



# Sharing Times

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## CALENDAR

Through 8/6

*Our Summer Adventures continue! We hope to share the fun with your child! Go to [www.kirklandpreschool.org](http://www.kirklandpreschool.org) for more information.*

Saturday, 8/8

*Downtown Kirkland's SUMMERFEST, with our super-fabulous family play area; we hope you can volunteer to help us, or just stop by to say hi and play awhile.*

Saturday 8/28

*Norkirk & Highlands Neighborhood Picnic—with another of our school-sponsored & staffed play tents.; we welcome family help.*

Wednesday 9/9

*2015—2016 TWThF class' & Treasure Box Book Club's Parent Meeting, 7:15pm.*

Thursday 9/10

*2015—2016 MWF class' & TTh class' Parent Meeting, 7:15pm.*

Week of 9/14

*Each family has a short individual visit with their teachers (2nd of the 10 tuition payments is due.)*

Week of 9/21

*Our 2015—2016 school year begins!*

Tuesday, 9/22

*Lunch Plus for eligible students begins (separate, optional program); more information & 1st month's sign-up in August newsletter.*

Friday, 10/16

*No school. This is our teacher in-service day (same as LWSD).*

Monday 10/19

*First Treasure Box Book Club session begins.*

In this issue:

- ◇ **Calendars**, so you can see when we have school vacations, etc.
- ◇ A great new **family outing** to enjoy
- ◇ **Summer Adventure** information
- ◇ **Fund raising** information, including auction news
- ◇ **Summer Fest** and Norkirk-Highland neighborhood picnic information
- ◇ 1st tuition reminder, if you haven't sent it in

“Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen.”

— John Steinbeck

*We preschool teachers should be helping children find their rabbits. We should be admiring all the different rabbits and finding out why this child likes this particular rabbit. In preschool, a child should not be told that because we are talking about one color of rabbit, we can't take time to admire his or her rabbit of a different color.*

— My opinion — Carolyn



## NEWEST COOLEST PLACE TO GO!

Get yourselves to Mercer Islands' newest activity center— **The Adventure Playground** at Deane's Children's Park (aka "Dragon Park").

This is a construction park, meaning that materials and equipment are waiting for children to create shelters, forts, bridges—structures we adults cannot even imagine. It all takes place in a cool forested setting. And yes, there is park staff to provide discrete supervision.

Think what awaits your child -

- Creative Fun!
- A chance to take risks—creatively, spatially, and socially,
- A feeling of responsibility,
- A sense of confidence, accomplishment and pride.

Information is on Adventure Park's website. This gives you the days and hours—it's not open every day, so you want to plan accordingly. You'll want to read the Park Rules and download the waiver to sign and submit.

And then you'll want to go and relive the days when you were young and built hidey-nests under the bushes and driftwood castles on the beach. What an opportunity to give your child!

*Some details:*

*5500 Island Crest Way*

*206-275-7609, ext. 0; to confirm that Park is open*

*Ages 4-13 years; under 12 need an adult present*

*Each child must have a signed waiver on file*

*No open-toed shoes (ie, no sandals); no dogs*

*Clean restroom available*

*Free, but donations are most welcome and helpful!*

*Also nearby, Island Crest Park is adjacent. Luther Burbank Park is a short distance away and has a lake-front beach.*

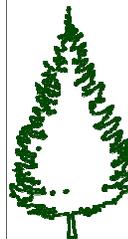
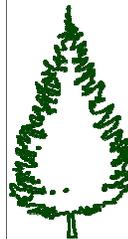
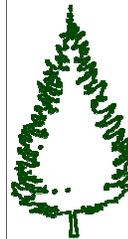
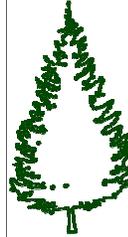
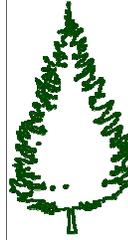
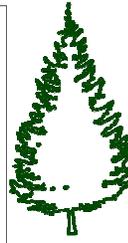
## OUR SUMMER ADVENTURES ARE PRETTY COOL, TOO!

Already this summer, our Adventurers have:

- ◇ Invented ways to make their own kites with various materials at hand,
- ◇ Started building their own cardboard carton houses and other large creations,
- ◇ Created magical melted crayon pictures to hang in our school's front window,
- ◇ Experimented to line up the garden hose just right at the top of our tall slide so they can enjoy their own water slide,
- ◇ Stamp painted red white and blue flags with glitter, of course,
- ◇ Built numerous channels and lakes in the sandbox and sometimes added bridges across the water,
- ◇ Energetically threw stuffed sock "balls" that had been dipped into paint at a large target hanging on our back fence—and then discovered the wonder of splats on the parking lot behind the fence (*no cars parked there, thank you for worrying!*)
- ◇ Enjoyed the nicely air conditioned class room, full of building materials, art projects, imaginative play, books and so much more.

Children who are confidently potty-trained and have 4-hour stamina, up to those who have finished 1st grade, are welcome to join us.

You can pick your own days or sign up for an 8-day session. We prefer to have advance notice before you send your child, so we can plan and we can give you all the information you need. Email Carolyn at [wirkmanc@frontier.com](mailto:wirkmanc@frontier.com) or call the school at 425-822-4450.



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## SUMMER FEST 2015

We are setting up our free play tent at **Kirkland's Summer Fest on Saturday, August 8th**. We bring art projects, playdough, table toys and much, much more to share with all the young children and families in our community.

Summer Fest has a wonderful artists and interesting booths. There is a great line-up of music during the day. There will be many activities all geared for families, **including our Family Activity Tent!** We hope you can join the fun and stop by! Our spot has not yet been confirmed, but we will share that information as soon as we receive our assignment.

We especially hope you can help us with an hour or so of volunteer time. Our teachers staff the booth, meaning that we are on our feet for hours! Seeing your smiling face and getting a few minutes to relax goes a long way toward keeping us cheerful and chipper!

Please look at the suggested times below and consider if you can offer assistance. You can send this back via mail (802—2nd St, Kirkland, 98033) or via phone message (425-822-4450) or via email ([wirkmanc@frontier.com](mailto:wirkmanc@frontier.com)). We will send reminders in early August.

**And of course, even if you aren't able to make the commitment, but still find yourself at our booth on either day, we will be delighted to see you.**

We are also bringing the fun, although on a much smaller scale, to the combined Norkirk—Highlands Neighborhood Picnic at Crestwood Park on Saturday, August 28th, noon to 4pm. We hope to see you at one or both of these community-building events!



***This gives you an idea for helping opportunities. You can email a note to Carolyn with your choice—[wirkmanc@frontier.com](mailto:wirkmanc@frontier.com)— or leave word on our answering machine—425-822-4450. It is not necessary to mail this form.***

I may be able to help at Summer Fest, Sat. 8/8

Set-up - 9:30am *(not so suitable for children)* \_\_\_\_\_

Festival starts at 11:00am & runs till 7:00pm—name your time \_\_\_\_\_

Clean-up - 7:00pm *(not so suitable for children)* \_\_\_\_\_

I may be able to help at the Norkirk—Highlands Picnic, Sat. 8/28

Anytime between noon and 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone for day of event \_\_\_\_\_