

KENNETT PRESCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at KSPC! The school year got off to a fabulous start thanks to our wonderful staff, board and parents!

Each year there are always a few tears (parents and children) and many hugs are given (parents and children), but the tears quickly turn into smiles and laughter. As I mentioned in my back to school post, it has been many years since my kiddos came to KSPC, but I remember the feelings like it was this year! All of our staff remembers their own experiences, which is one of the many things that makes this school such a family! The staff and I can promise you that you and your child will have a wonderful experience at KSPC! You will be amazed to see just how much growth (physically, emotionally and academically) happens over these next 9 months! So, enjoy this special time in your child's life because it is gone in a blink!



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Upcoming Events

10.6 + 10.7 INDIAN RUN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER VISIT

10.9 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

10.13 + 10.14 SCHOOL PHOTOS

10.16 + 10.17 FIRE FIGHTER VISIT

10.30 + 10.31 HALLOWEEN PARADE AND CLASS PARTIES

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BACK TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to the many parent and student volunteers who came out to clean up our playground at the end of August! The best part for me was seeing all the students who also joined in to help! They were so proud and excited 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. This is one of the many core values we try to teach our students and families. 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 that works for their family. Parent involvement over the last two years has been AWESOME!! Our parents were so involved and I know they got as much out of it as they put into it. One of the ways we have strengthened our parent involvement is by having a Committee Coordinator oversee all the committees. We are thrilled to have Jenn Pannulla, former KSPC parent and former Board President in this role for the third year! 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. Let’s continue with this cooperative spirit this school year. I know the reward for the you and your child will be great!

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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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 was the trip to Barnard's Orchard. This continues to be a favorite of parents, children and teachers! Mr. Barnard does a wonderful job at teaching our children and parents! Please continue to support his wonderful business throughout the year and tell him you are part of the KSPC Family.

Gym, Music and Library classes began the week of September 8th. I am SO EXCITED to announce that Jenn Pannulla, our Committee Coordinator, will also be wearing the Gym Teacher hat! Once again, I will get the pleasure of teaching Library and Music. I love this because I get to teach and know every child at KPSC! Aside from all the fun and learning that goes on during specials, Gym, Library and Music classes also teach your children to transition from one teacher to another. Each week we will be alternating music and library class. Please pay close attention to your classroom calendar so you know when to send your child in sneakers and return library books.

Our Lunch Bunch program started the week of September 8th and the students are enjoying it very much! These classes are on Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00. Some children attend every week, but some drop in occasionally on a Wednesday or Thursday. Information was sent home in your parent folders, but myself or our staff is happy to answer questions. Students really love having lunch at school and playing with friends from different classes. Sign-up sheets are located just outside of the boys' bathroom. The cost for each class is \$30. Please be sure to pay at the time of sign up so you do not lose your spot. The payments can be dropped in the closet in the enrichment/lunch bunch box located right inside the doorway.

Thank you to all who have been able to participate in some of our fall fundraisers so far this school year. We kicked the year off with the 2nd Annual Parent Only Night at Braeloch. This was a great chance for our parents to get to know each other and enjoy an evening out! If you were not able to join us, do not fret because we plan to have another in the Spring! This one will include alumni as well as our current parents. Stay tuned for more information to come!

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The Kona Ice truck is always a hit at student orientation and was again this year! We are excited that they will return in May for everyone to enjoy again at the Memorial Day Parade! On October 9th we will be hosting our 5th Annual Halloween Costume Party for all KSPC Families to enjoy! This has been a family-favorite the last few school years and we expect it to be even better this year! Be sure to RSVP and get your wristbands. We are looking forward to Family Night at The Market at Liberty Place on November 11th (5:00-8:00)! This is always a nice chance to see other KSPC families and staff and enjoy a night free of cooking. Our students absolutely LOVE this night because they get the chance to see their friends and teachers who are able to make it! Parents (and staff) love it because it is a night of no cooking! We are grateful to the Bosley Family (alumni) for allowing us to hold these nights. We know Fall is a very busy time and we appreciate you supporting KSPC any way you can. Thank you!!!

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:

*October 6th and 7th 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 9th (rain date 16th) will be our 5th 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 13th and 14th will be school photo day. Please ask your teacher or myself if you have any questions!

*October 16th and 17th we will have our favorite fire fighter (and former preschool parent), Lisa Glass, to teach us about fire safety. October is Fire Safety Awareness Month, so please be sure to talk to your children about what they learned. This is a very important homework assignment for all parents!

*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!

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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 and on our school Facebook and Instagram pages that our goal is being accomplished!

Happy Fall!
Jen Augustine



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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 GREETING

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Hi Everyone,

I hope your young ones have enjoyed their first few weeks at KSPC! This will be my third and final year volunteering as Parent Board President, but we are very familiar with Kennett Co-op and still have a bunch of years left! My two oldest graduated from KSPC and it is now finally Sam's turn in Mrs. Harten's MWF class and my youngest, Paul, will be here before I know it! 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 this year!

Thanks,
Kaitlin Knauss





Hello!

My name is Erin Arnold and I am looking forward to my second year serving as treasurer on the Parent Board. All three of our daughters have attended KSPC and have the best memories and have built friendships lasting year after year! The team here at KSPC has a gift of making every student, every family, feel special. We are excited to see what Josie gets to learn and experience in the 4's class with Mrs. Doherty on MWF. It is going to be a fun year!

I have been so impressed with our director, Jen Augustine, and my fellow board members and their ability to bring new, fun ideas to our school every month. The KSPC staff is always thinking of ways to keep things fresh and exciting for our kids. All while making each child feel safe and loved while they are at school. It has been an honor to have a front row seat to see how much they care. We are looking forward to a new year meeting new friends and families!

Erin Arnold





SECRETARY'S GREETING

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Nothing compares to the energy of early fall: the excitement of a fresh school year, pumpkin-spiced everything, and the joyful buzz around the Co-Op. Our family is especially excited as our son, Hank, begins his second year at KSPC, proudly following in the footsteps of his big sister, Vivi. And in just one short year, our youngest, Callahan, will be joining the KSPC family too; he's already counting down the days!

The Co-Op is an extra special place where curiosity is sparked, friendships grow, and both children and parents find a true sense of community. As I begin my second year serving as Board Secretary, I'm looking forward to continuing to support this incredible school and getting to know more of you along the way. Cheers to continued growth, connection, and happy little preschoolers!

Melissa Reed



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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What Does It Mean To Be A Part Of 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 65 years later, the co-op spirit is still strong and one of the things that makes our school so special!

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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BARNARD'S ORCHARD HIGHLIGHTS

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Rain, rain, go away, come again another day
Kennett Preschool is going to Barnard's Orchard today
Rain, rain go away!

