

KENNETT PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



School's Out For Summer!

How can it be May? I feel like I was just writing my first newsletter of the year! Each school year seems to go faster than the last! As you know, May is packed full of many wonderful events so be sure to read all about them and check out pictures on our Instagram and Facebook pages! I am also taking this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have helped make this school year so memorable for our students and families! Enjoy these last weeks and please do not hesitate to ask your teachers or myself if you have any questions about our last few weeks of fun!

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We kicked off May with our annual Field Days! The days were filled with outdoor fun! Students moved through our fun stations which were based on things they have enjoyed in gym class this year. Once they they completed the stations, students gathered with their class for a special snack and medal presentations. It was a super fun day for our students! Thank you, parents, for joining us to watch the medal ceremonies. Be sure to check out pictures on our FaceBook and Instagram pages.

The school-wide planting and farm theme has been filled with exciting activities over the last few weeks! We hope you have had a chance to see all the amazing projects that decorate our halls. It looks like an actual farm in our school! The field trip to Bailey's Farm was such a fantastic learning experience for our students and we appreciate all who were able to join us. I hope you have had a chance to hear all your child is learning about seeds, bulbs and plants. The culminating activity will be our trips to Anson B. Nixon's Community Garden on May 12th and May 13th when our students actually plant what they had grown from seeds and bulbs. These herbs, flowers and vegetables that our students grew themselves will be donated to the Kennett Food Cupboard throughout the summer so fresh, healthy vegetables are available to those in need. We will be sending out a sign up genius and asking for volunteers to sign up to help weed and water what has grown. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!! Even just one day of help is greatly appreciated. It is a great way for your children to continue what they helped start with their seeds. They will be so proud to be involved and it is a wonderful way to help our students understand the value of volunteering and supporting their community!

Our students worked VERY HARD on their special cards and gifts for Mother's Day and were SO EXCITED to give them to the moms! Our special Mother's Day presentations are such a sweet way for us to say "Happy Mother's Day" to all of our amazing mothers! As a former KSPC Mom, memories of this sweet little event still brings a smile to my face! I still have and treasure the gifts my three children created for me many years ago and often parents send me pictures that pop up in their photo memories of this event.

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Our last day of school is scheduled for Monday, May 18th. Please join us (11:00 and 2:00) for a special celebration 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. Everyone will be invited to have popsicles on the playground before you take your child. If your child is moving on to kindergarten, you will receive a sapling which your teacher will include in the end of the year gift bag along with a kindergarten practice packet for the summer. Later that week, a link with our slideshow will be sent home for families to enjoy. Please take time to watch it with your children because it is packed with photos from our wonderful school year. I would like to thank Lindsay Dowd and the entire committee for their time and effort on the fabulous decorations for this special event!

One of the many things that makes KSPC special is that we are a cooperative preschool, which means families are expected to be actively involved in our school in an effort to keep our costs lower. I truly believe KSPC families develop a strong sense of community which we feel is because of the parent involvement. It is the philosophy our school was built on. Often, the parents work side by side on committees and school activities. These interactions tend to foster strong bonds among families at our co-operative preschool.

We were once again VERY FORTUNATE to have former KSPC President, Jennifer Pannulla, as our committee coordinator once again! This is Jenn's third year in this position and I feel that Jenn's knowledge of our committees, organizational skills and awesome communication skills helped strengthen our committees. Thank you, Jenn, for all you did to help our cooperative preschool this year and thank you to all who have volunteered this year!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

A HUGE THANK YOU to our AMAZING SCHOOL BOARD, Kaitlin Knauss (President), Melissa Reed (Secretary) and Erin Arnold (Treasurer) for serving on our board this year. These ladies give so much time and love to KSPC and they do it with a smile!

It is hard for me to put into words how much I appreciate the amount of time, effort and LOVE these ladies have given to KSPC over the last few years! They have worked SO HARD and they have helped me more than I can ever explain and I am so grateful for them. They truly exemplify what it means to be a “cooperative parent.” Erin and Melissa will remain on our board for the 26-27 school year, but Kaitlin's 3 year term will end this June. The great news is, Kaitlin will be here at KSPC to mentor our next President, Mike Cang! We are thrilled to have Mike join our board!

I hope you all have enjoyed the many wonderful books from Scholastic Book Club. I would like to thank our Scholastic Book Chair, Emily Garbenis. She has done a wonderful job running this program and allowed our children to build their home libraries. It also helped our school earn many bonus points which allow us to update our school library as well as purchase many great learning games for our students. Keep reading with your children!

As I mentioned, this is the last newsletter of the school year and I want to thank Julianne Thomas for being the creator behind them this school year! Julianne has such an artistic eye and manages to create wonderful newsletters for our school to enjoy. If you see her around school, please be sure to thank her for his time this school year!

Once again, Jill and Mike Mattioni have organized our Handy Parent Committee and we are so appreciative of their organization, time, skills and energy. In addition to organizing the committee, their family also takes on many of our projects. We also would like to thank the committee members who have helped rake, weed, fix bikes, mend the fence, fill tires and many other outside tasks. Without the help of this committee, we would have to hire out to have these services. These are examples of the ways that volunteering helps keep our costs lower than a typical preschool.

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Be on the look out for KSPC 2026-2027 school information arriving in the mail mid-August. You will receive a packet of information, a letter from your child's teacher and important dates for the upcoming school year. If you should have any questions over the summer, please call (610) 444-1553 or email us at info@kennettsquarepreschool.com. We do have summer hours, but I will get back to you within a few days.

In closing, I would like to share a story that touched my heart. Recently, a former student (now in middle school) came back to help his mom with our parking lot sale. When he entered the building he got a big smile on his face and said, "It smells like preschool. It smells happy." It melted my heart that a middle schooler, who came here so many years ago, would still feel that way about KSPC. Our goal is to create a place where your children grow and learn and have so much fun while doing it. We want them to leave feeling happy, loved, confident and excited about school. I want to say thank you to ALL OF YOU for helping to make this a wonderful year and helping us achieve our goal! I feel so very fortunate to be surrounded by such special students who enter school each day so excited to see what fun awaits them! Your children are wonderful and it is no doubt because of the time and love you all are giving them. Thank you for sharing your children with us. I know I speak for all of the staff when I say it is a true privilege to watch them grow and learn. It is hard to believe that many of our students will be heading off to kindergarten. We will miss those families and we wish them well. Please come back and visit! For those students returning, we are looking forward to seeing you again in September. I wish you a safe, fun-filled summer! Take time to slow down and enjoy your children because it goes by way too fast. There is nothing better than seeing summer through a child's eyes.

Warmly,

Jen Augustine

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

AS THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND MY TERM AS PRESIDENT, DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE WHOLE KSPC FAMILY! FORTUNATELY, OUR FAMILY SHOULD STILL BE AROUND FOR A FEW MORE YEARS, BUT I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED MY TIME ON THE BOARD AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALL THE BEHIND THE SCENES WORK THAT GOES INTO MAKING KSPC THE MAGICAL PLACE THAT IT IS!

THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS AND STAFF! YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO NURTURING OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS AND HEARTS AND YOUR PASSION AND CREATIVITY HAVE SPARKED CURIOSITY AND IGNITED A LOVE FOR LEARNING IN OUR LITTLE ONES AND CREATED A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EDUCATION. A HUGE THANKS TO OUR DIRECTOR, JEN AUGUSTINE! SHE ALWAYS PUTS THE CHILDREN FIRST AND PUTS HER ENTIRE HEART AND SOUL INTO OUR SCHOOL. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

TO THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, THANK YOU FOR ENTRUSTING KSPC WITH THE TASK OF SHAPING YOUR CHILD'S EARLY YEARS AND FOR MAKING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY A PART OF THE PRESCHOOL EXPERIENCE. ESPECIALLY AS A CO-OP, YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE IN CREATING A WARM AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN. I KNOW OUR FAMILY HAS SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES FROM THE HALLOWEEN DANCE TO THE HOLIDAY CONCERT AND JUST SIMPLE STORIES FROM CIRCLE TIME AND SHOW AND TELL.

WHETHER THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL CHAPTER AT KSPC OR YOU'LL BE BACK AGAIN NEXT YEAR, I TRULY BELIEVE EVERYONE WILL FOREVER BE A PART OF THE KSPC FAMILY!

WISHING YOU ALL A GREAT SUMMER! THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR PRESCHOOL!

THANKS,
KAITLIN KNAUSS



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY

MAY
2026



AS WE HEAD TOWARD THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW HOW THE TIME WENT BY SO FAST. LOOKING BACK, I'M ONCE AGAIN FILLED WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE BIG AND SMALL MOMENTS THAT MADE THIS YEAR SO SPECIAL.

OUR TEACHERS' ABILITY TO TRULY KNOW AND SUPPORT EACH CHILD AS AN INDIVIDUAL NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME, AND OUR DIRECTOR IS THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL, MAKING EVERY FAMILY FEEL WELCOMED, VALUED, AND LIKE THEIR CHILD IS HER FAVORITE.

I'M SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS SCHOOL COMMUNITY. CHEERS TO THE NEW FUNDRAISERS, FUN FIELD TRIPS, EXTRA AFTER-SCHOOL PLAYGROUND TIME, AND OUR ALWAYS-FABULOUS HALLOWEEN AND VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES. NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE CREATIVITY, TIME, AND ENTHUSIASM OF OUR AMAZING FAMILIES.

MOST OF ALL, I'M THANKFUL FOR THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT HAVE GROWN AND THE NEW ONES FORMED, AMONG OUR KIDS AND PARENTS ALIKE. I FEEL SO GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF THE KENNETT CO-OP! WISHING EVERYONE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER,
MELISSA
BOARD SECRETARY

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

MAY
2026

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR HAS PASSED - IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE! AS WE ENTER THESE LAST FEW WEEKS BEFORE SUMMER BREAK I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW THANK YOU'S TO THOSE THAT HAVE MADE THIS SUCH A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN YEAR AT KSPC.

OUR FAMILY HAS SEEN SUCH GROWTH IN OUR DAUGHTER AND SO MANY OF HER FRIENDS OVER THIS PAST YEAR. ALL THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL STAFF THAT KEEP OUR CHILDREN ENGAGED, SAFE, CARED FOR AND HAPPY EVERY TIME THEY STEP IN THE BUILDING! MRS. DOHERTY ALWAYS GREETES US WITH A JOYFUL SMILE AND AN AMAZING STORY FROM THE DAY.

OUR WONDERFUL DIRECTOR, JEN AUGUSTINE, HAS CONTINUED TO WORK ENDLESSLY TO MAKE THIS SCHOOL SUCH A MAGICAL PLACE AND A SECOND HOME FOR OUR KIDS. WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR HER EFFORTS!

WE ARE THRILLED WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM PARENT VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THIS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL WHAT IT IS! KSPC TRULY COULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THE TIME AND EFFORT GIVEN BY OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN ARE ALL REWARDED BECAUSE OF IT. THANK YOU, PARENTS.

MAY IS ALWAYS SUCH A SPECIAL TIME AS WE CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AND ALL OUR END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATIONS. I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THESE EVENTS WITH YOU ALL AND WATCHING OUR CHILDREN ENJOY THESE LAST FEW WEEKS TOGETHER!

HAPPY SUMMER, ENJOY EVERY MOMENT!
ERIN ARNOLD
BOARD SECRETARY



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AROUND OUR SCHOOL



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



I see SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS GOING ON AROUND ME!!