



Busy Bees/Fireflies Monthly Newsletter
March, 2010



The Busy Bees and Fireflies

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out with our Chinese New Year Party in February. It was a great success and the children were thrilled to receive so much support from all of you.

Spring is now around the corner. There are more warm days now, flowers are starting to bloom, and there are many birds flying around our neighborhood. This month, there are lots of fun activities planned. For instance, we will begin the month with a school field trip to the Academy of Sciences. We would love to have parents with membership passes come and join us. We are also planning lots of fun activities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. If you have any special projects to share with the children, you're invited to lead a classroom activity. Your child will love to see you at school and to share this time with you!

The Busy Bees

Busy Bees Themes: Dental Care, Occupations, Insects, Easter

Activity Highlight

A Hair Stylist's Demonstration

We will invite Logan's mom to come to the classroom to demonstrate her job as a hair stylist. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to be a model, and to let her cut his/her hair. If you would like to participate in this demonstration and get a stylish new look, please let one of the teachers know.

This month, we will be introducing different types of jobs and careers. By having Logan's mom demonstrate her career, the children will be learning

about the importance of being neat and clean, especially when it comes to taking care of their hair. Hopefully in the future, the Busy Bees children will also be less afraid of going to get their hair cut, because they will remember how much fun they had with Logan's mommy!

The Fireflies

Fireflies Themes: Colors and Shapes, St. Patrick's Day, Math Concepts (Classification, Sorting, Patterning, Measuring), Musical Instruments

Activity Highlight

Colors and Shapes Chart

The Fireflies will be working on a colors and shapes chart with the help of their teachers. The children will be divided into two groups. In their groups, each child will have an opportunity to name or draw his favorite shape and color on a chart. This activity will be adapted so that children can participate according to their own abilities.

By doing this activity, the children can learn their colors and shapes. Some children will also use fine motor skills to draw and color a shape of their choosing. They will also be able to see and compare who likes the same colors and shapes as them. In addition, they will work on math skills as they count which colors and shapes are most popular.

Fireflies Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to help chaperone the Fireflies as they journey to the library on Thursdays, please see Ms. Betty or Tan Sin Saang to find out which days they need help. Thanks so much.

Mark your calendar:

- 3/02 Fieldtrip to the Academy of Sciences
- 3/05 Jordan's Birthday (FF)
- 3/05 **Reading Workshop** by Marianne Lam 12:30-1pm
- 3/12 **Reading Workshop** by Marianne Lam 4-4:30pm
- 3/13 Kaela's Birthday (FF)
- 3/17 Sharing Day
- 3/17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 3/18 Library-Preschool Films
- 3/18 "Speaking in Tongues" documentary
5:30-7:30pm
- 3/26 Cot cleaning

.....**Chan Sin Saang, Ms. Esther, Ms. Betty, Tan Sin Saang, Zhang Sin Saang**.....

Director's Corner:

"How to Read to Your Children?" There will be two workshops this month by Ms. Marianne. This workshop will help parents understand the importance of facilitating children to develop good reading habits, how, when and where it can be done. We also will give away books with CDs to participants. Don't miss it.

We encourage you to participate in different school activities. Be it field trip, classroom projects, or school committees, or fundraisers, it's worthwhile contributing your talents and expertise, time and effort to make Wah Mei School the best environment for your children. We'd like to thank many enthusiastic parents who always go extra miles to better children's learning experience.

Sincerely yours,

Diana Jung
Director



Coming to a Screen Near You

The Parent Action Committee is pleased to announce a special viewing of the documentary "Speaking in Tongues", a film about immersion education featuring Alice Fong Yu School. We will also be having special guest speaker Margaret Peterson, the SFUSD Multilingual Education Program Administrator give a short presentation. We hope you'll join us to learn more about the exciting world of immersion education. Please note that childcare will be provided starting at 6pm. The schedule will be as follows:

- 5:30-6pm**-A light supper will be served
- 6:00-6:30pm**-Margaret Peterson will speak
- 6:30-7:30pm**-"Speaking in Tongues" viewing

Spring Gala 2010

Mark your calendars - WMS's biggest fundraiser of the year, Spring Gala, will be on May 1st at Canton Restaurant from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Every year we celebrate all that is Wah Mei with a banquet lunch, silent auction, children's performance and more. We have begun the process of soliciting silent auction items such as gift certificates, baskets of goodies, tickets to local museums and events, and specialty items. If you have an item you would like to contribute, please contact our Spring Gala co-chairs, Yetta Allen (Kira, Panda Bear; yetta.allen@gmail.com) or John Ngau (Kyra, Teddy Bear; ngau25@yahoo.com).

We also welcome your participation on our Spring Gala committee. Come meet your fellow Wah Mei School parents and fulfill volunteer hours with the most fun possible. Your contribution is important to us!