



Jack and Jill Pre-School
September 2017
Community Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We are geared up for a fantastic 70th school year, filled with new opportunities and fun experiences for your whole family.

Please take a few moments to read our newsletter to become acquainted with us. There may be things mentioned in this newsletter that were not covered during our orientation!

Please feel free to stop by the office and visit any time. I am always available to assist you with any questions you might have.

Warmly,
Kara ☺



Our 70th YEAR!

Please join us as we celebrate our 70th academic year by spreading kindness. Our 70 acts of kindness initiative was launched on Tuesday, September 12th with act #1 give a hug to someone today. This act was suggested by an alumni student who is currently in the 4th grade at FRCS. We couldn't think of a better way to start our school year. Acts of kindness will be prompted on our FaceBook page and via email. We encourage you to document your acts and tag us on Facebook and Instagram (jackandjillpreschool). Please use #jackandjill70acts

so that we are able to maintain a digital time line of our initiative!



SAVE THE DATE!

Our 70th anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018. This event will take place during the day time hours and be open to the public. We are looking for as many alumni and community member to join as possible. There will be food, entertainment and demonstrations going on throughout the day!



70th Anniversary T-Shirts

Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts for our 70th anniversary celebration by purchasing a Jack and Jill 70th anniversary t-shirt. We have sizes youth xs – adult 2xl. Shirts are \$12.00 each or \$10.00 each when you purchase two or more! Shirts are available for purchase in the office!

Late Arrival / Early Pick Ups

Please plan to call us on the school line at 508-222-1149 if you arrive after the doors are locked or if you are dismissing early. The buzzer at the back door does not ring at Jack and Jill.

Additionally, if you are dismissing early please be aware that we do have pick-up lines at 11:55-12:10 and again from 12:40 – 1:10.

Car Pick Up

We will continue to work out the kinks over the next few weeks and you will find the pick - up line moving faster each day. Here are some pointers to help you along:

- Do not begin lining up until 5 minutes prior to dismissal. Enrichment 4's line begins at the end of Pre-K line, so please make sure you do not get in line prior to 5 minutes ahead of time or you may end up in the middle of Pre-K dismissal
- If you arrive early park in a spot and begin forming the line 5 minutes prior to dismissal

- Please allow for parked vehicles to join the line
- If you are the first car please pull up ONE FULL CAR LENGTH PAST the dumpster
- If you arrive and the line is at the end of the drive, make a loop and come back around
- PLEASE DO NOT MAKE LEFT HAND TURNS into the parking lot

Room Representatives

What is a room representative?

A room representative is a very important volunteer role at Jack and Jill Pre-School! As a room representative, you would be asked to organize teacher gifts at the holidays; assist Kara with school wide functions such as PJ Story Night, Mothers and Father's Day events and Graduation. Room Representatives are also encouraged to host monthly parent coffees for each classroom. There may be other ways that you can help the individual classroom teachers, such as taking home projects that will assist them in the classroom. If you are interested in volunteering in this way please speak with me at your earliest convenience.



Giving Tree

One of the ways you can help is by donating materials that we use on a daily basis. If you are interested please consult the giving tree in the hallway. The items that we need are posted on the tree. Feel free to take down the card listing an item and bring it back with your donation. Donations can be given directly to your classroom teacher or brought to the office to be stored.

A HUGE thank you to all who have donated thus far! Your generosity has been overwhelming!

Classroom Helper Orientations:

Please join me for a classroom helper orientation. This orientation is not mandatory, but is helpful for those of you who may be entering a classroom for

the first time. It will help acquaint you with a few of Jack and Jill's golden rules, as well as inform you about what a typical day is like for a parent helper.

Wednesday, October 4th at 9:15 AM

Thursday, October 5th at 9:15 AM

A classroom helper calendar will be posted on the bulletin board outside your child's classroom. You will be required to sign in and out of the school each time you volunteer. Our volunteer log is located on Kara's desk in the office.



Scholastic Books

Reading out loud to children is such an integral piece to their development. Scholastic book club provides parents with an opportunity to build their children's library inexpensively. You will have the opportunity to purchase books through the book clubs on a monthly basis. If you are interested in participating you should complete an order form and send it in with a check payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. You may also order books online! Books typically arrive 2 weeks later. If you are purchasing books for gifts just put a note on your order and we will be sure we hand them to you on the sly! The first order will be out soon! Any questions just ask!! Book orders will be due back by Friday, September 29th.



Tunes for Tots

Our three year old classes will enjoy monthly visits from Mrs. T from Tunes for Tots! Mrs. T brings her guitar and engages our children with singing and dancing! Her first session with us is on Friday, September 22nd. ☺



Enrichment 4's

Our first enrichment series – Karate - is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 25th. Sensei Mike

from Lotus Studio in North Attleboro will be coming in Tuesdays from 11:00 – 11:45. Sensei is skilled at providing an opportunity for physical, emotional, and moral development in young children. I have been so very impressed with his classes here at Jack and Jill. Please dress your children comfortably on Mondays so that they can move easily and take full advantage of this opportunity!



Extra Clothes

If you have not done so already, please leave an extra set of clothes for your child at school. For the AM 4's, Enrichment and 3's classes, clothes should be labeled in a bag and left on the shelf above the coat hooks. For the Pre-K class, bags can be given directly to Ms. Pascal and stored inside the classroom. Thank you!



Recess

Our classes go outside in all weather. Please dress your child accordingly. Layers are great for this time of the year. We have some chilly AM's but warm up fast! Please be especially aware of footwear! We want our children to be able to run, jump rope, bike ride and climb during their outside time! During these early Fall days, you may want to continue to apply sunscreen. There are bottles on the window sills in the hall, should you need it.



Fire Drills

The four year old classes will have their first fire drill the week of September 18th. We will discuss the drill with the children before we sound the alarm. If you have not done so already, consider having a drill at home too. A family meeting spot is a good idea! Always better to be prepared. ☺ Our three year old classes will be having their first drill in October.



Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary

The Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary educators will come out to our program once a month to provide a nature program. Each of our 4 and 5 year old classes will have a 30-45 minute program once a month. The program is both informational and hands on, depending on the topic. We will keep you posted on the topics so that you have an opportunity to ask your child about the program! Our first visit from Oak Knoll will be Wednesday, October 4th.



Annual Fall Festival

Save the date for our annual Fall Festival! The purpose of our Fall Festival is two fold: a community building event and fundraiser all in one. The date for this year's festival is Saturday, October 28th from 10-12.

Admission fees will be charged for children ages 2-12. We will begin selling "Pumpkin Passports" the week of 10/16/16 at morning drop off. The pumpkin passport will cost \$8.00 and will give your child an opportunity to make 3 crafts, play 2 games, have their face painted, receive a glitter tattoo and visit the snack station!

In addition we will be holding a bake sale and craft sale. If you are crafty and would like to donate anything for us to sell, please contact Erin Brown at ejeranian@yahoo.com.

Mrs. Lehane will also be selling "Book Grams" for \$3.00 apiece. A book gram is an opportunity to purchase a book for your child, write a special note inside and have it delivered to their classroom! Book grams are used to help us kick off Literacy Month in November!

COMING SOON.....

F September 29th	Book Order Due
W October 4th	Classroom Helper Orientation 9:15 AM
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M October 9th	SCHOOL CLOSED Columbus Day