



April 2017 Newsletter



Dear Village Families,

Happy spring! We have had quite a warm March. It has been wonderful to be able to have time to play outside with the kids. I encourage us all to take advantage of our colorful Colorado climate and the local parks and trails. We hope you enjoyed your family time over Spring Break last week.

The next Coffee and Conversation with me will be Wednesday, April 19, 8:15-9:30am and 12:45-1:15pm. I look forward to meeting with you in the Family Partnerships Office. This is an opportunity for us to talk informally about anything related to The Village community. I will have information about how we are doing overall on our instructional goals for students and what we are doing in our classrooms to help students to be better prepared for kindergarten.

The Village Cookie Sale has begun and will conclude, Friday, April 7th. The money that is raised from this sale will be used to purchase class supplies in every classroom. Thank you for supporting our school!

Estimadas Familias de Village,

¡Feliz primavera! Hemos tenido un mes de marzo cálido hasta ahora. Ha sido maravilloso poder tener tiempo para jugar con los niños afuera. Animo a todos a aprovechar nuestro colorido clima de Colorado, parques y senderos locales. Las vacaciones de primavera son la próxima semana, marzo 27-31. Regresaremos a la escuela el lunes 3 de abril. ¡Disfrute este tiempo con su familia!

El próximo Café y Conversación conmigo será el miércoles, 19 de abril, 8:15-9:30am y 12:45-1:15pm. Espero encontrarme con usted en la Oficina de Asociaciones Familiares. Esta es una oportunidad para que podamos hablar informalmente sobre cualquier cosa relacionada con la comunidad de The Village. Tendré información sobre cómo estamos haciendo en nuestras metas de instrucción para los estudiantes y que estamos haciendo en nuestros salones para ayudar a los estudiantes a estar mejor preparados para el kínder.

La venta de las galletas ha comenzado y terminara, viernes, 7 de abril. El dinero será usado para comprar útiles para nuestras clases. ¡Gracias por apoyar nuestra escuela!

Warm Regards/Atentamente,
Marnie Yanacheak, Principal/Directora

Curriculum Corner



Creative Curriculum: We are studying Roads! A preschool favorite! A study of roads provides children with an opportunity to learn how roads are made, where roads take us, how we can stay safe on the road, and the features that make up a road. When children work together to create roads, they use a variety of skills to plan, write, draw, and negotiate with others.

A study of roads encourages children to explore a topic that is familiar to them as they practice important academic and social skills. We will be working on language and literacy concepts as we read books about roads and transportation and explore classroom materials. Each day we practice counting, numbers, letters and letter sounds.

Officer Spencer from the Littleton Police Department visited our school to talk with our students about how police officers keep us safe. He answered questions and brought his police car for us to see. Thank you Officer Spencer for volunteering your time with us!

How you can help your child at home:

- Talk with your child about different kinds of roads: highways, dirt roads, toll roads, alleys.
- Talk about traffic lights, signs, gutters, ramps and overpasses you see on roads.
- Talk about the jobs people have who work on roads. What equipment do they use?
- **Please refer to your child's classroom newsletter for more details and how you can help.**



Dinosaur School: We are continuing with our Problem Solving Unit in Dinosaur School. The children are learning to recognize they have a problem by understanding their feelings. With Dina, Wally and Molly, the children role play, discuss and practice the problem solving steps:

1. What is my problem
2. What is a solution?
3. What are some other solutions?

Some of the solutions we are learning about include: sharing, asking for help, trading, and walking away. If you have any questions, please talk to your classroom team.

How you can help your child at home:

- Use the problem solving steps with your child. "I see you are frustrated. What solution can you use to feel better?" When naming an uncomfortable feeling, combine it with a positive solution. For example, "You are angry with your brother, why don't you try walking away."
- Do the Dinosaur School home activities with your child.
- Name your child's feelings: happy, proud, excited, curious, sad, frustrated or scared.
- Praise your child when things go well!

Family/Community Partnerships Corner

April is All-Star Reading Month at The Village!

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and friends to read to your preschooler every day! You will receive colored reading stars (4 to a page) to complete after you read a book with your child.

Return the cut out reading stars to your child's classroom teachers and we will begin to see our hallways lined with "Reading Stars". This is a fun event to promote early literacy for our school. Classrooms will have a party each time they collect 50 reading stars!

Tips for selecting and reading books:

1. Quality books for preschoolers have lots of pictures and one or two sentences per page.
2. As you read, talk about the pictures.
3. Use open-ended questions, for example; Tell me about what is happening?
Questions using who, what, where and why are also fun for kids to answer about the pictures and the story.

April 17th - April 21st is Guest Reader Week. You are invited to read a story in our classrooms. Details of how to sign up will be sent home with the Reading Stars.

April 18th 10:00am-12:00pm The Village Policy Committee, join us to make a difference at The Village.

April 20th 5:00pm - 7:00pm Family Matters - Guest speakers Amanda Dreyer, speech and language pathologist at The Village and Val Fetters, Children's Librarian at Bemis Library, will be providing information and community resources available over the summer to promote literacy development for your child.

April 25th – 28th is the Week of the Young Child! Details about special activities happening that week will be provided after Spring Break. The Village Art Show will be on display during this time. Come enjoy the Village children's impressive creations.

THANK YOU for donating materials and Home Depot gift cards to build "Music Walls" for each playground. The children are having fun creating music and rhythm. A special thanks to the St. Andrew United Methodist Church youth group for a job well done painting and designing these fun, colorful additions to our playground.



Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS):

PBIS is our school philosophy that promotes positive school culture, social-emotional learning, and effective interventions. To find out more, contact your child's teacher or visit <http://www.pbis.org/> for more information. Our PBIS focus is following the rules at school:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Kind**
- **Be a Listener**

Our teachers talk with our students about how to follow these rules in the classroom, the hallways, the cafeteria, the bathrooms and the playground. They have been doing a great job! **Please remember to praise your child when he or she is following these rules.** For example, "Great job walking in the halls and being safe!" Thank you!

Important Dates

April 3 – 7

Thursday, April 6th

Tuesday, April 18th

Wednesday, April 19th

Thursday, April 20th

Monday, April 24th

Last week of cookie sale!

Village Class Partners 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Policy Committee Meeting 10:00am – 12:00pm

Coffee and Conversation with the Principal
8:15am – 9:30am and 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Family Matters 5:00pm – 7:00pm

No classes for ½ day preschool

April 24 – 28

Week of the Young Child

Village Book Fair

Art Show



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