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APRIL 2023 PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IN APRIL 2023

Monday - Thursday, April 3rd – 7th: Developmental screenings

Wednesday, April 5th: Passover acknowledged

Kindergarteners join the Elementary Spring Party

Thursday, April 6th: Easter acknowledged

Kindergarteners' Field trip to the SF Ballet

Monday – Friday, April 10th – 14th: Spring Break. No school.

Friday, April 21st: Earth Day celebration

Monday, April 24th: Eid-al-Fitr acknowledged

Thursday, April 27th: Australia Immersion Day

Friday, April 28th: Group Birthday

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENTS



Speech screenings:

Nicole Cavalea, MS,
CCC/SLP of **Strategies for
Success** will be here in the
mornings of the week of **April**

3rd to 5th to give free speech and language screenings for children in all primary classrooms. The screenings will let you know if your child needs further assessment and/or treatment in the following areas: articulation (sound development); oral motor (muscle strengthening due to low tone, or muscle weakness); working memory; expressive language organization and development; auditory processing; and phonological awareness (early reading skills).

OT/PT screenings:

Development is Child's Play will also be



here in the mornings of **April 6th and 7th** to give free Occupational and Physical therapy screenings for children in all primary

classrooms.

New children who started after 1/3/23 will need to complete the form that will be distributed in their hanging file.

Dr. Renee Pyle, Clinical Psychologist

will also Participate as a consultant for our biannual screenings.



PASSOVER

We will be acknowledging Passover on **Wednesday,**

April 5th.

Passover is the holiday during which Jewish people celebrate their ancestors' freedom from slavery in Egypt. It lasts for eight days. One of the ways Passover is celebrated is by eating a celebratory meal with family and friends called a *seder*. Seder literally translates to "order," because there is a ritual order that is followed in the meal. A central theme of the meal is the retelling of the Passover story.

The Passover story occurs in the Book of Exodus in the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament). A central story, it reflects many prevalent themes in Jewish history, including oppression and the yearning for freedom, the resilience of the Jewish people and the protection given by God.

EASTER



We will be acknowledging Easter on **Thursday, April 6th**.

In the 21st century, Christians across the world celebrate the end of the 40 days of Lent with Easter. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon - Paschal - that occurs on or after the spring equinox.

Lent is a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline in preparation for Easter. Easter Sunday marks the end of Lent and the Easter season.

Easter is a Christian holiday, where believers, celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion in Jerusalem and has been observed for centuries. Christians celebrate by ringing church bells, attending church on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, wearing new clothes and hunting for hidden chocolate Easter Eggs.

PANDEMIC UPDATE

On February 28th, the state of California terminated the COVID-19 State of Emergency plan.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/smarter/#what-smarter-stands-for>.

According to Licensing, we are no longer required to have a COVID Health and Safety Plan.

The Santa Clara Unified School District also no longer requires *return-to-school* testing, **but it is still strongly encouraged.**

Because we still have a supply of Covid tests kits leftover, we are happy to offer anyone a test kit who would like to test their child prior to returning to school from our upcoming spring break.

NOTE: Parents are still required to do a daily health screening of their child/ren before coming to school in the morning and staff will continue to screen children at the door.

SPRING BREAK



Spring break is from **Monday – Friday, April 10th - 14th**. School will be closed during this time. We wish everyone a fun time.

Testing for Covid is no longer required after long breaks from school.

EARTH DAY



In acknowledgment of our stewardship of the earth and all living things, we will celebrate Earth Day on **Friday, April 21st**.

The children will be making drawings and writing stories prior

to the celebration. The children will also participate in a short Earth Day pageant.

On the day of our celebration, please have your child wear a shirt with flowers, animals, or something similarly appropriate.

Parents/families are welcome to attend. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can begin our celebration at 9:30 am.

BIRTHDAYS



We will acknowledge our April birthdays with a group celebration on **Friday, April 28th**.

Be sure to send your child's time line photos prior to our celebration. The earlier the better, then your child will have ample time to share and discuss their photo book with the class.

Please do not send treats to school on your child's birthday. Instead, we would greatly appreciate a donation of something for the classroom in your child's honor – a book for the library, or a contribution toward the items on the classroom wish list (available from the office) or a cash donation (please check your employer if it has a matching donation program).

If you are planning a party at home and wish to include some of your child's classmates, please extend invitations via telephone, e-mail or mail. **WE WILL NOT ALLOW INVITATIONS TO BE PASSED OUT AT SCHOOL OR PLACED IN STUDENTS' HANGING FOLDERS.** This policy reduces the possibility of hurt feelings among those not invited. A class list with parent contact information is available from the office.

Please encourage your child not to discuss private birthday celebrations at school in front of others who have not been invited.

HOT LUNCH



Please make sure to check your child's name when you wish him/her to

have hot lunch on either Tuesday and/or Friday.

DO NOT assume that we will have enough pasta or pizza. We will always feed your child if s/he does not have a lunch box but s/he might be very disappointed not to get what s/he was expecting. Remember that we order pizza according to the children who are signed up for HL. Last Friday, when I checked the number of children needing Pizza, I counted 30... when we reconciled the numbers, we actually had 39 children who needed HL: A good thing I ordered an extra pizza.

SUMMER SCHOOL



This year, we will be offering 7 sessions of summer school, from **July 10th to August 25th**. Enrollment forms were distributed with your 2023-2024 enrollment packet. If you wish to enroll your child this summer, please return your enrollment form with a check equal to the fees for one session.

Any changes or cancellations must be made in writing by **May 31st**. After that date, you will be financially responsible for all sessions in which you have enrolled your child, whether or not your child attends.

KINDERGARTENERS CORNER

APRIL 5th - ELEMENTARY SPRING PARTY

The kindergarteners have been invited to join the Elementary students for their

annual Spring party on Wednesday April 5th.

We are sure they will have a great time!

THURSDAY, APRIL 6th:

The graduates will be going to the Opera House in SF, to enjoy a matinee of Act I of Cinderella on April 6th.

We will go by bus, leaving Leigh at 9:00 for an 11:00 am performance. On the way back, we will be stopping at Seniore's Pizza in San Mateo for cheese pizza.

We will be collecting \$8 per child to cover the cost of lunch.

We are planning to be back at Leigh by 3:00 pm.

GRADUATION: SATURDAY, JUNE 10th

Our 2023-2024 Kindergarteners will be graduating in June.

The ceremony will be held at the Leigh campus on Saturday, June 10th.

All children need to bring their graduation clothing to school, in a labeled bag, on **Friday, May 5th**, so please be sure to get their clothing before



then. The children will need their One World T-shirt, white shorts, skirt or pants, white socks and **PLAIN** white shoes. If you need to buy a new t-shirt, let us know as soon as possible. ***It is sometimes difficult to find white pants, skirts or shorts so we are notifying you now to give you plenty of time to shop for them.***

Easter is often a good time to find these items. Don't wait until May to do your shopping!

Remember that younger siblings are not invited to attend the ceremony. They are however welcomed to join us for lunch after the graduation ceremony.

We will be going to **Pasta Armellino** in Campbell.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES



The weather will soon be getting warmer and the children have been growing during the winter.

Please check your child's change of clothes to be sure s/she has correct sized clothing that is appropriate for warmer weather.

SPRING CLEANING



With spring cleaning just around the corner, please don't forget your children's school items. Now would be a good time to wash their winter jackets and do a thorough scrubbing (or dishwasher cycle) of their lunch boxes. We appreciate your cooperation!

TWO FREE HOT LUNCHES OR ONE FREE HOUR OF DAYCARE



What is the subject of the next Parent Information Meeting? The answer is found in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly!

The first 2 people to send an e-mail to the office at

oneworldmontessori@sbcglobal.net – with the correct answer will win either 2 Free Hot Lunches or 1 Free hour of Daycare.

WELCOME



Please help us welcome our new students, Arya Vora, Nalini Nair and Arunima Bhat who joined our campus in March.

MISSING UMBRELLA



We have heard of several cases of missing umbrellas. These seem to be a highly desirable item for children. Writing your child's name on his/her umbrella (like on all

his/her personal belongings) should help keep track of children's umbrellas.

MAY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



The sign-up sheets for the May Parent teacher conferences are now posted. There will be 3 days: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday May 8th, 9th and

10th.

Please make sure to cross off your child's name once you have signed up for his/her conference.

Remember to sign for **2 slots** if you have 2 children.

Children who will not be returning next Fall will be offered a 15 minutes exit interview, Monday, April 8th in the afternoon.

Thursday, May 11th and Friday the 12th will be regular school days.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to

- Ethan's family for donating two BILIBO bucket seats for the playground
- Ellora's family from bringing back artifacts from Kolkata.

- To the Rivera family for treating the staff with sweet bread.

- NOROUZ

To May's mother in law and husband for setting up our Haft Seen display, and to Rozie Ganji-Firoozabadi for her presentation.



- RAMADAN

To Nora Alkadi for donating a book,

bringing a soup, dates & decorations, to Yusra's family for donating a book, to Eyad's family for the dates and the



recorded presentation.

- AFRICA IMMERSION DAY

To the Cortes family for bringing a banana dish from Ghana for our Africa Immersion Day.

MAY PREVIEW

Tuesday, May 2nd: Parent Information Meeting - 3:00 pm: "Math".

Friday, May 5th: Graduates bring graduation clothing to school

Monday - Wednesday, May 8th - 10th: Parent-Teacher conferences for returning and graduating students. No school. Daycare available for the Full Day students.

THURSDAY, May 11th and Friday, May 12th will be regular school days.

Friday, May 26th: Minimum day. School ends at 12:00 pm.

Monday, May 30th: Memorial Day. No school.

