



Busy Bees/Fireflies Monthly Newsletter
April, 2010



The Busy Bees and Fireflies

The children celebrated an early Easter in March. They had lots of fun finding eggs in the classroom and sharing goodies with their classmates. Thank you to all of the families for all of the eggs and treats that you contributed to make this day so enjoyable for the children.

At the end of April, a music and movement teacher from First 5 San Francisco will begin a series of classes with all of the children. We are all very excited and eagerly awaiting the start of our lessons. We will share a sample of all that we've learned at this year's graduation performance.

The Busy Bees

Busy Bees Themes: Spring, Planting, Cherry Blossoms, Earth Day, Individual Assessments

Busy Bees Special Thanks:

- Thank you to Duncan's mom who came to the classroom to demonstrate jazz singing for us. The children enjoyed this special kind of music, and pretended to play different types of instruments.
- Thank you to Isabella's daddy who donated three gold fish to our classroom. They are pretty and very active.
- Thank you to Logan's mom for coming to Wah Mei School to show us what she does as a hair stylist. She made some of our little volunteers look very stylish and beautiful.

Activity Highlight

Earth Day

This month, we will celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd to show the importance of we care about our Earth. We will ask the children to bring 1-2 recyclable materials such as cans, bottles, bags, tree branches, and leaves. We will make a large group project using these materials.

The children will learn how they can re-use things that they might have otherwise thrown away. They will also use their creativity and imaginations to turn these materials into a beautiful art project. As this is a large group project, they will also need to learn how to coordinate their ideas and work with each other as a team.

The Fireflies

Fireflies Themes: Springtime Activities, Planting, Diversity (People, Food, Cultures), Assessments

Activity Highlight

Making Japanese Food

The Fireflies will be doing a cooking project on making sushi. They will learn about the ingredients and materials they need in order to make sushi. Through this activity, the Fireflies will be using their five senses. They will be seeing, tasting, touching, and smelling the sushi that they've made. They'll also be listening to instructions on how to make the sushi. In addition, they will learn about math as they measure out the ingredients with measuring cups.

Fireflies Volunteer Opportunity

The Fireflies still need parents to help us go to the library on Thursdays. Please see Ms. Betty or Tan Sin Saang to find out which days we need help. Thank you very much!

Mark your calendars:

- 4/01 Library-It's Yoga Kids for the Fireflies
- 4/02 School closed for Staff In-service Day
- 4/04 Darren's Birthday (FF)
- 4/08 Terrence's Birthday (FF)
- 4/13 Wah Mei Picnic to Central Park for all graduates 9-1:30
- 4/14 Sharing Day
- 4/15 Library-Preschool Films
- 4/22 Library-Story time
- 4/26 Kindergarten Readiness with Julia Harris 5:30-8:00 PM
- 4/28 Peter's Birthday (BB)
- 4/28 Nicole's Birthday (FF)
- 4/29 Library-Story time
- 4/30 Cot Cleaning

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



Kindergarten Readiness with Julia Harris

The transition from Pre-school to Kindergarten is a major milestone in a young child's life. Therefore, the Parent Action Committee has invited Pediatric Occupational Therapist Julia Harris to help parents support their children through this transition. Dinner, translation, and child care will be provided at this exciting event. We hope you'll be able to attend. More information and sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

Director's Corner:

Dear Parents,

You will be receiving invites and raffle tickets for our Spring Gala soon. Hope you can participate in this year's major fundraiser. The fundraising committee guarantees that it will be full of fun, while celebrating Wah Mei's 36th anniversary.

Please join us for our April 26th workshop. The topic is on children's social and emotional development and how to prepare children for kindergarten. It is for all parents, not only the graduating children's families. Thanks to our parents' and Ms. Marianne's hard work for organizing these activities. This workshop is made possible with the funding from the First 5 Parent Action Grant.

Also, don't forget to wish Ms. Marianne a smooth and easy child birth. She will be taking a few weeks maternity leave. We wish her the best!

Sincerely yours,

Diana Jung
Director

Spring Gala 2010

Mark your calendars - WMS's biggest fundraiser of the year, The 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).

Special Spring Gala Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to make a drive to Ravenswood Winery in Sonoma to pick up a generous donation that they are making for our Spring Gala. If you would like more information about earning volunteer hours in this way, please contact Diana Jung or Marianne Lam. Thank you so much.