



## SEPTEMBER 2021

What a different, but wonderful start to the school year! Welcome to our many new families and welcome back to our returning friends. It's great to see you all. This year we also welcome new teachers to our incredible teaching team. Katie McGurn will teach a TTh 2s class with Elizabeth Cahill assisting her. Angela Wager will assist Kerri Clark in the other 2s classes and Elizabeth Wright will assist Cathy Killian in the 3s. Welcome back to Christina Fallon and all our other incredible teachers!

### CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

- 1) Did you return the "School Forms" packet? Thank you!
- 2) And did you return a Completed Health Record WITH IMMUNIZATION RECORD attached?
- 3) Please pay September tuition this week if you have not already done so. Place in the mailbox to the left of the main entrance to the building or pay electronically. The Preschool is pleased to announce that beginning with this school year, families have the option to pay their invoices electronically via their Quickbooks invoice. Families are able to pay via ACH (automated clearing house) using their bank routing and bank account information. Families using this option will incur an online payment convenience fee. All invoices will be generated with this convenience fee included. If families wish to continue paying by check, they should simply deduct the online payment convenience fee amount from their invoice total when submitting it to Maury. The Preschool Treasurer will adjust their invoice accordingly. Going forward, tuition is due the first of the month October-March, unless you have already paid in full. Your deposit covers April, May and June tuition.

### THANK YOU TO PARENTS

Thank you all for your participation as we all learn and adjust to daily health screenings. Your submission by 7:45am really makes drop off so much faster and smoother. Remember to use your child's first and last name when filling out the health screening.

Here is the 2021-2022 school year link - <https://form.typeform.com/to/eUlsSKGd> Thank you!

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 16 We are OPEN even though public schools are closed
- September 20 Afternoon sessions, Early Birds, Stay & Play all begin
- October 11 School closed for Columbus Day
- October 21 Parent Night\* - all classes

\*Please plan to join us for a wonderful night just for parents. Look for more information coming home in October. Parent's Night may be virtual this year.

**BIRTHDAY TREATS** are permitted this year if they are commercially prepared and packaged! So, treats from the grocery, the bakery or Dunkin Donuts are all okay. Please be sure to check the date with your child's teacher prior to sending in a special snack. We want every child to have their own special birthday celebration!

Important information regarding the **FLU SHOT**, we must have:

- 1) Flu shot documentation from your child's doctor or
- 2) a note from your child's doctor claiming medical exemption or
- 3) a note from you claiming religious exemption.

**THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR CHILDREN 6-59 MONTHS IN ORDER TO REMAIN ENROLLED IN JANUARY.**

**MAILBOX** - When placing any checks or papers in the mailbox by our front door, please pull down the handle and slide your papers through the opening at the top. Please do not put your papers in the outgoing mail clip.

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### **SEPTEMBER OUTREACH PROJECT - MOMS HELPING MOMS FOUNDATION**

We are excited to continue our partnership with Bridget Cutler, President of Moms Helping Moms Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping moms in need obtain baby equipment and supplies. Diapers and wipes are much needed! September 25<sup>th</sup> Moms Helping Moms will hold a no contact drive through Diaper Drive in our parking lot from 9:00-noon. So, load your trunk with diapers and come on by on the 25<sup>th</sup>! Your support is greatly appreciated and will help alleviate the very real diaper need that exists in our communities. Thank you!

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### **THE POWER OF PLAY**

We have long valued the power of play at NPPC Preschool and Kindergarten. Play not only helps children make sense of their world, but also develops language skills, perceptual skills, socio-emotional skills, and problem-solving skills to name a few. I quoted this article last year but think it bears repeating!

Nancy Carlsson-Paige, in an article in the *Provincetown Independent*, writes this about the power of play to help children deal with adversity:

"Not only does play foster cognitive development, it is also the primary way that young children maintain emotional balance. Play is how kids cope.

We see reports of how children are playing out the Covid experience. They zap the virus, they wave it away, they make medicine and pretend to help sick people. These mirror accounts of children playing out other challenges and traumas they have faced. Once children return to school, they are going to need a lot of time to play in order to process what they've been through with Covid-19. This is what will help them regain a sense of security for going forward."

**Source:** "Taking Stock of What We've Done to Young Children," by Nancy Carlsson-Paige, *The Provincetown Independent*, August 13, 2020

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In closing, I want to thank all of you for trusting us with your children. It is a privilege that we take very seriously. Also, please know my door is always open to you. Feel free to email me at [mfryer@thecornernj.com](mailto:mfryer@thecornernj.com) or call me with any questions, concerns or comments (908.665.0951 - office, 908.337.2984 - cell) or chat with me outside. Looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Maury

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9