



# Millbrae Nursery School

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Newsletter



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Dear Families,

Our little Red School House is coming along, and moving closer to our return. It is exciting to see the progress; the staff have been peeking-in, and are anxious to get back. Everyone is commenting on how amazing the school looks. Our first maintenance party went well. The outside is bright and cheerful, ready for our kiddos to come play. Thank you parents for the hard work!

In the classrooms it is remarkable how well and quickly the kiddos are adjusting. Working together and building relationships, you the parent/teachers are also doing great. The kiddos have connected with their teachers and you, their parent/teachers. It is wonderful to see these relationships blossom. As Tiffany has said, "It's a Happy Place to be." Especially when we are stressed and challenged out side. Thank you for the positive attitude and the willingness to work together.

We will work hard to keep you up to date on the progress of school and the upcoming activities that have been planned. Our first trip will be to the farm see how real pumpkins grow. We hope you will join your kiddos on this trip.

Thank you again for the partnership that you are building with us.

- Brigidan



## 2's & 3's Class

The month of October is already here and the kiddos have grown so much in such a short time. Many of the kiddos have become familiar with the words we use here “stop your body” or “May I have a turn please?” The children did self-portraits, and did an art project working together. We finished up the month with talking about our feelings. Seeing this growth in them is so exciting, Norma and I can't wait to see what the end of the year will bring.

The month of October has a special holiday for our children—Halloween!! But our main focus of the month will be the things that happen during this time of the year. We have harvest time and season changes, and we will be talking with the children about each of these things. We will be changing our colors to black and orange, and using circles to make pumpkins and decorate them. In class we also intend on doing baking pumpkin bread, making apple cider, and looking at pumpkin seeds. We will have our first field trip this month to the pumpkin patch. We also have our Fall Party coming up and our class will be in charge of the festivities.

- Teacher Megan & Teacher Norma



## 3's & 4's Class

September has flown by! Our kiddos have been making friends, learning the school routines, singing songs, jumping in the gym, playing ball with Coach Dee Dee, dancing with Teacher Katie, and having fun! We have all been getting to know each other and working together. On display in the classroom are our little people that represent our kiddos' unique personalities. We've talked about our feelings - sad, happy, angry, excited - and have represented them through songs, our "feelings puppets," and our collage.

For October, we have some exciting events planned! Our school is celebrating 75 years with a very special Open House on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at our newly renovated Center Street location! Also this month, we will be visiting a real pumpkin farm, and using our five senses in discovering different art and science experiences. We'll be using pumpkins to help with our science, math, and literacy skills. Our colors for the month will be orange and black. We will be finishing the month with a Family Halloween party and parade.

Thank you for all your help and enthusiasm in the classroom. See you at the Open House!

- Teacher Sandra



## Pre-K Class

Dear Parents and Families of the Pre-K Kiddos,

The kiddos have started the new school year very well. They have drawn their self-portraits, family portraits, and made their personal tote bags. They've begun counting the syllables in names, learned to roll dice, and are counting at circle time. Shapes have been a theme, and they have been searching for and identifying all sizes of them throughout the classroom, at home, and all around them. They have also made pictures using various shapes.



We have focused on using kind words with one another and checking-in with one another if our friends seem sad or hurt. We are also remembering to use quiet hands, indoor voices, walking feet, and to clean up when we're finished playing.

For the month of October, we will be talking about the months of the year, and the month of October. We will talk about patterns, changes of weather, and fall colors, including orange and brown. We look forward to transitioning back to our little red schoolhouse, and will be talking about that too. Yay Millbrae Nursery School!!

I hope to see you all at our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11-3.

- Teacher Nancy



## Meet the MNS Board

**Leticia “Leti” Ortiz, Secretary** Hi, my name is Leticia. I am Jazlynn's mommy (Pre-K Class). We have been with Millbrae Nursery School since Jazzy was 2 years old. The first year was a little overwhelming, but the support of the parents and teachers helped me transition into a co-op school! I'm delighted to watch all the kiddos learn and grow, and I look forward to meeting all the parents.

**Amanda Brown, Financial Assistant** Hi, I'm Amanda Brown the new Financial assistant. My son is Hudson, and he's in the 2year old class. We moved to San Bruno from San Francisco two years ago. Zander, Hudson's brother, attended MNS when he was 4 and is now in 1st grade.

**Jan “Dita” Lawrence, 2’s & 3’s Class Liaison** I am Jan Lawrence, Grandma to Capri Steck. I am excited to be the classroom liaison for the 2/3 class and will do my best to fulfill that role helping out the teachers and connecting with the parents. I enjoy collaboration and am very open to new ideas and supporting any specific needs.

Capri calls me “Dita” and so that is who I am at school. This comes from her trying to pronounce Juanita as she hears many call me for a variety of reasons. My daughter and son-in-law put in long hours at work and so I am the “working coop parent”. I am adjunct faculty in Early Childhood Education at Cañada College, which allows me the time to participate in Capri’s class. The choice of MNS was very conscious. Warm caring teachers and a compassionate Director and a community invested in offering a quality experience was the criteria. The coop model is a great experience for a family. MNS has had a long-standing history and wonderful reputation with Cañada College. I have had the good fortune to know some of your amazing teachers through this school. Since I have worked for so many years in the role of teacher or Director, it is interesting and humbling to walk in different shoes. I know first hand how much energy, heart and integrity it takes to work in a field that is often underappreciated. I have the greatest respect and awe for all that the teachers and administration do and hope to be helpful.

**Silulu “Lulu” Vai, Pre-K Class Liaison** Hi MNS families! My name is Silulu Vai but you can call me Lulu. My daughter is Mataniu (Mata), who is a part of the Pre-K class. So this is our 2nd year here at MNS and we love it! I am taking the role as the class liaison. I will be working closely with teacher Nancy and Noralyn to keep us all informed of the upcoming events and other reminders that we will need to know through out the year. So if you have any questions, feel free to call me at (415) 577-9637 or email me at nellinah31@gmail. Thank you and I will be seeing you all throughout the year!!

**Nikolas Alaimo, HR Chair** Hi I am Nickolas Alaimo. My wife Sarah and I are the parent's of Lilianna Alaimo, who is in the Two's and Three's class . I am a commercial fisherman out of Half Moon Bay, and I have been a Carpenter for the past 12 years. I love to participate in Lilianna’s adventures and learning experiences. We had lots of fun tuning up the play yard at the newly remodeled facility and we look forward to the open house on Sat. Oct, 5.





## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello MNS Families,

Fall is upon us and we have so many fun times ahead. As I'm writing this letter, I'm already envisioning walking through the doors of our beloved school. I want to erase my last memory of how the school looked when I was there in February, 2013. So I'm waiting, with so much anticipation, for the day we will be officially back home!!!!

I want to take this time to thank everyone in advance for all your help with our Open House! What a way to commemorate our school's 75th year!!! Looking forward to seeing everyone on October, 5th, 2013!

### Cleaning Calendar

**Daily**

**MORNING BEFORE WORK**

- Make Beds
- Empty Dishwasher
- Put in One Load of Wash

**EVENING**

- Fold Laundry and Put Away
- Load Dishwasher
- Sweep Kitchen Floor
- Chore of the Day

**Chore of the Day**

Monday	Clean Bathrooms
Tuesday	Dust
Wednesday	Vacuum
Thursday	Mop Floors
Friday	FREE
Saturday	Swing Day/Catch-up Day
Sunday	FREE

**Swing Day**

1st Week	Clean oven, microwave and fridge
2nd Week	Wipe down walls, baseboards, doors
3rd Week	Clean inside windows and blinds
4th Week	Wipe down cabinets

On a personal note, I proposed to our board members to have "Efficiency" as our theme for the school year; efficiency in our school, and also in our daily lives. We as a collective have so much knowledge, so let's help each other and be our own pool of resources. In the job you selected for the school year, you may find a more "efficient" process, please take the lead and let efficiency flow. Any parenting success stories or "nightmares" all are learning opportunities. Please share to help us all become the best parents we can be. Our newsletter is beautifully designed by Kelly Lethin, but the contents are up to the families. So please email her any articles, pins, commentary, etc. on the theme of efficiency. I found this pin I would like to share with everyone. This is a personal goal for our family to follow one day, but for now, I'm dreaming of a life where laundry is my friend, not my nemesis.

Thanks,

*Noralyn Wolf*

We put the FUN in *Fundraising*

Thank you to our families who participated in the See's candy sale and the "Night of Indulgence". Both events were a great success and start to our fund raising year. As we get ready to move back into the school one of the things that we will be looking at is what toys and supplies will need to be replaced. The money that we earn from our fund raising events will go a long way towards making this possible. Keep up the great work and we look forward to your participation in upcoming events.

Thanks,  
*Amy & Stephanie*

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\* \* \* \* \* Save the date!!! \* \* \* \* \*



## Celebration & Open House

Please mark your calendars and be sure to come to this exciting event! Come see our newly renovated schoolhouse, enjoy festivities, and look back at 75 years of education and community.

Saturday October 5, 2013 11AM to 3 PM - 86 Center Street, Millbrae CA

## Notes from Carla



- Please note that changes to attendance and workdays must be requested 4 weeks in advance, or change may not take place until next following month.
- You, our parent workers, are an essential part of a well run, educational, and fun classroom. Please be sure to come to school 10 minutes before your workday and be ready to work with the children.

Thank you,  
Carla

