

Hello Dear F.U.M.P.S. Families!

Have you planted a garden yet? Spring is such a great time to introduce children to gardening! So much learning goes on in the garden. There is science and nature when they are watching the weather for rain or deciding they need to water to help their seedlings grow. Math comes in when they are using volume to fill a pot, measuring growth, or counting seeds to plant. If they are keeping a record, it is reading and writing or creatively drawing pictures to explain how their garden is growing. It doesn't matter if you plant flowers or vegetables or both! I just hope you can find a moment to plant a pot or a plot. It is so great to see the wonder and excitement in their eyes and so much fun to get a little messy together! I hope you all were able to attend our Open House this year. It was very different due to COVID but we did our best to showcase your preschoolers' work. The displays were awesome, so colorful and creative! A big thank you to all our families who were able to participate in our Blaze Pizza Fundraiser. We sure do appreciate it! As the end of our preschool year draws near, it is always such a bittersweet time of year for both me and the staff. We are so happy that we have gotten to know your preschooler and spent this year watching them grow and make friends and come into their own. To our preschoolers who are moving on to T-K or Kindergarten, it is sad to say goodbye, but we truly wish you all the success in the world as you reach for new goals! And we wish you will come back to visit us and perhaps read a story to some of our classes now that you are a "Big Kid!"

Thank you, too, to all of you, your families, friends, and coworkers that have supported our fundraisers and scholarship drive. A heartfelt thank you to all the families who graciously donated to our scholarship program. Your generosity makes it possible for us to be able to offer the preschool experience to children who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attend preschool before entering Kindergarten.

Thank you to our Preschool Board this year: Mrs. Shirley Parks, Jolyn MacArthur, Barbara Jo Wilson, Loretta Cudney, Lindy Pardee, and Kelly Weakly. Your time, devotion & guidance are truly appreciated. Last but not least, thanks to our wonderful staff! They bring their passion for teaching preschoolers with them when they walk through those doors each day! Greeting each child with a smile, helping and guiding them as they explore the world outside their homes, patiently listening to their adventures, cares or concerns, sharing your child's sense of wonder, while appreciating their uniqueness. All this while tending to their own families, caring for their parents, furthering their education, contributing to their community and church and collaborating with their colleagues. I know you agree with me when I say they are the best – They are awesome!

I'll close now with this thought: Our F.U.M.P.S. Staff and Families have come through an unprecedented, challenging year with resilience and strength. As we continue to move towards herd immunity may we begin to return to "normal".

So to summer I say: Bring it on!!! Bring on sunny days at the beach, star lit nights around the campfire, camping, hiking, boating, road trips, swimming, baseball, and bbqs, tomatoes and veggies from the garden, ice cream and popsicles, Kool Aid and lemonade. Yes, summer, bring on your glorious days!

Our preschooler are delightful and our families are wonderful!

Have a great summer... Be safe... & see you soon!

Take care of each other,

Karen Wilson

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the bird for mirth.  
One is nearer to God in the garden,  
Than anywhere else on earth!*

*Author Unknown*



### Our Lynn Ashworth Scholarship Fund Drive has begun!

April 1<sup>st</sup> began our yearly scholarship drive. Over the past 49 years, FUMPS has provided scholarships to children who, for financial reasons, might not be able to enjoy a preschool experience. This scholarship program is unique among preschools and childcare centers, as very few offer such assistance to their families. We invite you to join us in our goal to provide five children the opportunity to attend our preschool two days per week for the entire 2021-2022 school year. If you can help, any amount large or small will be greatly appreciated.

Please mark your checks "scholarship." Thank you!



### Honoring Mom

It is the one Sunday where the phone company and restaurants do a record setting business- that is, if you remembered your mom.

In 1908 Anna Jarvis from Philadelphia didn't want to forget her loving mother. She arranged to honor her deceased mother at a church service, knowing her mother would have been pleased. At an early age, Jarvis had heard her mother express hope for an official day to be established to commemorate all mothers. There were special days dedicated to men, but none to mothers. Soon after, Jarvis and her friends began a letter writing campaign lobbying for a national day honoring mothers. In 1914, Congress passed legislation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. We appreciate all of our FUMPS mothers and wish you a Happy Mother's Day!

*happy*  
**MOTHER'S**  
*day*



A special thank you to **Penny** in the Friendly Fish and mom, Anna, for providing pizza for the whole school! A special thank you to those of you who have donated to our scholarship fund!

Thank you to all our families who donated candy, treats, stickers, toys, and other items for our Easter Egg Hunts and Parties. We greatly appreciate everything you gave to make it a special Easter celebration!

We'd like to thank **Benjamin** in the Rockin' Robins and family in advance as they are providing pizza and ice cream for our last days of school!

*If you have donated something and we didn't get to thank you, please add your name to our donation list. We don't want to leave anyone out. We thank you all!!*



### Happy May Birthdays to...

Friendly Fish		
Lucas Cook		5/19
Rockin' Robins		
Harper Pollock		5/20
Mrs. Wilson		
		5/18
Ms. Erdman		
		5/25



### Happy Summer Birthdays to...

Friendly Fish		
Vail Ungerer		6/1
Summer Curtis		7/5
Ella Kesuma		7/7
Silvia Beltran		7/11
Little Rascals		
Miles Manesse		6/12
Cute Kittens		
Cosette Pardee		6/1
Violet Cairns		7/8
Rockin' Robins		
Aubrie Orozco		6/10
Gage Smith		6/11
Marceline Contreras		6/26
Cash Campero		7/16
Lucky Ladybugs		
Ansley Thompson		6/10
Addison Richey		7/29
Mrs. Vaughan		
		6/29
Mrs. Snacks (Campbell)		
		7/13



- 9 Happy Mother's Day
- 11 & 12 Tattoos and balloons
- 19 & 20 Ice Cream Parties - Last day of school
- 21 Summer Vacation begins

### A note on next school year:

Parent Orientation: Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Meet your Teacher: Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm

1<sup>st</sup> day of school: Monday and Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am (Early drop off at 7:45am)

Lunch Bunch (Noon-2pm/3:30pm) begins August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*Your child will receive a letter from their teacher in August. That's when you'll know which class your child will be in.**



Let's welcome to our FUMPS family, Kitty Shannon's new baby brother, **Mario**, born on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6lbs 9oz, 19 1/2 inches. Congratulations!! And let's also welcome to our FUMPS family, Everett Embernate's new baby sister, **Rory May**, born on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7lbs 12oz, 21 inches. Congratulations!!



I am like a flower  
that is raised with love by you.  
You help me grow up big and strong.  
Dad, Thanks for all you do!

Author unknown

Happy Father's Day to all of our FUMPS Dads! We are so grateful for all you do for your families - it shows in how wonderful your children are!

### Just a reminder...

All tuition, including your 1<sup>st</sup> payment for next year if you are returning, must be paid in full. If you are unsure if you have a balance due, please call Mrs. Furby in the office before the last day of school, May 20<sup>th</sup>: 951-683-4500