



Sharing Times



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CALENDAR

Sat. 8/18 Kirkland’s SUMMERFEST—we have a full tent of free activities for young children & families—join the fun in downtown Kirkland, 11am—7pm!
We are on Lake Street, just south of Kirkland Avenue and Bank of America & north of Hector’s Restaurant.

Sat. 8/29 Norkirk & Highlands Neighborhood Picnic at Crestwoods Park, 12-4—
Meet your neighbors, and join us at our play tent!

Wed. 9/9 Parent Meeting for TWThF classes (*we call this the KP class*) —7:15-8:30pm

Thurs. 9/6 Parent Meeting for TTh and MWF classes (*we call these the Little Friends or LF classes*) —7:15-8:30

Week of 9/14 Each family has a half hour visit at school

Week of 9/21 Classes start

By mid-September 2nd of the 10 tuition payments due, please

Fri. 10/16 No school—Teachers’ In-service Day

Mon. 10/19 First Treasure Box Book Club class

Wed. 11/11 No school—Veteran’s Day

Included in this newsletter ...

- *Upcoming Dates*
- *Information about our Parent Meetings and your Family Visits, including how to sign up for the Family Visit and how to sign up for class helping days*
- *Random things you may want to know...*



Just so you know ...

During the school year, most information comes to you via your monthly class calendars and by occasional email announcements & reminders (always sent as blind copies).

So there will be fewer of these Sharing Times newsletters. Just don’t want you thinking you’re missing something!

PARENT MEETINGS—WHAT, WHEN, WHY

We welcome parents and the special adults in our students' lives to join us at each class' evening parent meeting.

TWThF class—Wed 9/8

TTh & MWF classes—Thurs 9/10

7:15—8:30, both evenings

(These are adult meetings; no child care is provided.)

This is your chance to start to get to know your teachers, school director, and each other. Since our school motto is, "Children Learn by Doing", it is only fitting that us adults also get active as we start getting acquainted. These evenings are NOT sitting and listening to lectures!

In addition, we help you become familiar with some of our school culture. We give you your Handbook, and we fill you in on some of the little details which will make your school life a little easier.

We encourage everyone to join us. Obviously, this is really important for new families. It also is important for our returning families. Each year, some things are different or need to be re-emphasized. And most importantly, you returning parents are the best resources for our new parents.

And for everyone, this is the time when you sign up for the following week's 1/2 hour family visits. We really want each child and family to have this special time to prepare for our school year. The next column tells you about these visits.



BRING YOUR CALENDARS TO BOTH THE PARENT MEETING AND YOUR FAMILY VISIT!!

WHAT IS A "FAMILY VISIT"?

So you come to our parent meeting and dutifully sign up for your family visit ... Now what?!

First, and most importantly— Please bring your child(ren)!!! This is a family visit!

These are designed to ease everyone into our school year. Children will find their coathooks and cubbies. They will see that yes, this is a fun place to be, and yes, there are bathrooms, and yes, there are places to eat our snacks. They can hear their teachers' voices. We take photos for coathooks and cubbies. We also take family photos which go up in each classroom as a way to offer reassurances to anxious children.

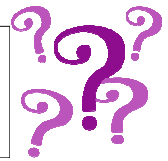
The Little Friends children (the TTh and MWF classes) explore their room and play a bit. The KP children (the TWThF class) make their sharing bags. So if you are a returning family, please find last year's bag and bring it. These students are the ones who will have BOTH sides of their bags decorated!

Parents have work to do in both classrooms, too. This is a time you can tell us special things about your child. We have you look over your registration form and make corrections or updates. This is when you can provide accurate immunization dates. You can pay what should be the 2nd tuition payment. You can turn in Lunch Plus requests. And you can sign up for a few family helper days in your class.

All in all, we want everyone to start to feel comfortable and welcome at school!

ALL SORTS OF MISCELLANEOUS THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

... your School Handbook has more!



TUES-THURS START DAYS ...

Because our TTh class is our youngest, we have only 6 of the children come on Tues 9/22, and the other 6 come on Thurs 9/24. Then all 12 come together on the next Tues 9/29.

This helps the children feel more comfortable, and it helps the sometimes anxious parents feel a little better, too!

You pick your day when you come for the Family Visit.

"THE BIG ONE"

Yes, our shelving is bolted to the walls. Our buildings are bolted to the foundations. We do have safety plans, which you will see in your Handbook.

And we welcome your questions, suggestions and help.

WHAT DO CHILDREN CALL THEIR TEACHERS?

We encourage the children to call us by our first names. It's okay to put a "title" in front, like "Teacher Sue" or "Miss Patrice", but it is not necessary. We do give gentle hints and reminders if we hear just , "Teacher, Teacher!" because we want the children to see us as individuals.

Warning—Carolyn does not have a smart phone, so only sees email at the computer. OK, this one isn't in the Hand-

HOW DO FAMILIES CROSS THE ROAD?

No, this isn't the start of a chicken joke. We do want families to model safe and responsible actions, so we want you to cross at the street corners. **DO NOT CROSS FROM YOUR CAR BECAUSE YOUR CAR IS NOT PARKED ON THE CORNER.** And, it is not safe, even if you look both ways.

We are serious about this.

MY CHILD HAS A YUCKY NOSE, COUGH, ...AN ITCH, SOME BUMPY SPOTS, ...THREW UP LAST NIGHT...

All this and more is explained in your Handbook, which you receive at the Parent Night. We have a nursing consultant, Jennifer Wirkman, and she has put together a guide for you, "How Sick is Too Sick". It is also on each classroom's parent information board, and is on www.kirklandpreschool.org.

All the teachers and all the other families sincerely appreciate everyone being careful of the health of all the children.

HOW DO I GET MY STROLLER UP THE FRONT STAIRS?

You don't have to!

We have a ramp going along the back of the rambler. Access it from the alley in the middle of our block, which leads to our teacher parking lot. The gate is right next to the back of the rambler.

You are welcome to walk around the building and use the ramp.



OUR SUMMERFEST FAMILY ACTIVITY BOOTH

**LOCATED ON LAKE STREET, SOUTH OF KIRKLAND AVENUE,
JUST SOUTH OF BANK OF AMERICA and NORTH OF
HECTOR'S RESTAURANT** *(facing the Bank of America side of the street)*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH 11am—7pm

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY SUMMERFEST AND OUR BOOTH!

Call Carolyn's cell if you can't find us -- 425-941-3745

