



# The Village at Ames

## April 2018 Family Newsletter

### Important Phone Numbers To Keep:

Attendance Line  
303-347-4410

Preschool Office  
(Tracey Hansen) -  
303-347-4419

Health Assistant  
(Sheryl  
Schwiethale) -  
303-347-4401

Ames Office  
(Shelly Cox) -  
303-347-4411

### Upcoming Dates

- April 10, Tuesday – Ames Family Partnership Meeting – 6:30 pm
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Week of the Young Child Celebrations
- **SAVE THE DATES** -- Spring Musical Programs – 6:30 P.M. April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

#### 4/17, Tuesday

AM Lady Bugs, Bumble Bees, Dragonflies, AM Butterflies

#### 4/18, Wednesday

PM Grasshoppers, PM Lady Bugs, PM Butterflies, PM Caterpillars

#### 4/19, Thursday

Fireflies, AM Grasshoppers, Ants, AM Caterpillars, Wiggly Worms

- April 27, Friday – EARLY RELEASE @ 12:45 pm for Friday classes
- April 30, Monday – LPS Teacher In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL

## Spring Musical and Art Show – 6:30 p.m.

On the evenings of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, families are invited to join us for our very special Class Musical Performances and 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show!

The children have done an amazing job learning their class songs and producing some beautiful pieces of art! So very precious – you will not want to miss!

Because our Preschool has grown so much, our musicals will take place over three fun nights! Please note above which night your child's class is assigned.

**Students are requested to arrive at their classrooms at 6:15 p.m., in a white t-shirt if possible, on the night of their performance.**

After the performances, families will collect their students from their classrooms and then are invited to enjoy refreshments and our annual art show made up of special pieces collected from each student. We hope all our families can join us for this fun community time.

The art show also serves as our Annual Spring Fundraiser. Families will be invited to “purchase” their child's work of art. This is a VOLUNTARY purchase. This year, all funds collected will be used to enhance our outside toys and activities. There will be a donation box by the front office if families wish to participate. All the art pieces will be sent home the following week.

**HAPPY  
SPRING!**



## We Love Our Volunteers!

In recognition of Volunteer Appreciation this month, we would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You!" to all our wonderful volunteers!

Your help, inside and outside of our classrooms, is vital to our success.

We hope you all know how much we truly appreciate you!



THANKS  
FOR  
BEING  
AWESOME



**Thank You!**

### THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL LUNCH!

A GIANT THANK YOU! FOR THE WONDERFUL LUNCH PROVIDED BY OUR PARENT COMMUNITY FOR OUR TEACHERS AT CONFERENCES. EVERYTHING WAS DELICIOUS! EVERYONE'S THOUGHTFULNESS MADE THOSE LONG DAYS DO-ABLE FOR OUR TEACHERS! THANK YOU TO THE AMES FAMILY PARTNERSHIP FOR ORGANIZING THE EVENT. WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!

### ATTENDANCE REMINDER...



Please remember to call our attendance line (**303-347-4410**) to report your student's absence. Please state your name, your child's name, the date, the name of the class your child attends, and the reason for the absence. The attendance line accepts messages 24 hours a day.

If the absence is due to illness, please state that on your message and give a brief explanation of the illness as well. Our Health Assistant and Nurse Consultant use those messages to track any possible contagious outbreaks, colds and flu cases.

Thank you for helping us keep our Preschool as healthy as possible!

### May is the Last Tuition Payment of the Year

Just a quick reminder that the final tuition payment for the school year is due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please Note: For families who have opted for the automatic payment option, ALL credit card payments will be processed on Monday, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Shelly Cox, [slcox@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:slcox@lps.k12.co.us), or stop by the office if you have any questions.

# Curriculum News...



## This Month:

### Earth and the Environment

The component of science called “Earth and the Environment” involves the natural world. In preschool, children learn by experiencing natural settings directly. The goal is for children to learn important ideas about those settings and develop respect for their natural surroundings. Think about how you might address the following questions:

- What is the land like in this community? Is there water, grass, sand, and rocks? Are there lakes, ponds, mountains, deserts, rivers, or fields? What are these things like?
- What can we see in the sky? How do those things in the sky affect the world around us?

These would be some fun summer backyard or camping conversations. ☺

- What is the weather here? How does it affect us?
- How can we take care of the world around us?

We hope the information that we have shared the past three months about Science gives you information as well as some fun activities and conversations to have with your children. Science is fun!

## Remember Your Reading Stars!

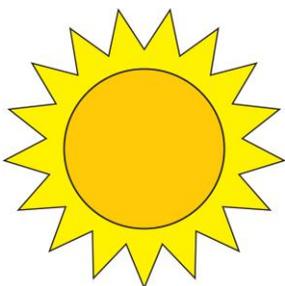


Let's celebrate the Week of the Young Child!

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. We're so excited for a week-long celebration of our youngest learners!

During the month of April, each time you and your child read a book together, please fill out and send in a star (we will provide) to school with your child's name on it and the book you read together.

Stars were sent home with your student before Spring Break, and more will be available if needed! Thanks for helping to fill our hallway with great stars and great books, and for spending time reading with our little learners!



## Here comes the sun...

As the weather begins to get warmer, please remember to apply sunscreen on your child daily, before he/she comes to school. Thank you!



**Week of the Young Child Activities**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Musical Monday**

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Tasty Tuesday**

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Work Together Wednesday**

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Artsy Thursday**

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Friday**



**Parent Survey Feedback**

Thank you to all who participated in our Family Survey last year. We appreciated your input!

Through the survey, we learned that we have many strengths. You value the relationships that are made between our staff and your children; the building is a safe and welcoming place for children to be; you believe that our learning environments meet the needs of your children; and you also value the communication between staff and families as well as the communication between home and school.

Individual Meet and Greet times at the beginning of the school year were implemented this year because families expressed a desire to help set a goal(s) with their child's teachers. We were then able to revisit these goals during conference times. We've had positive feedback about this change from families and staff, and feel that better connections were being made even before the start of school.

We will be sending out a School-Wide Survey again for this year. Thank you in advance for completing the form as we truly value our families and your feedback!

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