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FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2023–2024 school year! The cooperative spirit of our school was evident at our Annual KSPC Clean Up Day at the end of August! THANK YOU to all the students and parent volunteers who came out to clean up our playground and get it ready for our students! The best part for me was seeing all the students who also joined in to help! It is so important for them to feel that this is “their school” and learn to help take care of it. Our students learn very early the value of volunteering through your example. Parent involvement is so important to our school and it is one of the things that makes our school SO SPECIAL. In addition, parent involvement helps to keep our tuition at a reasonable rate. We are a COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL and our goal is to have EVERY PARENT involved in our school in some way they are able. One of the ways we plan to strengthen our parent involvement is by having a Committee Coordinator oversee all the committees. We are thrilled that Jenn Pannulla, current KSPC parent and our former Board President, is taking on this role! Jenn has assigned each family to a committee for the year. If you have not been assigned a committee, or if you no longer can make that committee work, please contact Jenn as soon as possible and she will make sure we find a committee that can work for your family. We are pleased to welcome new staff members this year! Please join me in welcoming our new teacher aides- Emily Zucal, Kelly Cozzi and Sarah Perry! Emily is a former KSPC parent and Kelly and Sarah are current parents and we are so fortunate to have them on our team!

I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in each classroom this month and getting to know your children! Each room has been buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm from students and teachers. A large part of September has been spent helping the children get acquainted with the teachers, their classmates, the routines and the rules. Children find comfort and security in knowing what to expect and being familiar. Taking time to do this will ensure that we have a fantastic school year. It really is amazing to see how quickly they have made friends, learned the routines and learned new skills! We believe in partnering with our parents to help our children grow and learn by sharing ways for parents to reinforce routines and skills at home.

Please be sure to read everything we send home and ask if you have questions.



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FROM OUR DIRECTOR - CONTINUED

I am sure you have noticed all of the wonderful projects around our school. The children have enjoyed our September themes of friendship, all about me and apples. Our curriculum is theme-based, which means the monthly theme is incorporated into most everything we do. This helps it be very meaningful to students. This month we have been singing, reading and learning rhymes about apples, counting apples, patterning with apples, sorting apples, graphing our favorite color apples, painting apples, eating apples and much, much more! The exciting culminating activity will be the trip to Barnard's Orchard. This is always a favorite of parents, children and teachers!

Gym, Music and Library classes began the week of September 18th. I am SO EXCITED to once again be teaching these classes because I get the pleasure of teaching each and every child at KPSC! Aside from all the fun and learning that goes on, this also teaches your children to transition from one teacher to another. Each week we will be alternating music, gym and library class, so pay close attention to your classroom calendar so you know when to send your child in sneakers. I have so many fun things planned for this school year! Be sure to ask your child about the puppets that join us for specials class each week. Our Lunch Bunch program is scheduled to start in October and information has been sent home. We will begin with Monday AM and Tuesday PM Lunch Bunches and hope to add Monday PM soon. Students really love having lunch at school and playing with friends from different classes. Sign-up sheets are always posted on the hall bulletin board (on the left as you come into our school). If you have any questions about Lunch Bunch classes, please ask me or your teacher. Be sure to pay when you sign up for Lunch Bunch so you are sure to secure your spot. We do stagger sign-up sheets in an effort to give many students the opportunity to participate.

Thank you to all who have been able to participate in some of our fall fundraisers so far this school year. Unfortunately, we were unable to have the Kona Ice truck at orientation, but they will return in May for everyone to enjoy! Family Night at The Market at Liberty Place was a BIG HIT! This is always a nice chance to see other KSPC families and staff and enjoy a night free of cooking. We are grateful to the Bosley Family (alumni) for allowing us to hold these nights. On October 5th we will be hosting our Third Annual Halloween Costume Party for all KSPC Families to enjoy! This was a family-favorite last school year and we expect it to be even better this year! Be sure to RSVP and get your wristbands.

We appreciate you supporting KSPC any way you can. Thank you!!!



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FROM OUR DIRECTOR - CONTINUED

October will be filled with fun, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Below is some information about the exciting events that are coming in October

- Lunch Bunch will return in October! Be sure to read the information that has been shared.
- October is Fire Safety Awareness Month and our favorite fire fighter (and former preschool parent), Lisa Glass, will visit to teach us about fire safety on October 2nd and 3rd.
- School photos will also be on October 2nd and 3rd. Teachers will be distributing information soon. If you were here last year, I am sure you will agree that our photos were fantastic!
- October 5th (rain date 12th) will be our Third Annual Halloween Costume Party! Dress up if you would like and bring the entire family for an evening of games, dancing, crafts, festive desserts, a chance to win a raffle basket and TONS of FUN!!
- October 17th and 18th we will have visits from Indian Run Environmental Education Center. They will be bringing live nocturnal animals, animal pelts, puppets and feathers to school so we can learn more about them. This event will be paid for by the fundraisers we have had so far this school year.
- October will conclude with our annual Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties on October 30th and 31st. This will take place during our school day and parents will be invited to watch our Halloween Parade on the playground. Your teacher will send you all the details you will need, so please be sure to read all information that is sent your way!

This is the first of several newsletters you will receive this year. We hope you enjoy reading all about what the students are learning and about all the fun they will be having! Our main goal is that students LOVE school and learning. I think you will see by the pictures in this newsletter that our goal is being accomplished! Enjoy!

Happy Fall! Warmly, Jen Augustine

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KSPC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

What does it mean to be a part of the Kennett Square Preschool Cooperative?

Kennett Square Preschool Cooperative was founded in 1957 by a group of parents who wanted an affordable, quality preschool education for their children. After researching preschool philosophies, they decided to establish the school as a "cooperative." More than 60 years later, the co-op spirit is still strong and one of the things that makes our school so special!



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KSPC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A Co-Operative Preschool Defined:

A co-operative preschool is a preschool operated by a collective of parents whose children attend the school. The members are responsible for all phases of operation and are expected to be actively involved in our school. Our school has a director, certified teachers and teacher aides. Our executive board consists of a president, secretary and treasurer. Our board members represent the parents and help make decisions concerning the school. In addition, they provide policy advice and direction to the director. Our cooperative spirit is one of the things that makes our school so special! We could not run our school without participation from our fabulous parent volunteers! This month we would like to thank our amazing KSPC parents and students who came out to help with our Preschool Clean Up Day in August! It was wonderful to see so many volunteers working on our bikes and scooters, weeding, mulching and getting it ready for our students.

Thank you!!!



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Mrs. Augustine, Mrs. Augustine, what do you see?

**I SEE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS
GOING ON AROUND ME!**



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

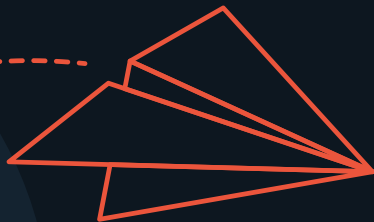


Hi Everyone,

We are so excited to be back to school! I hope your young ones have enjoyed their first few weeks. This will be my first year volunteering as Parent Board President, but we are very familiar with Kennett Co-op! My oldest son just graduated from the 5's class, my middle son is in Mrs. Wuchter's AM class and my youngest just turned 1. Our family loves the KSPC community and we are so happy to be involved. As everything ramps up, we hope you and your family will enjoy being a part of all the activities and events the Co-op has to offer. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Board Members and Committee Chairs with questions, comments or suggestions. Preschool is such a fun time for our little ones and I know I appreciate the opportunity to be involved!

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Thanks,
Kaitlin Knauss



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TREASURER'S NOTES



Hi!

My name is Tricia Monaco and I am so excited to be serving on the board as Treasurer this year. KSPC is a very special place to my family as we are entering our 8th year with this magical preschool! Our daughter, Sadie, is in Mrs. Munson's Pre K class and her older siblings Taylor and Cameron attended the preschool before her. We can't wait to build more memories to hold close during our final year with the preschool and look forward to seeing you around!

Tricia Monaco



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SECRETARY'S NOTES



Hi!

It feels like just yesterday that Lauren (barely glanced over her shoulder and) breezed into her first day of preschool at KSPC. From her first days in Mrs. Harten's class as an adorable three-year-old, to Mrs. Doherty's class as a curious four-year-old, to entering her "senior" year in Mrs. Munson's class as a determined (almost) five-year-old, Lauren has been eager to grab a hand and walk through that front door each morning for the past three years.

It's bittersweet to be entering our last year at KSPC, and we are so appreciative of all of the ways in which this incredible school has contributed to Lauren's growth, development, and excitement for learning. I look forward to fully enjoying our final year here and supporting the school in whatever ways I can.

Have a great school year, everyone, and we'll see you in the pick-up line!

Staci Anderson

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FIELD TRIP

BARNARD'S ORCHARD

