

Brush Creek Nursery School

March, 2010

Welcome Spring!!

It's been a long month of rain and dreary weather. Many of you have been sick or your children have been sick, which only adds to the doldrums.

Time to look to the sun, warm and healing. Better days ahead!

This month in the classroom we will talk about weather changes, Spring and renewal. This means curriculum will revolve around themes like growing and baby animals.

At the end of the month we will be having our Spring break. There will be no school for one week.

It is hard for us to imagine, but soon after the break, teachers will be contacting parents to set up parent/teacher conferences. Each child will have a written "progress" report from the staff and one teacher from each class will sit down with parents and discuss their child's progress. The conferences are set up for a time that is convenient for the parents and takes about 25 minutes to a half hour.

We hope you will all take advantage of this wonderful time for staff/parents to compare notes on the wonderful things your children have been doing so far this school year.

On March 16th and 17th we ask the children to wear something green. We will not really celebrate "St. Patrick's Day", but we will have a special green day....with green art projects, green snack, green FUN!!



**Closed this month:
*March 27-April 4th
Spring Break**



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Heather wants to remind everyone that you can place your scholastic book orders online by going to www.scholastic.com

User name: BrushCreek

Password: bookorders

Some questions arose over difficulty using the site. Each month access shuts down after our due date (to allow books to be shipped without a lot of add ons). This month the due date is March 11th for SeeSaw or Firefly. Thanks!!

DON'T FORGET EVENING IN PARADISE WILL BE ON MAY 8TH

The Board of Directors voted in new tuition rates for 2010/2011.

Those rates are:

MWF classes \$343 per month (up \$8 per month)

TTh classes \$250 per month (up \$5 per month)

Respite rates will remain the same.

TLC DAY

The TLC committee is working hard to get materials here and jobs lined up for the March 13th workday. We can only be successful if you jump on board to help. Can you give up a few hours to help clean/beautify the school? We are anxious for this "spring cleaning" day to rejuvenate and spruce up the surroundings your children spend time in. Won't you help out?? Thank you!!

Upcoming events/dates

* March 13th TLC Day

*March 20th Open House
for perspective families

*April 5th waiting list
starts at 8am for previous
or current families with 2
yr olds (Fall 2011)

*April 23, school will be
closed for a staff training
day.

Waiting list for Fall 2011/Enrollment for Fall 2010

The waiting list for Fall 2011 begins on May 3, 2010 at 8 a.m. sharp for “new to Brush Creek families”. The last few years the volume of calls has been pretty high, so it’s important to get on the list as soon as possible to ensure you get more class choices. Please tell your friends.

If you are a returning to Brush Creek family (with a two year old sibling of an alumni) your waiting list begins on April 5th, 2010. If you know of other returning families, please tell them about the April 5th date. We begin taking calls at 8am. Put in on your calendar!!

We have now passed the deadline (Feb 26th) for continuing students to put in their requests for class choices. We have

several forms that did not come in, and as a courtesy we will contact those families to make sure there has not been an error.



We will post class lists in the front bulletin board this week. Many of you requested to make a class change, and we need to say that movement from TTH morning 4’s class into MWF morning 4’s class was extremely limited. We know several of you may be disappointed. We will be happy to let you know how far down you sit on the list, waiting for that changed schedule. We do anticipate there could be a bit more movement, as a couple of people secured spots to keep options open. As soon as we hear of any changes, we would let you know.

Summer School

Summer school flyers have been distributed and Kindergarten readiness is almost full. If you were thinking about this session for your child, please get your paperwork in. All other sessions are currently open. Enrollment is on a first come/first served basis....but just a reminder that on March 20th the enrollment goes

“open” to anyone in the community. You may want to get your dates squared away by then to avoid any disappointment. We take in a large amount of enrollment on that Open House date.

It's tax time, and our tax i.d. number is
94-2297008



Profile Employee Vicki Briggs

Congratulations to Vicki, who is our highlighted employee this month! Vicki was born in Richmond, CA and her family later moved to Novato. In 1980 Vicki moved to Sonoma County with her husband Tim. They raised four boys. Colin is the eldest, Preston is in the the military, soon to be deployed, and twins Grant and Garrett are off to college.

Vicki developed an interest in children at a very young age. When she was 21 she decided to return to school and become certified

to teach young children. She has her certificate in ECE. Before BC Vicki worked in a group home assisting disabled children.

Besides teaching, Vicki was our school secretary for a year and served on the Board. All four of Vicki’s kids went to BC. Over the years Vicki has been a “volunteer extraordinaire”. She’s been PTA president, helped with Project Graduation, as well as helping to spearhead getting lights for the football field at SRHS. Vicki also was the driving force be-

hind the running of a very successful snack bar at SRHS which raised lots of funds.

For leisure, Vicki loves to snow ski, go camping, travel and spend time with family and friends.

Vicki says, “Teaching is a way of life for me. The more I learn, the more I can teach the children, and then I learn from them. It’s the circle of life”. Thank you Vicki for all you have brought to BC over the years.