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Spring!

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome Spring!

Spring always brings about a burst of new energy and many exciting activities, especially here at the preschool. All of the special event dates have been put out in our weekly emails and your teachers have sent a paper copy home as well. You can also view dates on our website school calendar. Be sure to read carefully because we have planned a fun-filled Spring!

March was FILLED WITH FUN!! We kicked off the month of March by celebrating one of children's most beloved authors with fun "Seuss-a-riffic" activities! Our children spent the week creating Dr. Seuss projects, playing rhyming games, eating and making special snacks and hearing Dr. Seuss stories. The children were very excited to have a story read by KSPC's very own Cat in the Hat! KEEP READING AND RHYMING WITH YOUR CHILD because this is such an important way to lay the foundation for them to be life-long readers!!

The month of March was a great time to learn about the wind. The favorite activity was getting to fly our school kite, playing with pinwheels and other wind-related activities! Our students enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day during March. They learned about rainbows, playing fun St. Patrick's Day games to reinforce our literacy and math skills, singing St. Patrick's Day songs, having special St. Patrick's Day snacks and listening to St. Patrick's Day poems and books. The highlight of the day was hunting for the pot of gold and getting a gold coin to take home!

March wrapped up with our annual spring parties! We enjoyed decorating eggs, doing science experiments to see if eggs sink or float, graphing jelly beans and especially hunting for eggs! The activity fee that was collected at the beginning of the year is being used to fund all of our fun activities and parties. We could not do what we do without your support.

WOW! Our KSPC staff has been overwhelmed with the love and support you all have given to us this year and especially during Teacher Appreciation Week!! A big shout out to Katrina Edwards for organizing this! Thank you, KSPC Parents, for every kind act you did to make us feel appreciated all year long!



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Thank you for taking the time to come to Parent-Teacher Conferences. We hope you found this information to be very valuable. Our philosophy is educating the whole child. Therefore, our curriculum is broken into 3 stages of development: social/emotional, intellectual and physical. Our curriculum follows the PA State Standards and every year the surrounding school districts tell us how well prepared our students are for kindergarten. The area of development the kindergarten teachers appreciate most from our students is the social and emotional. We like to say "we are laying a solid foundation" for our students to build a strong education upon. Please know that each day your child is here they are working on developing and mastering these skills through fun, developmentally appropriate activities and lessons which will prepare them for kindergarten. The specific skills we are working on for each month are always found on your monthly calendar that is sent home by your teachers. It is important for parents to also help reinforce these skills we are teaching. We are very excited to have our favorite story teller, Clem Bowen, visit our school early April and share his interactive story about spring planting! Clem has been visiting us for several years now and the children absolutely loved him! Our students have been learning about seeds and planting and Clem's story will be the perfect way to enhance this theme. This lively, funny, and participatory performance will be a fun way to wrap up this unit. Demonstrations of instruments and many other visuals will really bring this story alive!

April will also bring a fun, active enrichment opportunity for our 4 & 5 year old students karate! KSPC dad and owner of [Magnus Karate \(See p13 for details\)](#), Sensei Mike Pannulla, will join us for a karate event. This session will feature an obstacle course that focuses on motor skills development running, jumping, leaping, skipping, age appropriate basic karate skills such as kicking, striking, and blocking, and will end with a fun karate game putting all these skills into use. Thank you, Mike and Magnus Karate, for bringing this awesome opportunity to our school!

Another fun April activity will be a playdate at [Sunny Day Play Cafe \(See p13 for details\)](#) located in Kennett Square!! While our teachers are participating in a teacher-in-service day, our families have the opportunity to play with friends at this awesome interactive play cafe! A special thank you to our parent, Meaghan Saxe for organizing this fun day!

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One of my very favorite units here at KSPC is our Plants and Seeds Unit. Each Spring all of our students experience "being farmers" who plant and care for seeds and bulbs. The students get SO excited to come in each day and see how much their plants have grown! The best part of this learning experience is taking a field trip to Anson B. Nixon Park's Community Garden and planting what we have grown! On your child's planting day all classes will meet at Anson B. Nixon Park to plant what they have grown and then enjoy the park with their friends! It makes for a very meaningful learning experience, which is our main goal here at KSPC! One of the best parts of this experience is that everything picked from our garden is donated to the Kennett Food Cupboard so families may have fresh vegetables. We are very grateful to have this wonderful partnership with Anson B. Nixon's Community Garden and the Kennett Food Cupboard! We are also VERY GRATEFUL to Jen Belton for all of her time and effort to make this happen. More details about this event will be coming later this spring!

April will wrap up with our Annual Spring Consignment Sale, which will be held April 24th to April 26th. We appreciate all the time and planning that our committee has put into this event. A special thank you to our chairs, Eileen Dewson and Brittany Gordon, for all their leadership with this event. Thank you all for contributing your items and your time! The proceeds from the consignment sale go to our scholarship fund. This fund is to provide students an opportunity to attend our school. Without the financial help, they would not be able to have this important opportunity.

May will bring about many end of the year events for your child and you to enjoy. A calendar with details about these events was sent home in March, but we have included the dates in this newsletter as well as our Friday email blasts. If you have questions, please see me or talk to your teacher.

Spring is a busy time, but SUCH A FUN TIME for our preschoolers! We are so fortunate to have our school community and to be able to do the things we do here at KSPC! Please take time to enjoy your children and their spring activities. It is all about making memories that will last with you and your children!

Sincerely, Jen Augustine

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAMILY NIGHT

AKA: NO COOK WEDNESDAY!

Please join us for Family Night on **Tuesday, April 30th from 5-8 PM at The Market at Liberty Place (See p13 for details)** on State Street in Kennett Square. Eat in or take out! 15% of all proceeds go to our school (you do not need to mention KSPC, anything sold this night will go towards our school) Be sure to tell your friends and family and share on your social media!

FIELD DAY

Our 2024 Field Days will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd**. On this day students will come to school in their blue KSPC t-shirt and sneakers. The day will be filled with outdoor fun! Once they have completed the stations, students will gather outside with their class for a special snack.

We invite parents or caregivers to join their child's class outside (**11:15 and 2:45**) and watch the medal presentation. Once the event has concluded, parents will take their child home.

GARDEN FIELD TRIP

We are very excited about our upcoming Spring Field Trips at Anson B. Nixon Park! KSPC has had a partnership with the Community Garden for the past 9 years. Our students help to start seedlings in the classroom, which are then planted in the garden, and used as donations to the Kennett Food Cupboard. This year, we are planning to plant on **Monday, May 13th**.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS - CONTINUED

MOTHER'S DAY

Our special Mother's Day gift presentations will be held on **Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th (11:15 and 2:45)**. On this day you will park your car and join us on the coned off area of the parking lot/playground. If it rains, we will hold this short event in the Big Room/Parish Hall (We will direct you where to go if this happens). The entire event will only take about 10 minutes or less. Please contact your teachers if you have questions regarding your child's class.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last days of school will be scheduled for **Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21st. Please join us outside (11:00 and 2:30)** for a special "Clap Out" for our students. On this day families will park in the lot and line the court yard walk way. Students will parade out with their class and we will ask you all to clap for all of our wonderful preschoolers. Your child's teacher will take the students to a designated area of the playground for you to join them for a class picture and to give them their end of year gifts. You and your child can stay and enjoy popsicles and some playground time with friends. If your child is moving on to kindergarten, be sure to take a White Swamp Oak sapling which will be set out on a table. Later that week, a link with our slideshow will be sent home for families to enjoy.

*If it rains, we will move this inside to "the Big Room."

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO AT PRESCHOOL?

Mrs. Doherty's Four-Years Old Classes

MWF AM Class

Javi	Play Legos
Sawyer	Play with Connell and Javi
Connell	Play in the sensory bin
Kinley	Play on the playground outside
Aylen	Play with the magnets and noodles
Annalise	Play mountain tracks
Stella	Play baby dolls
Lena	Recess, because it's fun and warm
Maisie	Recess

T/TH AM Class

Jacob	Recess
Noah	Play with the cars
Kylee	I like to play family princesses outside
Harper	Play with Barbies
Hailey	Play

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO AT PRESCHOOL?

Mrs. Wuchter's Four-Year Old Classes

MWF AM Class

Vinny P	The toys
Vinny A	Enrichment
Jacob	Play with the cars
Sienna	Play outside
Colette	Ride bikes
Vivienne	Lunch at enrichment
Olivia	Play with my friends
Mason	Going to gym class
Kayla	Play
Jack	Playground
Lily	Playground
Charlie	The toys
Avery	To play



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO AT PRESCHOOL?

Mrs. Wuchter's Four-Year Old Classes

MWF PM Class

Hudson	Playing construction
Allison	Doing centers
Olivia	Playing with the fairy toys
Scralett	Listening to stories
Noelle	Playing with the chalk outside
Camryn	Doing our journals
Auggie	Making crafts
Zoe	Recess

T/TH AM Class

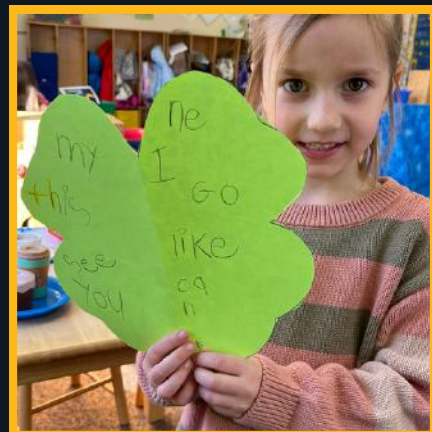
Lucas	Playing with the crane
Lena	Lunch bunch
Caroline	Doing dotters
Charlotte	Play with Doc McStuffins
Calla	Making the unicorn
Kelsey	Coloring and making the unicorn
Hudson	The sensory table
Jack	Playing inside and outside
Luca	Enrichment because I can eat lunch and Jacob is always there

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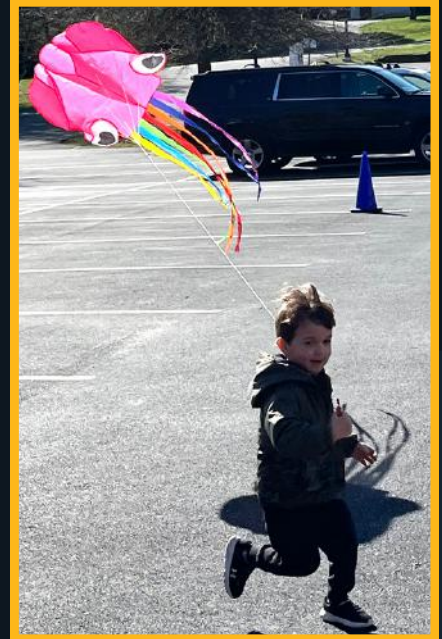


Mrs. Augustine, Mrs. Augustine,
what do you see?



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I SEE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS
GOING ON AROUND ME!



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KSPC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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 say thank you to Mark Rayburn for our wonderful school newsletter designs! Everyone loves reading about all of our KSPC fun and seeing all the photos you include in our newsletters! Thank you, Mark!



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