what kinds of words they use to describe their sensory experiences.

Dads, in March we are looking forward to your attendance at the Fathers' Breakfast!

Great Plans for Our Spring Fling Auction!

Our current group of parent volunteers has really gotten busy. Please reserve April 19th for our family day on our own preschool grounds. We have reserved the Dierbergs' pony cart and a bouncing castle and other fun events. Pizza dinner will also be served. Classroom baskets are always a big hit! Parents are asked to donate toward the group basket. Details to follow!

Let's plan to outdo ourselves with a Silent Auction with final bidding will be here on Saturday, April 19th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Under separate cover in the next few days we will send information and if you have any **contacts with businesses** and if you yourself have any items to donate we would appreciate **any and all donations as well as your help**. We can only have a successful auction with participation for each and every family!

Parents' Meetings

March 13th at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in helping the preschool is invited. Let's keep organizing before Spring Break.

Several of the teachers and I recently attended a workshop "Let Boys Be Boys." Sensory activities and motor activities are important avenues for all children but specific emphasis for boys were highlighted.

Also if you change your email address, please let us know.

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Special points of interest: March Highlights

- *Fathers' Breakfasts*
March 11th & 12th
- *Parent Meetings*
March 13th 9 a.m.
- *Spring Break*
March 17th to March 21st
No school
- *Classes resume*
March 24th & March 25th

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Parent Participation

Storyteller Annette Harrison to entertain at Hamilton Preschool

On April 11th at 9:30 am we will have a fantastic experience with a re-knowned storyteller well known in Saint Louis. Parents are invited and we invite you to bring your friends who have preschoolers to come and join us for this fabulous open house.

.DIERBERGS' GROCERY CARDS

This continues to be a great way to buy your normal groceries and let preschool benefit. We purchase the cards at a 5% discount; you get the full benefit of your purchase (e.g. \$25, \$100) and preschool reaps the discount.

We really wish you would try one! We all buy groceries! We would like the preschool program to benefit from your daily tasks. It is so simple. Call the office or send in a check anytime. Grandparents or neighbors are welcome to join in as well.



Thank you to the Parents who helped with our Valentines Parties and who sent in donations. We appreciate your kindness **always**.

Thank you to Jennifer Bochantin, Holly Freund, Michelle Musielak, Shannon Pierson ,Christina Perera, Terry Reynoso, Clarissa Thomas, & Laura Cibulka (and any one else I forgot:) for your help so far getting the Auction off the ground.

"We couldn't do it without you!"

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to: Evan Binz,
Hannah Choi, Danielle Harland,
Dennis Jakubik, Adish Pawar,
Christopher Perera, Caitlin Schuerman,
Leland Schuerman and
Tyler Stickney



Schnucks Community Card

Schnucks' program requires you to "register" the number at Schnucks or online as Escrips.com. We have cards here and you can indicate "Hamilton Christian Preschool" to benefit from your shopping.

TAX ID NUMBER

This is the time of year that **working parents** are asking us for our tax ID number for their tax returns. Our tax ID is always on our receipts and bills. It is 43-0654858 if you need it.

WALTER KNOLL FLORISTS

We still have flower cards from last year.. It is a simple card with six stickers. It costs \$10.00 and you get a "free \$10 bouquet, free dozen roses, free candy with purchase, and \$5 off, \$10 off and 33% off. Preschool keeps \$9 from your card.

Office Depot 5% Credit

Our most recent pink card for Office Depot builds credit at the store for us to go and purchase office supplies. The store employee needs the 8-digit number in order to give us credit. If you have a business that uses Office Depot for supplies, you can share our number and we will receive credit each quarter. Thanks for sharing our cards.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORMS

This is the time of year for many of the Kindergarten programs in the area ask parents to take a form to the preschool to fill out. It is our policy that you must sign your permission and we will send it **directly** to the elementary school. Please have them to the teachers no later than **April 15th**. We like them finished before May arrives.

Playground Help Wanted

Does anyone have any good contacts for sod this spring? We need a few pieces for covering up some worn or muddy areas of our playground as Spring weather arrives.

REMINDER

Please keep your snack calendar handy and remember to send in your snack on your snack day.

Cups, Cups, Cups—Well, we have the sneezes covered with lots of Kleenex boxes but we sure would appreciate a donation of cups. Dixie Kitchen 5 oz. paper cups are the perfect size! Thank you!

Open Enrollment for Fall

Space is still available for enrollment for September 2008—May 2009 preschool year. Please tell your friends to call us and come for a visit.

News from Mothers' Day Out

We are so happy to say that our children are really enjoying playing with one another. Role playing in the kitchen is a big hit. Several friends will pretend to be a family cooking, cleaning and stacking blocks imagining they were food. By working together the kids are learning to share their favorite toys.

When will be the next one to create a masterpiece? We are introducing new forms of art, such as bingo markers. They love to make numerous circles in all the different colors. It is fun to press down hard on the paper and splatter the ink everywhere!!

We are also hearing many of our children having conversations with their friends. They talk about the animals playing in the castle, the princess falling off the Bob the Builder truck and the little man running on the train.

We are so busy that hopefully before you know it, Spring will be here and we can play outside. Yeah! We can't wait!

News from Classroom C

Big hearts, little hearts, red hearts and pink hearts were the theme for Classroom C this month. Our friends had a great time making roses out of a celery stalk. It was cool to watch when we dipped the bottom of the celery stalk in red paint and placed it on paper it turned into a rose. We learned that roses need stems to help them grow. Our beautiful roses are on the small bulletin board and will be going home soon.

Classroom C kids played post office this month. We pretended to write letters and mail them in our post office. We also got to be mail people when we handed out our Valentines.

Sponge painting, musical hearts, decorating Valentine bags and our awesome Valentine Party completed our month. A big thank you to all of our moms and dads who helped plan!

It may be cold and snowy outside but we all have big and warm hearts in Classroom C!



News from Classroom B

WOW! February flew by with lots of activity and some pretty strange weather. Groundhogs are looking for their shadows; we made some of our own. Our hearts belong to our family and friends as we learned about our real heart. We discovered what it looks like, where it is located in our body, what size it is and what it does for us.

Valentine hearts are fun to make and pretty to look at. Our room has been decorated with finger painted Valentine hearts that were fun and messy to make! We will be taking them home soon; ask your child how they made them.

Our Valentine parties were delicious and fun. Thanks to our room moms for making the party and day soooo special.

We started our unit on our 5 senses of smell, sight, taste, touch, and hearing but due to weather cancellation we will be rescheduling this.

As we move into March, we will be getting excitingly ready for our Fathers' Breakfast.



News from Class D

The month of February began with Classroom D making contact paper hearts to decorate our windows for Valentine's Day. We all had fun delivering our Valentines to each personalized mail box. Thank you to our wonderful room moms who were able to participate in our party. Our hearts go out to you! =>

We began our worldwide travels after our party. We signed our passports, packed our suitcases and reached our first destination, Mexico! Ole'! We made a replica of the Mexican flag, listened to Mexican music and are beginning to talk about the ocean and the many things that live in the ocean. We will end the month by designing Mexican Maracas and having a fiesta. By that time, we will be ready for a siesta. Hola!

