
May 2015



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Important Dates

Director's News

“Gratitude”, Webster’s dictionary definition of this word is ‘the quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful’. I believe that is what we all are here at HCP at this time of year. We are grateful that we have gotten to know so many beautiful children and their families. We are thankful for all of our families support, and dedication to our school. We give thanks for the many educational opportunities that we are able to provide to our students. And we are grateful that you have entrusted your child/children to us this year; we hope we have made a difference in their life!

I am also grateful for my teaching staff. I thank them for all of their dedication, support, and their eagerness to come to school every day and share their passion with the children. It is truly a gift to be surrounded by such a talented educational team! To come to school every day and observe each teacher share their passion for education and share what is in their heart each and every day is truly a gift of which I am so thankful for!

As we wind down to the end of this school year, my staff and I are so very appreciative of the support, dedication and love that all of our parents have given to us and the children throughout the year. Many thanks to Aline McGivern and the members of the Executive Board for the countless hours they have put into supporting our school!

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May 4th - First Tuition Payment for the 2015-2016 school year is due

May 7nd – Mandatory Parent Meeting, 7pm at HCP – One parent from each family is required to attend

May 4-8th – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 15th – Just For Me/Discovery Kids Preschool – Last Day of School

May 17th - End of the year picnic 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Robbins Park

May 18th – Parent & Me/Extended Day – Last Day of School

May 21st – Juniors, Seniors & Jr/Sr PM classes – Last Day of School

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Thank you to all of the Board Members and families who spent many hours organizing, planning and participating in the fund-raisers, Parent Education, Scholastic books, special projects, publicity, work parties and so many other activities throughout the year that are too many to name here. Your support is invaluable to us!

Many thanks to all of our parents for providing snacks, offering to help in and out of the classrooms and your ongoing support of our school. Thank you for your smiles, hugs and kind words. Your support is so valuable to us!

I hope all of you have enjoyed your special time in the classroom with your child. These moments are so very precious. It is time well spent strengthening the parent/child relationship and building a strong foundation for a love of learning!

Reflecting on our April activities, we hope you enjoyed our Week of the Young Child's "Big Read" *If I Built A House!* The children in all of our classes were engaged in many wonderful building activities, science and math activities and literacy activities that were gleaned from this book! And how about our visit from Mrs. Science! Ms. Wendy Carter presented such fabulous science experiments that many of our children went home and tried them with their parents!

As we move into May, our teachers have many engaging activities involving the educational aspects of the Zoo, Zoo animals and Loving our Pets. We will hold "Beach Week" which is always a favorite with the children!

From myself and my staff, we wish all of you a safe, happy and healthy summer. For those "moving on" to new adventures, we wish you much success in your new journey! Please come back to visit!

-Ms. Ann Marie Berlino, HCP Director

'The more children know that you value them, that you consider them extraordinary people, the more willing they will be to listen to you and afford you the same esteem. And the more appropriate your teaching, based on your knowledge of them, the more eager your children will be to learn from you. And the more they learn, the more extraordinary they will become'
M.Scott Peck

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Hinsdale Community Preschool is Marching in the Hinsdale Memorial Day Parade!!!

Come join HCP families as we "march" together in the annual Hinsdale Memorial Day Parade on May 25th!

Bring the family, bring your friends! Wear our school colors (red & white...perhaps with a splash of blue!) or your HCP T-shirt! Also, bring along water and snacks. Strollers and wagons can be decorated to show your school and patriotic spirit! The procession begins at First and Garfield Avenue heading east on Park Avenue, then south on Third Avenue, west to Washington Avenue and ending at Memorial Building for the annual ceremony. (Much shorter than the Fourth of July Parade!)

Line-up will be between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m., with the parade stepping off at 10 a.m. More info to come on the specific location for our line-up.

Hope to see you there!!!

End of the Year Celebrations!

You are invited to share in our HCP end of the year celebrations! Our end of the year celebrations will be held at the times and dates listed below. Each class has a special program planned for you! The Senior and Jr/Sr pm class will put on skits based on Classic Stories and the Junior class will sing their favorite songs for you!

Just for Me and Parent and Me will have their own low key celebration on their day.

Dates and times are as follows:

Friday, May 15th: Just for Me: 10:45am

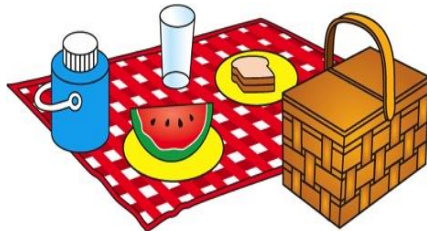
Monday, May 18th-Parent & Me

Thursday, May 21st:

Senior Class: 10:15 am

Junior Class: 10:00am

Jr/Sr PM Class: 1:45pm



Also, please join us for our end of the year picnic at Robbins Park on Sunday, May 17th at 4:00pm! Pack a picnic lunch, grab a blanket, and bring your family to enjoy a Spring afternoon with friends on the playground. We look forward to seeing you there!

Board News:

HCP Parents: May is fast approaching as is the end of the school year. I hope you and your children have had a wonderful year at HCP. I would like to congratulate all the senior kids and wish them the best next year in kindergarten. Those families who are returning, thank you. Whether moving on or returning, I'd like to remind all of you that word of mouth praise for our school is our best marketing or promotional strategy. So please share your experiences and encourage anyone looking for a preschool to squeeze in a tour before the end of May or contact us for further information.

Thanks.

-Eric Makstenieks, HCP Vice President

Hinsdale 4th of July Parade 2015



Please watch your email over the summer for news about HCP's participation in the Hinsdale Fourth of July Parade! Mark your calendars! We look forward to having you joining us!



Board News:



HCP Families,

I would like to thank Ann Marie, the Executive Board and the rest of the Parent Board volunteers for their time this year. I would also like to thank our excellent teaching staff. All of our teachers work very hard to make HCP a first-rate school and I, along with all the parents, cannot be more grateful. After 4 years at this school, I am going to miss this community of people that I have come to see everyday but we are looking forward to the adventures in elementary school and looking forward to coming back for enrichment classes next year. Finally, I would like to thank all the other families graduating this year for being part of HCP and wish everyone a wonderful summer. - **Aline McGivern, HCP President**

Vision and Hearing Screening 2015

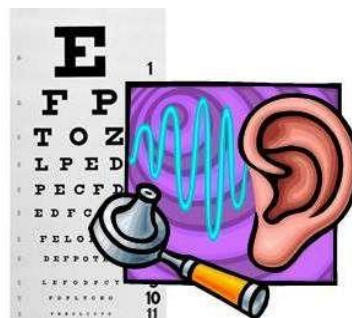
On Thursday, May 12th the DuPage County Health Department will be offering Vision and Hearing screenings for our preschool children. The Illinois Child Vision and Hearing Test Act requires licensed childcare facilities to provide screenings for 3, 4 and 5-year olds and kindergarten students. The rationale for screening at these ages is two-fold: first, because parents cannot always detect their child is having trouble seeing or hearing and second, because early detection of vision or hearing problems leads to early treatment and potential improvement of outcome. For example, in the 2011-2012 school year, the DuPage County Health Department identified 1,200 children with vision problems. Of those identified with vision problems, forty-eight children were diagnosed with amblyopia or “lazy eye” - a condition which should be detected and treated by age six to prevent vision loss. Also of importance, approximately 80% of hearing problems respond to medical treatment if identified early.

HCP’s main screening date this year is Tuesday, May 12th during school hours – between 9am and 3:00pm. There will be a rescreening date on Tuesday, May 19th (also during school hours) for

those who fail the initial screen or for those who are not available on the initial screening date.

If you are interested in having your child screened, you can choose vision screening or hearing screening or both (both are suggested). The screening fee is \$4 per test (thus, \$8 fee for both tests). Please make checks payable to “HCP.” You will receive a card to fill out for your child prior to the screenings. If your child is under a doctor’s care for vision problems, your child does not need to be screened.

We will need 2 parent volunteers from each class – Juniors and Seniors – and one from Jr/Sr PM class to help chaperone the children to the first floor of the Community House on Tuesday, May 12th during class time for the screenings. Last year, all the screenings (both classes) were completed in approximately 1 hour. Please email Ms. Ann Marie directorhcp@aol.com to volunteer during the screenings. Thank you so much!



Great Places to visit this Spring and Summer! Get out and Explore!



WILLOWBROOK WILDLIFE CENTER –Free

525 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn Phone: 630-942-6200

Small Indoor nature center (small animals, birds, fish)

Outdoor trails including numerous animals in cages.

www.dupageforest.com/Education/Education_Centers/Willowbrook_Wildlife_Center

Hal Tyrrell Trailside Museum - Free

738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest, IL Phone: 708-366-6530

Small indoor area with animals; hike along the Des Plaines River

fpdcc.com/nature-centers/hal-tyrell-trailside-museum

Fullersburg Woods & Nature Education Center - Free

3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook, IL Phone: 630-850-8110

Indoor facility with a small tree house (for climbing) some animals & trails.

Also, sign up for a mailing list. They have many activities throughout the year.

www.dupageforest.com/Education/Education_Centers/Fullersburg_Woods

Phillips Park Zoo - Free

1000 Ray Moses Drive, Aurora, IL Phone: 630-256-3860

Outdoor caged animals ; indoor reptile house;

mastodont (similar to a mammoth) bones in an indoor building

Large outdoor playground area; free splash pad (small area)

Many picnic tables! Beautiful grounds. Free motor tram on selected days.

www.aurora-il.org/phillipsparkzoo

Prairie Walk Pond & Dragonfly Landing - Free

Rt 53 & Ogden Ave, Lisle Phone: 630-271-4100

Splash Pad & Park
www.villageoflisle.org/home

Cosley Zoo-Wheaton

1356 N. Gary Ave, Wheaton Phone: 630-665-5534

(located in residential area of Wheaton)

Outdoor Zoo/ Barn/ Picnic Tables/Small Gift Shop

adults \$5.00 non-resident & children are FREE
www.cosleyzoo.org ****Fabulous Place!

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center - Free

9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs, IL Phone: 708-839-6897

call for building hours

Newly renovated indoor facility housing some animals and an awesome turtle exhibit; there are many activities for children to explore.

Beautiful .

fpdcc.com/nature-centers/little-red-schoolhouse-nature-center

Geneva Park District (Peck Farm Park) - Free

4038 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL Phone: 630-262-8244

There's a silo to walk up in & view the pond;

beautiful grounds; Butterfly House opens May 25th !!! (donations accepted)

www.genevaparks.org/facilities

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Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Visitor Center -

Free

Renwick Road, east of Route 30, Plainfield, IL

Phone: 708-946-2216

Call for details & hours

Seasonal bird viewing

Many thanks to Ms. Rosemary for putting this together for our newsletter!

A booklet with more information about each of these wonderful locations is located under the parent bulletin board in our hallway!

Have a fun summer full of adventure, smiles and beautiful memories!



Mother Goose and Friends!

Many of our HCP students, alumni and friends enjoyed our Mother Goose and Friends event on Sunday, April 26th which was held at the Hinsdale Library!

Many thanks to Mary Jane Haley for her wonderful performance! Her presentation of timeless Mother Goose stories was enjoyed by all!

A BIG thank you to Rosemarie Giannini for setting up this fabulous event! We truly appreciate all of the time and dedication she put into making this event a success!

Hinsdale Public Library was an excellent venue for this event. We appreciate all of the support they have given us!

