

Heartworks in Burlington

May/June Newsletter 2008

In the final months of the school year we will take time to reflect about each child's individual growth this year and their unique qualities. With each new day we will continue to be fully present when we are with the children enjoying the time we share together. This spring we will celebrate the re-birth of the outside world and the spirit of the child who sees this season with fresh eyes and a sense of wonder. What a wonderful time of year for everyone.

Parent Night

Parent Night was on Wednesday, April 9th. We would like to thank everyone who came to this event and shared their experiences at Heartworks. Diane Rooney one of the founders of Heartworks and Renaissance schools attended Parent Night and was able to answer questions and meet everyone. We appreciate your participation in this event and value the information that was shared. Thank you.

May Day

We will be welcoming spring with a May Day celebration at the Waterfront Park on The children will have a chance to dance around the may pole and enjoy a picnic snack. We invite all parents to join us for this special day. Please wait outside of the building as the classes make their grand entrance for the parade to the park. If your child does not normally attend school on this day you must stay with them during the celebration. The following is a list of each classes designated time for May Day:

- 9:00-9:30-Susan's Class
- 9:45-10:15-Kathleen and Chloe's Classes
- 10:30-11:00-Amanda and Molly's Classes
- 11:15-12:45-Deb and Heather's Classes

****For more information please see the signs posted in each main lobby.

****Our May Day rain date is Wednesday, May 14th.

Family Day

We recognize that the definition of family can encompass many different forms. We honor each family and their differences. This year instead of celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day we will celebrate Family Day on May 9th. This will allow us to celebrate families with mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. We want the children to understand that all families and family members are very special. The teachers will be talking about families and doing circle and enrichment activities around this theme. If you would like to be a special guest on family day please see your child's teacher.

Colegia La Esperanza

Thank you for donating clothing and art supplies for Colegia Esperanza. We are collecting items until May 16th. We have received a lot of clothing but we would still like to collect more art supplies for the children (oil paints, colored pencils, regular pencils, paint brushes, water colors). We will be sending these donations to Nicaragua by the end of the month. We still need to collect money for the shipping. If you can help out with the shipping costs please see Leah. We appreciate all of your efforts in providing these supplies; with your help we are making a difference in the lives of these children.

Closing Ceremonies

We will end the school year with a special event called closing ceremonies on Tuesday, June 10th. The children will be performing songs that they have practiced with Dawna Hammers our music teacher, and they will receive special end of the year certificates. We will be thanking the teachers for all of their work with the children and recognizing all of the wonderful learning and fun that took place during the school year. The following is a list of the classes and their scheduled time for closing ceremonies:

3:00-3:30-Deb's Class
3:30-4:00 -Kathleen's Class
4:00-4:30-Chloe's Class
4:30-5:00-Molly's Class
5:00-5:30-Heather's Class

*****Closing Ceremonies will be held at the first Congregational Church at 38 South Winooski Avenue. Please arrive with your child five minutes before their designated class time. The stage is on the second floor, and your child's teacher will be there to greet the class. The children should wear their "best dressed" clothes for this occasion. If you have any questions please see Leah.

******School will be closing at 1:00 on Tuesday, June 10th for the Closing Ceremonies**

Teacher Professional Development Day

On Tuesday, May 20th school will be closing at 12:00 noon for a teacher professional development day. The teachers from all of the Heartworks Schools and Renaissance School will be meeting together that afternoon. They will participate in an educational workshop and be honored with a special lunch for all the hard work they have done this year.

End of the year Conferences

The teachers are currently working on writing end of the year evaluations on each child. You will receive these evaluations in June before the end of the school year. There is not a specific day scheduled for end of the year conferences. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher please see Leah to schedule a time. Thank you.

Family Picnic

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Wednesday, June 4th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for the Heartworks in Burlington Family Picnic at the Waterfront Park. This is an event for all children, families and teachers at our school. Bring a picnic dinner to the park and we will provide cake for dessert. This is a fun evening for everyone to get together before the end of the school year. Let's all hope for a nice sunny evening without rain. We hope to see everyone there!

*******School will be closing at 4:00 p.m. on this day.**

Sunscreen and Water Bottles

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child's entire body before arriving at school. If your child stays for the afternoon program bring in a labeled bottle of sunscreen and we will re-apply it before going outside. Every child should have a labeled water bottle at school to keep in their cubby; the water bottles should be brought home often to be cleaned. We want to make sure the children are well protected from the sun and hydrated during the warmer weather.

Summer Camp

If you are interested in signing your child up for summer camp at Heartworks School there are brochures and applications in the front lobbies. Call Kelly Libby at 985-2153 for more information. This summer the themes for camp are: Jungle Safari, Gnomes, Fairies and Magical Creatures, Snap, Clap, Tap and Sing, Starry, Starry Night, Earth Art, Kitchen Magic, Underground Critters and Creatures, and Polar Lands.

National Teacher Appreciation Week

National Teacher appreciation week is May 4th-10th. There are envelopes in each lobby where you can write a little note about how you appreciate your child's teacher. Your recognition of the work they do means so much to them. Please take a moment to fill out one note and place it in the envelope in the lobby. They will be delivered to the teachers next week. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Order

There will be one last book order for the school year. Please place your check and order form in the envelopes in each lobby. With our last order we earned bonus points which allowed us to receive over \$100.00 worth of books for our schools. Book orders will be due on May 13th. Thank you to Michelle Altadonna who organizes all of our Scholastic Book orders.

The Last Day of School

The last day of school is Wednesday, June 11th. School will be closing at 3:30 on this day. The teachers will participate in two in-service days on the 11th and 12th. During these two days they will receive their CPR/First Aid re-certification, teacher professional development, and prepare the schools for summer camp. Thank you for a wonderful year, we hope you have a fantastic summer!