

HOLLIS PRESCHOOL

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Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

There will be **no school** on the following days:

- School Vacation
Mon, Feb 25th - Fri, Mar 1st
(return to school Mon, Mar 4th)

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, Feb 13th from 4-7pm

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

- 2yo and 4yo Classes
Thursday, Feb 14th
- 3yo Class
Wednesday, Feb 15th

On this day, each child is invited to bring Valentine's Day cards (homemade or purchased) to pass out to their classmates. The children have a great time opening cards from their friends (*please do not send candy with the valentines*).

A Valentine's celebration will also be held during snack time. Room parents will contact volunteers to provide snacks for this event.

OPEN BOARD MEETING

Monday, Feb 18th
6:30-8:00pm
Buckley's Bakery and Cafe.

Message from Our Director

Dear Families,

Once the new year begins, school days seem to fly by more quickly than ever!! February will be full of fun crafts, activities and parties, so start constructing those special valentines now! Room parents will be organizing plans for the valentine's parties soon.

REGISTRATION

If you can believe it, registration for the 2019-20 preschool year is open! Please send in your forms as soon as possible. Registration fees will be invoiced through Sandbox, so no checks are necessary. We are always pleased to hear "shining reviews" from incoming families through the community promoting our school! The Board and Teachers take pride in maintaining our reputation, so thank you one and all for sharing your wonderful experiences about Hollis Preschool with those seeking an early childhood program!

SNACK TIME

Snack days are very exciting for the kids! They are proud to pick out and share snack with their peers. Please be sure to check your snack calendar, to plan ahead of time for your special day. I really appreciate your help with providing healthy snacks, along with cups, napkins, plates and utensils (if needed). The preschool has needed to supply many snacks with all the unfortunate illnesses/absences. I am asking for replenishments to restock the preschool supplies; especially if your child has been out sick or missed a snack day. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



FREEDOM FRIDAYS

Freedom Fridays began on January 11, 2019 with Mrs. Corey. The is offered on Fridays and families can sign up through SignUp Genius. If your child isn't in class on Friday morning or not registered in our core classes, this would be a wonderful opportunity for them!

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Parents Night Out

Wednesday, Feb 13th, 4-7pm

'Parents Night Out' is offered several times a year by HPS as an opportunity for parents to drop children off at the preschool with our teachers, while you enjoy some free time. We provide dinner, crafts, playing with peers and a movie. We will have several young helpers volunteering and we are anxious to see many little friends. Take this opportunity to have some extra time for yourself: sign your kiddos up for a special night with their favorite teachers!

Don't forget to sign up on Sign Up Genius. Ages 2-10 welcome. Send your kiddos in their jammies too!

\$30 per child, \$10 each additional (\$40 family cap)

Reminders

REGISTRATION

Open registration for the 2019-20 school year has begun. To ensure your child's spot, register today!

DELAYS AND CLOSINGS

In case of weather related delays or closings, please tune your TVs to WMUR (channel 9) or visit

www.wmur.com/weather/closings

FLU SEASON

Please keep sick kids home from school if they have a fever, flu, vomit, virus or diarrhea. They should stay out of school for 24 hours after they are symptom-free.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Hollis Preschool Tax ID is 02-0232166

Message from Our Director, continued

ENRICHMENT

Another session of afternoon Enrichment began on January 28th! Mrs. Corey is excited to teach the students during our Culinary Creations on Mondays! On Wednesdays, she has a surprise visitor from our community scheduled to visit our preschool for Community Connections. Snow days will be made up at the end of the session, if needed. Thank you for your support in these programs! The children enjoy the enriching opportunities to learn, socialize and be a part of special activities with a fabulous teacher. Mrs. Corey truly enjoys Enrichment afternoons with your children.

COFFEE WITH YOUR DIRECTOR

I would like to invite parents to Hollis' new Buckley's for "Coffee With Your Director", the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 9:00am! This will be a perfect time to visit and share ideas, questions or concerns. I realize schedules are busy and with carpool in the works, this will allow an opportunity for parents to connect! Dates will be on the class calendars. I look forward to joining you all!

Another wonderful month of preschool happenings are ahead. Thank you all for your support throughout this school year!

Be Well,
Bridget Roy
Director at Hollis Preschool

A Note from the Chair of the Board of Directors

Happy February, Hollis Preschool families!

As we move into the next phase of our school year, I'd like to invite all of you to the February meeting of the Board of Directors. This meeting will be taking place on **Monday, February 18 at 6:30pm at Buckley's Bakery and Cafe.**

The purpose of this invitation is to show all of you how a monthly meeting is conducted and help to shed some light on what the Board takes on during the year. We are looking to fill crucial roles for the 2019-20 school year, and would love to *show* you all what we do instead of always just telling you! Actions speak louder than words!

We will be discussing current programs, the upcoming Summer Camp offerings and any questions or concerns that you all may be having.

So please join us on February 18th from 6:30-8pm at Buckley's! I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Alana Cote
Chair, Board of Directors

Kindergarten Readiness

Dear Parents,

The afternoons spent in KR are full of engaging, interacting, and experimenting. The students are currently diving into learning about penguins. While exploring facts about penguins we are also learning about different parts of the world, seasons and how certain animals can survive in different climates/seasons, and exploring sensory experiences centered around penguins.

Along with learning about a specific topic the students are also excitedly working in their interactive notebooks everyday. They are growing their writing skills as well as different academic skills such as letter & number recognition.

While all of this is going on the students are also continually working on growing their social/emotional skills. During lunch we work on conversation etiquette as well as appropriate ways to communicate that you want or need something.

Stephanie Corey



Freedom Fridays

Fridays have been full of fun, exploration, and interacting with different peers! This program allows students to explore the school for the first time. We work on small projects, crafts, and other fine motor activities. We sing songs, dance, and play in our dramatic play area for fun social and emotional interactions.



Enrichment

Dear Parents,

Gymnastics and Karate have been our enrichment programs since the beginning of school, and our students have loved both programs as well as the opportunity to interact with other peers from different classrooms.

During gymnastics the students worked on their gross motor skills while learning different gymnastic skills such as balancing, controlling your body, and strengthening their muscles!

In karate the students work with Mr. Smith from Neil Stone Karate School! They work on self control, self confidence, and specific karate skills!

In both classes the students also have the opportunity to explore different sensory experiments that are set out each week. The students work on fine motor activities and do fun arts and craft projects!

The next round of enrichment will be Culinary Creations on Mondays where we will focus on learning about different types of foods, manners, and foods around the world! The students will be cooking something each day that they will be able to try. On Wednesdays we will have Community Exploration where we will be learning about different parts of the community each week with a special visitor as well!

Stephanie Corey



Full STEAM Ahead!

Dear Parents,

The first week of January STEAM we discussed the meaning of translucent/transparent and opaque. Each child received a flashlight and they experimented with various objects, identifying which category they fit in. They had fun making shadows and discovered some reflective objects as well!

Week two we did activities based on Peter Reynolds books, which promote growth mindset and creativity. First we read, 'The Dot'. The children created their own dot using chromatology, they colored on coffee filters with markers, then dipped them in water, watching colors move through the filters and create new colors! We also read, 'Sky Color'. We did an experiment mixing milk and water to create 'the atmosphere'. I then shown a flashlight through the jar at different angles and distances to show the color of the milk changes, just as the sky changes color when the sun shines through particles in the atmosphere! The children watercolored their own skies using whatever colors they thought they have seen in the sky. They had fun saying theirs was a stormy sky, foggy, sunny, or sunset, etc.

The following week we worked with inclined planes the children did drip painting on an inclined plane/ ramp/slope. This activity we talked about gravity, color mixing, simple color recognition, and worked on basic fine motor skills using a pipet. We talked about where else we see inclined planes, such as the climber, the slide, car ramps, etc. I supplied the children with ramp pieces, blocks and cars and they experimented together to see what ramp angles made the cars go faster/slower. The children also had some races to see whose ramp created the most force/faster car.







Finally, we studied penguins. Penguins need to stay warm and dry because they live in the cold. I explained that their feathers have an oil producing gland that makes their feathers waxy, it repels the cold water and keeps them dry. Our experiment was to use wax crayons and petroleum jelly on their own paper penguins to see how to repel water and keep their penguins from soaking. We then tested their penguins with a spray bottle of blue water. We then measured how tall a few different types of penguins are and the children compared their own heights to them.







Jen Mandolare





EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2019						
					1  Sign up on Fridays for the following week's Full STEAM Ahead!	2
3	4	5	6  Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 ★ Parents Night Out! 4-7pm ★★	14  Valentine's Party for 2yo & 4yo classes	15  Valentine's Party for 3yo class	16
17	18  President's Day HPS is in session HPS Board Meeting 6:30pm at Buckley's	19	20	21  Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	22	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	26 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	27 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	28 NO SCHOOL School Vacation		

MARCH 2019						
					1 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	2
3	4 CLASSES RESUME	5	6  Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	7	8  Sign up on Fridays for the following week's Full STEAM Ahead!	9
10	11 Second Parent/Teacher conference for 3s and 4s	12	13	14	15	16
17  St Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21  Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	22	23
24	25 Last day of Monday Enrichment Session III 	26	27 Last day of Wednesday Enrichment Session III 	28	29	30
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