



March 2, 2020

March Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

March 1 -Tuition Due

March 3, 4 - Creative Movement

March 4 - Pizza & Puppets!

March 10, 18 - Physical Ed with the Coaches

March 16, 19 - Nature Enrichment

March 23 - Tufts Traveling Trunk

March 30, 31 - Yoga with Lotus Lil

Professional Development: Did you know that our school day doesn't always end at 1pm when most of our children head home? As an organization licensed by the State of MA Department of Early Education & Care, Sunshine Nursery School teachers must meet professional development requirements through workshops and classes in the summer, after school and on the weekends. This month we will attend two evening workshops to fulfill some of these hours. On March 11th, Ellie Friedland, Associate Clinical Professor of Early Childhood Education at Boston University and Wheelock College of Education and Human Development will present "Creating Welcoming Environments for Young Children with Gender Expansive Behavior/Identity". On March 31st we will attend a presentation by Jessica Minahan M.Ed, BCBA on "Reducing Anxiety in Early Childhood". I thought you might like to know about these educational opportunities and the commitment of Sunshine and your teachers to their continued professional growth.

Pizza & Puppets: Don't forget to sign up to join us for this exciting family event! We will have pizza and live entertainment (John McDonough and his Pumpernickel Puppets <http://www.pumpernickelpuppets.com/>) "upstairs" in the hall at Sons of Italy. \$25/family and please bring a salad or dessert to share. Sign up outside the office by Tuesday to ensure we have enough pizza! (gluten free as well, please indicate on the sheet).

Income Tax Identification Number: 04-284-9487 Use this number when filing your taxes.

Spring Used Goods Sale to benefit SNS: We have a date: May 16th with a rain date of May 23rd. Many of us have participated in the Used Goods sales at the elementary schools which have been very successful! It's a great way to recycle and reuse, build community, while making money to support our Sunshine Enrichment Program. If you feel like this project might interest you, and you have some time to organize us, please let us know in the office, or contact Lauren (laurencarpenter@gmail.com) directly.

Spring Social Planning Committee: We would love to plan a Parent's Night Out for a night in May. In the past, the evening has been a Comedy Night, Designer Bag Bingo, and a Trivia Night. Does planning this event sound like fun? Our next organizational meeting will be Thursday 3/12 at 9am in the office.

March Items for Arlington EATS: Thank you for the generous contributions of food to the Arlington Food Pantry in February. We are collecting coffee and condiments for the month of March. Additionally, there is always a need for the following staple items: cooking oil, baking goods, condiments, soups (preferably with pull tab tops), taco kits, coffee and tea, crackers, cookies and granola bars, personal care items, household supplies, diapers and baby wipes. We would love a family to drop donations off to St. James church on Pleasant Street at the end of the month. (Great way to fulfill your Coop volunteer hours).

Reminders:

Volunteer Opportunities: Most of you have completed a pink "Coop Responsibilities" form asking you to choose an event to volunteer time to help set-up or clean-up or help plan. Some of the upcoming events were not on that list. I will be posting a "Volunteer Opportunities" list outside the office soon and would appreciate everyone giving it a look!

Appropriate Clothing: The children will be outside every day weather permitting. A shopping bag with winter clothes can be kept on the shelf or hook near your child's cubby. Also, please make sure you have replaced any items worn home from your child's spare clothing bag kept here at school.

Special Days: On your parent help day please bring in a simple snack (see list outside office) and two rolls of paper towels. We only serve water at Sunshine, so no drinks or cups are necessary. If your child has a birthday that falls within the school calendar, a special snack may be brought in. All children with food allergies bring their own snacks, but please read labels: we are a NUT-FREE school!

Early Drop-Off: Feel free to pop in early! Remember Early Drop-Off is available from 7:45-9am for \$15. Just sign in with Mrs. Caradonna or Mrs. Remeika and you will be invoiced electronically.

Stay & Play: Sign up for Stay & Play in the office EVERY morning UNLESS your child is on Linda's "Regulars" list. If you know in advance, feel free to give us a list of dates monthly, it helps us with staffing!

Snow Day Announcements: Please listen to the radio or television on mornings with bad weather. If Arlington Public Schools have no school, we are closed as well. Likewise, if they have a one or two hour delay, so will we.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children,

Jenn Eisenheim

P.S. Are you following us on Instagram? @sunshinenurseryschool and on fb at Sunshine Nursery School Arlington MA

