May 2014

Dear Parents,

As the school year draws quickly to a close, I would like to thank all those who have given their help and support throughout this school year. It is due to the combined efforts of Parents, members of our Parent Volunteer Corps, St. Andrew’s Nursery School Committee, our Office Staff, and of course, our exceptional Teaching Staff, that we are able to maintain the fine reputation that our school holds in the community. St. Andrew’s is well known for providing a safe, nurturing environment, where children can be children. Within our play-based setting, they gain life skills, develop a love for learning, and build a solid foundation for their future success. Thank you for your part in making St. Andrew’s such a special place for each and every child.

Very shortly you will be receiving a Parent Evaluation Form via email. Please take a few moments to complete and return it to the School Office. Your feedback is a very important component of our review and planning process, and it will be given careful and thoughtful consideration.

It has been a wonderful year, and we appreciate the opportunity that you have given us to be a part of your children’s lives in such a meaningful way, sharing in all the joys of their early childhood years.

On behalf of St. Andrew’s Nursery School Committee and Staff, I wish you and your family a safe and restful summer. Please make time to play with your children, to observe them, to listen to them, and to laugh. The time that you spend together will be remembered for years to come. It is the most valuable gift that you can give your children.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Rita Hobday
Director
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

**MAY**
- 4 Kevin Tran
- 16 Saisha Kumar
- 16 Sanju Abbireddi
- 21 D.J. Myers
- 21 Billy Myers
- 28 Sydney Dale
- 30 Mrs. Winters (Nursery School Committee/Property)

**JULY**
- 3 Mrs. Lynch (Pre-3 Teacher)
- 15 Nathan Bruner
- 17 Jacob Oakley
- 19 Abbie Roeger
- 21 Mrs. Gibbons (Nursery School Committee/Property)
- 23 Lauren Lejeune
- 23 Katie Shaw
- 27 Mrs. Stickly (Director of Religious Education)
- 31 Leah Huff

**JUNE**
- 1 Hunter Shope
- 4 Mahi Chawla
- 7 Grayson Corrigan
- 9 Cole Bomberger
- 9 Pastor Mueller
- 11 Gavin Elison
- 13 Lucas Croft
- 15 Ella Gibbons
- 24 Mr. Butera (Church Treasurer)
- 25 Azlyn Corrigan
- 30 Mrs. Hobday (Director)

**AUGUST**
- 7 Logan Stutz
- 13 Chase Kreibel
- 13 Niko Coletti
- 17 Norah Kirsch
- 21 Hallie Cantando
- 30 Shaurya Majahan

**Congratulations** to the Avvaru family on the April 20th arrival of Baby Boy Rithvik.

Proud Big Sister Yashu is in the 3D class. Our Best Wishes to all!

**Congratulations** to the Bomberger family on the April 18th arrival of Baby Girl Mia.

Proud Big Brother Cole is in the 4A class. Our Best Wishes to all!
Congratulations to the Parakel family on the April 17th arrival of Baby Boy Sujay. Proud Big Sister Sanjana is in the 4A class. Our Best Wishes to all!

Thank you to...

- those parents on our Hospitality Committee who provided such wonderful treats for Staff Appreciation Week. They were delicious!

- Kerry Gibbons, who has served on the St. Andrew’s Nursery School Committee as Property Co-Chair, and who is moving on to Elementary School volunteer opportunities. We appreciate her many years of service and dedication to our program!

- Mrs. Libby, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Winters for their services all year as our Lending Library Ladies!

Three Cheers for all St. Andrew’s volunteers ... Parent Helpers, Office Helpers, Parent Volunteer Corps, and Nursery School Committee. We couldn’t do it without you!

Many thanks to all!

All families: If you have younger children whom you would like to send to St. Andrew’s in the future, please be sure to stop in the School Office so that we can put them on our Information List. Thank you!

Lost and Found Basket: Please check the basket in the corner of the School Foyer for any items that may belong to you. Thanks!

Safety Concerns:

Please be sure to supervise your children outside before and after class, in the parking lot and also on the grass. With the warmer weather, our windows will most likely be open, posing a serious threat of injury to children running near them.

Keep in mind, also, that under no circumstances should a child be left alone in a car, even for a few minutes. If you cannot, for some reason, take your baby or toddler out of the car in order to come in at your preschooler’s dismissal time, then perhaps another parent would be kind enough to bring your child out to you. Just let us know in the office if that is the case. Let’s do all we can to keep EVERY child safe!

Thank you for your cooperation!
May Special Event

SPRING FAMILY CELEBRATION WEEK – May 6, 7, 8 & 9 2014

All family members are invited to this very special week at St. Andrew’s! Please join us for a fun time with… music, refreshments, and our 12th Annual Clothesline Art Show!

Special note: The times listed below are for the day of your child’s Spring Family Celebration (SFC).

The children will arrive a half hour before the SFC and will be dismissed at the conclusion of the program.

Please save the date for your child’s Spring Family Celebration! We are all looking forward to a special day!

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Snow make-up days:

May 12: Full day for Pre-3
May 14: Full day for 4B
May 16: Full day for Preschool Plus
May 19: Full day for Preschool Plus & 4A
May 20: Full day for Preschool Plus & 4A
May 20: Pre-3 in morning
Thursday, May 15:

Last regular school day for 3A, 3B, 3C & 3D. Please arrive at your regular time.

Friday, May 16:

Last regular school day for 4B. Please arrive at your regular time.

We have a few openings remaining in CAMP AMOS:

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Who is eligible:
Any child who is currently enrolled for the 2013-14 school year may attend.

Each child will bring his/her own snack and drink.

Camp Amos will be held RAIN OR SHINE.

WE HOPE YOUR CHILD CAN JOIN THE FUN!

Have a wonderful summer. For those families who are returning – we look forward to seeing you in September!
Dear Parents,

I can’t believe that we are beginning the month of May. This has been a wonderful year. Mrs. Lynch and I have really enjoyed teaching your children.

Some important dates for you to remember: Friday May 9th is our Spring Family Celebration, and Monday May 12th is our Mother’s Day picnic. Please remember to respond to both your Spring Family and Mother’s Day invitations if you haven’t already. Our last day of school is Tuesday May 20th. That is a snow make up day. We do not have school on Monday May 19th.

April was a great month. We celebrated Easter and had a wonderful egg hunt, which the children enjoyed. We also had an exciting Fun Day. The children really enjoyed the music of Peter Moses and some of the special activities we did, which included drawing outside with chalk, making a visor, and creating a boat out of a pool noodle. Pastor Mueller and Mrs. Stickley also visited our class in April.

Some of the stories we read this month were, *Jump, Frog, Jump*, by Robert Kalan and *The Wind Blew* by Pat Hutchinson. This class loves to listen to stories. When you read to your children over the summer, try discussing the cover of the book first. Ask them what the author does. Ask them what they see on the cover. Make a prediction together as to what the story might be about. Remember, a prediction is just a guess - it is okay to be wrong.

Thank you, as always, for all that you do!

Fondly,

Suzanne Veronese and Charisse Lynch
Dear Parents,

It’s hard for us to believe that this is the last newsletter for this school year. It has been such a joy to teach your beautiful children. The growth that has taken place has been astounding and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. Thank you once again for sharing them with us.

April was a very busy month with lots of spring activities. We were able to get a lot of projects done in anticipation of our art show in May. Our Spring Nature Walk was enjoyed by the children as they used their binoculars to look for all the signs of spring.

The month of May will be a blur as we approach the end of the school year. May 1st we will enjoy “Fun Day”. Lots of fun and games are on the agenda, in addition to a special ice cream sundae treat. Our Spring Family Celebration is scheduled for May 6th. The children come to school at the regular time that day and the parents come to visit from 9:30 am until 10:30 am. The children’s art work will be on display and we will entertain you with some of our songs and finger plays. After some light refreshments, the children may leave with their parents. Our last day of school is Thursday, May 15th.

We would like to thank all of you for the constant support you gave to us throughout the year. We have many wonderful memories of this special group of children and we are going to miss them. We will look forward to seeing them in the halls next year. We wish you all a safe and happy summer!

Wendy Sedlak and Noreen Estock
Dear Parents,

It’s hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for this school year. Time flies when you’re having fun!

April 22\textsuperscript{nd} was our first day back to school after our Spring Break. We had our Spring Nature Walk that day. The children enjoyed using their binoculars and looking for all the signs of spring. That day was also one of our full days of school. We ate lunch together and had some “rest” time. We also had an afternoon activity and extra playtime. The children did very well with the longer schedule.

We were very busy this past month getting ready for our Spring Family Celebration. We’ve been working on our family and self-portraits. We’ve also been practicing some special songs to sing for all of you.

Thank you to all of our Parent Helpers this month.

We have 5 classes in the month of May before the end of school. On May 1\textsuperscript{st} we will hold Fun Day for our class. The day promises fun and games with a special ice cream sundae treat and a musical concert.

Spring Family Celebration is scheduled for May 6\textsuperscript{th}. The children come to school at 10:30 am that day, and the parents come to visit from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm. The children’s art work will be on display, and we will entertain you with some of our songs and finger plays. After the short performance and some light refreshments, the children may leave with their parents.

On May 8\textsuperscript{th} ALL Lending Library books must be returned to school.

Our last day of school is May 15\textsuperscript{th}. It makes us sad to think that day is quickly approaching, and yet we look forward to the summer months filled with rest and relaxation.

This year has been wonderful. We are so grateful to you for sharing your beautiful children with us. They have grown immensely and we have enjoyed watching them grow throughout the year. We’d like to thank each and every one of you for the constant support you have given to us this year. It has truly been our pleasure to teach your children and we will certainly miss them. We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Kate Corr and Joanne Sobocinski
Dear Parents,

I can’t believe that we are beginning the month of May. This has been a wonderful year. Mrs. Lynch and I have really enjoyed teaching your children. Thank you for all of the wonderful cards that you sent in for Staff Appreciation Week. We loved reading them!

Some important dates for you to remember: Thursday May 8th is our Spring Family celebration, and our last day of school is Thursday, May 15th. Please respond to your Spring Family Celebration invitation if you haven’t already.

April was a great month. We celebrated Easter and had a wonderful egg hunt, which the children enjoyed. Pastor Mueller and Mrs. Stickley also visited our class.

Our Fun Day is scheduled for May 1st, so by the time you read this the children will have celebrated the day already. Be sure to ask them about Peter Moses, our performer, what games they played and what kind of ice cream they enjoyed.

Some of the stories we read this month were, Jump, Frog, Jump, by Robert Kalan and The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchinson. This class loves to listen to stories. When you read to your children over the summer, try discussing the cover of the book first. Ask them what the author does. Ask them what they see on the cover. Make a prediction together as to what the story might be about. Remember, a prediction is just a guess - it is okay to be wrong.

Thank you, as always, for all that you do!

Fondly,

Suzanne Veronese and Charisse Lynch
Dear Families,

It is May already! This year has flown by so quickly. It has been a great year in the 3D class. I have so enjoyed teaching our small and wonderful little class. I think all the children have formed friendships with one another that they will take forward into the future.

I am looking forward to Camp Amos, and I hope to see some of your children there. I believe there are still some openings available.

Our Spring Family Celebration is on Thursday May 8th. The children will enter the classroom at the usual time of 12.30 p.m. Between 12.30 and 1:00 they will stay in the classroom with Mrs. McKenna and me. You may spend this time admiring the beautiful art work displayed around the school and in St Andrew’s Hall. At 1:00, please be seated in St Andrew’s Hall, as the class will enter and sing you a couple of songs. We will be serving refreshments in the Matthew /Mark room (our indoor play area) afterwards. We will dismiss at 2 p.m.

I hope you have a fabulous summer!

Sincerely
Mrs. Daniels

Dates for your calendar:
Thursday, May 8th
Spring Family Celebration
Thursday May 15th
Last day of school
Thank You

A huge THANK YOU for helping to make this year so successful! It is hard to believe the year is coming to an end.....the children have learned so much and grown so much as well. As moms of older children, we urge you to enjoy this time, because before you know it, your little ones will be grown. Many parents ask what they can do to help their children over the summer. One of the best things you can do is to spend time together going to the park, the zoo, and even the store. This gives them the background experiences to help them make the connections in learning as they move on through the grades. And don't forget to read to them every day – a love of reading will carry them far!

Enjoy the summer!

Dates to Remember

Last Day for Lending Library – May 2
Spring Family Celebration – May 7
All Library Books Returned – May 9
Audubon Elementary Visit – May 14
Snow Make-Up Days May 19 & 20
Last Day of School – May 20

4A Reminders

*Please label snacks and drinks.
*Please label jackets, sweaters etc.
*No peanuts/peanut butter

+ Mary Rose Brady Contact Info.
215-343-7216 or bunchof4@verizon.net

Thanks for all you do to help our class run smoothly!
Dear 4B Families,

It’s so hard to believe that we are entering our final month of school. April was full of fun and field trips and seemed to go so fast. It has been a wonderful year, and we have loved working with and getting to know each one of your children. The growth we have seen is amazing and we feel lucky to have had the opportunity to be a part of this year with your children.

In our final month we will be finishing up our Letter of the Week program. It has been such a pleasure watching the children become engaged with the letters and their writing. The skills they have developed this year are a great stepping stone for their literacy awareness in years to come.

Our Spring Family Celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 7th. The children will entertain you with their singing and theatrical abilities. Please take some time on this day to enjoy the art in our hallways, classrooms and indoor play area. There will be light refreshments served. We look forward to spending some time with you all at our Spring Family Celebration!

We do have one final special event in May. We will be visiting Audubon Elementary School on Wednesday, May 14th. Our children, Teachers and Parent Helpers will be walking over to Audubon to take a tour, listen to a story and find out a little about what Kindergarten and elementary school is all about. Please check the volunteer sheet to see if you are a Parent Helper scheduled for that day. We will also have our final FULL day on the 14th. Pickup will be at 3:15 again. We are planning a special pizza lunch for that day. A separate information sheet about this will be coming home next week. Our last day of school will be Friday, May 16.

We are sad that the year is coming to an end, but are grateful for the time we had with your children. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow, and hope you come back and visit us when you are nearby!

All the best,
Jen Cadden and Joanne Sobocinski
Dear Parents,

Can this be the last newsletter of the year already? This year has flown by and it has been absolutely wonderful. We have one continent left to visit on our round-the-world exploration. The class appears to have really enjoyed learning about the world, and many times will talk about continents we learned about and remember little facts.

Thank you to all the parents who came to school to help the class. Your help throughout our school year has been invaluable.

Through the month of May the children will be as busy as ever. We will spend a few days learning about the continent of South America and the rainforest. We are going to spend some time reading traditional stories and fairy tales. We are hoping this will bring some dramatic play to life both in the small-world play centers and the role-play corner.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the children grow and develop this year. They have become much more independent, wanting and needing to help themselves rather than being helped. I also see, most importantly, a love of learning. The children have always wanted to find out more, and they asked lots of questions over the year. We wish them all every success in their “big school” experience.

Dates for your calendar:
Friday, May 9th
Wednesday, May 14th
Friday, May 16th
Monday May 19th
Tuesday May 20th

Spring Family Celebration
Visit to Audubon Elementary
Full day 9-3
Full day 9-3
Full day 9-3

Thank you so much to all the parents who have helped us throughout the year. You have all played a vital role in our program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Gambone
May 2014
St. Andrew’s Nursery School

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