May Newsletter

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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 great fun to show you all the work our Preschoolers & their teachers did to prepare for you. A BIG thank you for your support of our Silent Auction of Classroom Baskets. 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

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, Lucinda Edmonds, Loretta Cudney, Jeanne Packwood, Kristi Narmore 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!

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 preschoolers are delightful and our families are wonderful!

Have a great summer... Be safe... & I hope to see you around town!

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



Honoring Mom

It is the one Sunday where the florists and restaurants do a record setting business.

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 hope you had a Happy Mother's Day!



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!



Thank you to Kendall's (BB) mom for plastic eggs, gummies & jelly beans; Athena's (BB) mom for Easter basket, plastic eggs, candy & stickers; Quinn's (BB) mom for the bag of filled eggs; Amelia's (BB) parents for pop bracelets& stickers; Prince's (LL) mom for Cheez-Its & Scooby Doo crackers; Baraka's (BB) parents for 4 boxes of Honey maid crackers; Camille's (HH) parents for a box of goldfish crackers;

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...

Brave Bears

Athena Salinas	5/4
Kendal Hopper	5/18
Sol Villanueva	5/31

Lucky Lions

Michael Grigorian 5/29

Happy Hummingbirds

Evan Simpson	5/14
Maddy Le	5/23

Teacher Birthdays

Mrs. Wilson	5/18
Mrs. Laib	5/21
Mrs. Kern	5/23



Happy Summer Birthdays to...

Brave Bears

6/26
6/29
6/30
7/18

Lucky Lions

Beatriz Soto	6/21
Sonora Soto	6/21
Liam Parkin	7/21
Marigold Cloud	7/23

Happy Hummingbirds

Logan Zhen	6/21
Rio Gabe	7/5



- 2/3 Mother's Day Tea for 3yrs only 9:00-9:30am
- 3 Mother's Day Tea for 4yrs 9:00-9:30am
- 3 Last day of Early Morning Drop Off & Lunch Bunch
- 10 Picnic in the Park
- 14/15 Ice Cream Parties- Last Days of School!

A note on next school year:

<u>Parent Orientation:</u> Thursday, August 8th 5:30pm <u>Meet your Teacher:</u> Friday, August 9th 10am-12pm <u>1st day of school:</u> Tuesday & Wednesday August 13th and 14th at 9am (Early drop off at 7:40am)

<u>Lunch Bunch</u> begins Tuesday August 20th

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

JUST A REMINDER...

ALL tuition including your 1st 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/see Mrs. Kern in the office before the last day of school, May 15th at 951-683-4500



We are wishing all the best to our Office Manager Mrs. Nikki Kern, as she transitions to work for RUSD @ Alcott Elementary School.

Nikki has been indispensable these past few years. She has supported me & the teachers with a helping hand & a happy heart. Her organizational & communication skills have kept the Staff & Families of FUMPS humming along. We thank you Nikki for your dedication & devotion. Your hard work is much appreciated. You have been a true asset to FUMPS!

We also want to say a fond farewell to Ms. Savannah Thompson. Savannah's youngest is graduating from FUMPS & Savannah is moving on with him. Thank you Savannah for all your hard work both in the classroom & on the playground. Your patience & kindness not only to the children but to their families & your colleagues will be long remembered.

So thank you Nikki & Savannah, we ask that you keep FUMPS in your hearts & you will long be in our memory.

Thank you!