

HOLLIS PRESCHOOL

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Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

There will be **NO SCHOOL** due to a Professional Development day on **Tuesday, March 12th**

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, March 20th, 4-7pm

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Wild Salamander Creative Arts Center:

3's: Monday, April 15th

2's & 4s: Tuesday, April 16th

Beaver Brook:

4's: Wednesday, May 1st

2's: Thursday, May 2nd

3's: Friday, May 3rd

Hannaford and the **See Science Center** will soon be hosting field trips for our HPS students. Dates and times to be announced - stay tuned!

CHILD RESTRAINT TRAINING

This important training will take place at the Hollis Fire Station. Please make sure you've completed and returned the info sheet about your child to the preschool.

Saturday, May 4 from 9am-12pm

Message from Our Director

Dear Hollis Preschool Families,

How can spring be right around the corner? It seems like only yesterday we were meeting our students and new families. We have a lot of news to share with you about upcoming activities and events!

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-20 preschool year is in full swing! I'm happy to report classes are filling up quickly! If you have not registered your child for the next school year, please do so as soon as possible. In addition, our summer camp schedule will also be out soon. We are offering a variety of camps for your little ones, ages 2-10.

NUTRITION AND MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH

The next two months at Hollis Preschool will be filled with exciting activities and special guests. The teachers and myself are always extremely busy planning for meaningful learning experiences for our Hollis preschoolers. March is National Nutrition and Music Appreciation Month. All our classes will participate in a Hannaford field trip. If you have an instrument that you would like to share or play for the children please contact your child's teacher.

VISITING SPECIALISTS

Our specialists visit each class monthly and have been introducing activities the students love and capture their attention! Thank you to Mr. Smith from Neil Stone's Karate Academy for continuing to volunteer time for our kids! They look forward to the monthly visit! Miss Bethany (dance), Miss Ashima (music), and Miss Sarah (gymnastics), thank you for enlightening our students with your areas of expertise!



REMINDER

Please refresh your child's change of clothes at school, in a labeled ziplock bag.

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Parents Night Out

Wednesday, March 20th, 4-7pm

'Parents Night Out' is offered several times a year by HPS as an opportunity for parents to drop children off at the preschool with our teachers, while you enjoy some free time. We provide dinner, crafts, playing with peers and a movie. We will have several young helpers volunteering and we are excited to see many little friends. Take this opportunity to have some extra time for yourself: sign your kiddos up for a special night with their favorite teachers!

Don't forget to sign up on Sign Up Genius. Ages 2-10 welcome. Send your kiddos in their jammies too!

\$30 per child, \$10 each additional (\$40 family cap)

Reminders

HEALTH FORMS

At your child's annual well-child check, ask the doctor for the school/camp immunizations form and submit it to HPS.

DELAYS AND CLOSINGS

In case of weather related delays or closings, please visit:
www.wmur.com/weather/closings

FLU SEASON

Please keep sick kids home from school if they have a fever, flu, vomit, virus or diarrhea. They should stay out of school for 24 hours after they are symptom-free.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Hollis Preschool Tax ID is
 02-0232166

Message from Our Director, continued

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Please check your class calendar for special dates and happenings coming up! What better way to celebrate spring than a Beaver Brook field trip and exploring nature. Our spring activities are always fun and exciting! We will also visit Wild Salamander and celebrate our new season with a Spring Fest! More information about these events will be coming in the near future.

JOIN US

The two most important components in my role as Director is having teachers and a Board of Directors that are dedicated to and share the vision of Hollis Preschool's future! I have both, which I am truly grateful, however positions need to be filled from our volunteers that are graduating! Please join me for **Coffee with your Director Thursday, March 21 at 9:00am** to visit, share ideas and possibly further commit to your child's education. Thank you all for your consideration and support.

All my best,
 Bridget Roy
 Hollis Preschool Director

Freedom Fridays

Dear Parents,

Freedom Friday has been such an exciting program that students are able to have access to different social opportunities, sensory exploration, and fine motor tasks. The students in Freedom Friday are guided to explore different opportunities that they may have never been exposed to and to use materials in different ways. We explore different music as well and incorporate gross motor skills and activities throughout our time! The students enjoy the freedom to try new things and explore the materials and preschool environment during a structured class. We will continue to be exploring new sensory opportunities and skills within the next few weeks!

Stephanie Corey



Kindergarten Readiness

Dear Parents,

In the month of February the students in K Readiness have been diving into snow science and exploring the world of Arctic Animals. The students have done many different science experiments around snow from seeing what melts the snow faster to painting snow and learning about where it comes from! We have learned a lot about arctic animals and the environment down in Antarctica which we have then centered our fine motor/art projects around as well as our literacy time as we read about different animals or people that live in the Arctic! The students are very proud of their interactive notebooks and we continually work on these throughout each K Readiness session! Each student has their own notebook which they practice different skills in!

Stephanie Corey



Enrichment

Dear Parents,

Students in the **Culinary Creations** have found a new love for cooking. Each week we explore different types of food and even play with some foods! The students have learned about food safety, cultures, and different types of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. So far the students have made breakfast pancakes & smoothies, pizzas (which lead us to explore a little bit of Italy), Mexican quesadillas, and one day we even played with food and made some banana popsicles!

Students in the **Community Connections** are learning about many jobs and people in their community. We talk about various professions in the world today and explore some common ones such as police officers, fire fighters, doctors, and last week, we were scientists! The students are able to imagine what they want to be when they grow up, while also being exposed to jobs they didn't even know existed. Visitors allow the students to see jobs in action and they are able to pair both familiar and non-familiar faces with a profession!

Stephanie Corey



Full STEAM Ahead!

Dear Parents,

We started off February learning about germs! We used a powdered donut to see how fast germs can spread to hands, table, floor and toys. We blew on the donut like we sneezed to see germs can also travel through the air. We also discussed the importance of handwashing. Using glo-germ lotion, we saw how well they washed germs off their hands, as well as noticing spots that are typically missed.

The following week was Valentine's Day. The children experimented with vinegar mixed with food coloring and painted it onto a baking soda heart. They loved the reaction it made and watching the colors mix as they fizzed together on their heart. The children were given red, blue and yellow tissue paper hearts. They were instructed to place them on their paper and paint them with water. I encouraged them to overlap different colors. As the tissue paper dried, we took them off the paper to see how they bled through to the white paper and the overlapping colors created new colors!

For the final week of February, we explored snow! We talked about what happens to snow when the weather is warm. I let them each pack a measuring cup with snow and we marked where the snow started and they melted their snow. The children noticed the snow floated as it melted, and also the water measurement was much smaller than snow. I explained that those observations were due to water being denser than snow, meaning the molecules are much closer together. The children experimented with snow outside, making snowballs and snow volcanoes, I explained that snow is able to be molded because when we pack the snow crystals together with our warm hands/mitten the snow melts a little and wet heavier snow sticks together easier. The children also painted in the snow. They had fun watching the colors bleed through the snow and blend together.

I hope everyone had a fun and safe vacation, see you in March!

Jen Mandolare





EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 2019							
						1 NO SCHOOL Sign up on Fridays for the following week's Full STEAM Ahead!	2
3	4 CLASSES RESUME	5	6 Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	7	8	9	
10	11 Parent/Teacher conference for Mrs. White's 3s class	12 NO SCHOOL Professional Development day	13 Parent/Teacher conference for Mrs. Silvestri's class	14 Parent/Teacher conference for Mrs. Callahan's class	15	16	
17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 Parent/Teacher conferences for Mrs. White's 2s class	20 Parents Night Out! 4-7pm	21 Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	22	23	
24	25 Last day of Culinary Creations	26	27 Last day of Community Connections	28	29	30	
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APRIL 2019							
	1	2	3 Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	4		5 Sign up on Fridays for the following week's Full STEAM Ahead!	6
7	8 First day of Enrichment Session IV	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15 Wild Salamander Field Trip for the 3's 	16 Wild Salamander Field Trip for the 2's & 4's 	17	18 Coffee With Your Director 9am at Buckley's	19	20	
21 Easter	22 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	23 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	24 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	25 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	26 NO SCHOOL School Vacation	27	
28	29	30	May 1 Beaver Brook field trip for the 4s 	May 2 Beaver Brook field trip for the 2s 	May 3 Beaver Brook field trip for the 3s 	May 4 Child Restraint Training at Hollis Fire Station at 9am 	