



# MNS EXPRESS

Millbrae Nursery School | Cooperative Preschool | Family Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

- Mar 9th: Staff & Parent Pot Luck
- Mar 12th: Housekeeping Party  
9am - 12pm (K-Z Families)
- Mar 15th: All Parent Business Meeting 7 pm
- Mar 19th: Spring Party
- Mar 28th - Apr 1st: Spring Break
- Apr 23rd: Spring Carnival  
3pm - 7 pm
- Apr 30th: All Family Maintenance Party 8am - 4pm

## Holiday Care

Spring Break is March 28th - April 1st. If you need care, please speak with Carla as soon as possible.

## From the Director

**Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> for our annual Spring Party.** 10:00am -1:00pm Music, Art and hunting for eggs, will be part of our Spring Pot Luck. Please sign up.

**Calling All Hands on Deck....or YARD! Please save Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

We are very fortunate to have been chosen to receive a grant to do repairs at our school. Rebuilding Together Peninsula has awarded MNS a grant for repairs as well as workers to help with physical work-power to get the repair work done. We still need all MNS members help to get this work done and make these dreams come true. The scheduled maintenance party for ALL FAMILIES has been CHANGED to April 30<sup>th</sup>; not April 9<sup>th</sup>. To make sure all of the work gets done we are asking you to reserve the day, Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup>, time from 8 - 4 to work at MNS. Following at 5 p.m. there will be a celebration including food and games for the whole family, this celebration will be held at Oracle in Redwood Shores.

**Budget for 2016-2017; every vote counts.**

Thank you to all who volunteered and worked on our finances and helped put together a goal and plan for the next school year. The Advisory Committee met and made a recommendation to the board and now to you. Our tuition increase will help to cover our monthly expenses as well as give a well-deserved raise to our aides and staff. Let us know if you have any questions that the board or I can answer. We will ask that one member per family come ready to vote on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm.

**STEP UP - STEP FORWARD....**

Did you know that this time at MNS is your step forward and step up time? Your child will need you to step forward to help make his/her educational experience and extra activities possible. For all schools public and private they will need you to help in giving your kiddo the best environment to flourish in; both with your physical presence and financial support. Your time and volunteering supports physical activities, Art programs, computer classes and even a library. In All schools if families do not step forward those programs are reduced or eliminated. Why not start now this year and be a part of our MNS Board for 2016-2017?

Always,

*Teacher Brigidan*

## Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma's Class - 2/3 year olds

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March has quickly approached after the new year and with it comes great accomplishments from the children. In the next month, we look forward to the coming of Spring and warmer weather.

In the beginning of February, we talked about how this month can be a great time to tell those we love how much they mean to us. The children made mailboxes and were very excited to deliver their personal mail to their friends in the classroom. We have been talking about what happens when we mix colors during one of our group art activities. The kiddos were very excited to make the color pink from mixing red and white. In the math area the children worked on length and understanding the concept of longest and shortest. What a busy month they have had. There has been so much growth in them from forming friendships with other kiddos, to being more verbal in the dialogue with each other.

This month we are going to be looking at the colors green and yellow and work with the rectangle shape. The kiddos will be using clay in some of their art work and we will be continuing self-awareness and how we are all alike, we are all unique.

*Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma*



**Teacher Sandra -3/4 year olds**

February was fantastic! We traced our names on hearts, created collage art, decorated Valentine boxes and read about for Lunar New Year. A big thank you to Lilianna's mom, for leading the Valentine box project and Kaycee's mom and Nana for the adorable Valentine treats and Love Bug art project! The party was a big success and being sung Happy Birthday by all my kiddos was the highlight of my day!

For March, we will start off the month celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday with the story Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in the Hat and other favorites. We'll continue our "green" theme with shamrocks and leprechauns in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Then, it's time for rainbows.

If you have project ideas you would like to share, please let me know so I can include it in my monthly curriculum. Also, please check the Lost and Found cubby in the classroom- it is overflowing with jackets and coats. Thank you!

All the best,

*Teacher Sandra*



*Class Wish List:*

- Walgreens or Costco gift cards for portfolio pictures
- Michael's gift cards for supplies
- Hand held Hole puncher (one hole)

**Teacher Brigidan & Teacher Sasha -Pre-K**

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March we will be exploring and working on the colors of the rainbow. We will be experimenting with white and green, in our art, food and science area. Treasure maps are starting to be a big hit with the kiddos; we will have our real hunt for potatoes and gold coins in March. Fairies & Leprechauns will be out to do some tricks and treats.

We will continue to talk about solutions in the classroom. How are your kiddos doing at home finding solutions? Are the kiddos sharing ideas to resolve disagreements with you and their siblings? Family Meetings are a great way to check in with everyone in the family and talk about how things are going both the positive and challenges. Your Pre K kiddos are old enough to start sharing ways they can help or offer solutions, let us know if you need some support

Our Class will be hosting the Spring Party on March 19<sup>th</sup> we will need your help with planning activities putting together gift bags and a fun egg hunt for all of the children. Spring is on its way and the excitement and energy of our kiddos will be sprouting too. We hope that you and your family will be able to enjoy the changes in the season and environment also.

May you have many rainbows that shine on your day!

*Teacher Sasha & Teacher Brigidan*

