

# WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

## HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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### Daffodil House May Newsletter

#### What we've been up to:

We have been continuing to welcome in the spring in a variety of ways. We had a wonderful Earth Day planting party, where we planted carrots, mint, tomatoes and flowers. We also made pinecone birdfeeders and painted terracotta pots. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with our Earth Day celebration! The kids have been very active in maintaining our garden – they love to water the plants and monitor their growth!



*Elsa and her mom Jess at the Planting Party!*

#### Bumblebees

Our friend Miri introduced the topic of Bumblebees into the group, and we have been thoroughly researching this topic. We have talked about what we already know about bees,

and what we are wondering about bees. We've done some research on the Internet, and plan on doing some bee-themed art projects! You can check out our Bee research in the playroom, above the light table. Also, if any of you have any books about bees that we could borrow, it would be greatly appreciated!

#### Play After Play

We all enjoyed our most recent field trip to Play After Play. It was very interesting to see the second story, "The Gentle People," and to see the progression of the children's involvement. We discussed our favorite parts of the experience. We found the group was pretty evenly divided – some liked the theatrical play best, while others preferred the physical play afterwards.

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to drive. We simply cannot have these wonderful experiences without you. Please note that our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Play After Play experience will be on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. We, again, encourage you

to join us if you can, even if your child does not attend on Fridays.

#### What we're going to be doing:

As the weather warms, we are planning to set up a water station in the backyard. Kids will be able to practice pouring, or fill up watering cans to water the plants!



*Annabel making a birdfeeder*

#### May Faire

Our May Faire quickly approaches. We are so excited for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual May Faire celebration. We will gather on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:30 in the Daffodil House backyard to celebrate the May Queen and her Royal Court. We are very grateful to have so much parent participation this year! Thank you to all of

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the parents and siblings who are volunteering to make this year's festivities fabulous. Please remember to bring a baked good or grill item to donate to our bake sale and grill!

### **Art Show**

We also have our June Art show coming up, so we will be working hard to get our projects ready.

### **Note to parents:**

Thank you for all your hard work! We really appreciate the effort you've put in to help us with field trips, and school-based activities. Thank you for all the donations you've made for our classroom and garden! Again, if any of you have a book about Bees that you would like to share with us, that would be wonderful!

### **Goodbye Naomi**

The time is also drawing near for the FayeCullen family to prepare for their newest addition. Naomi's last day in the Iris House classroom will be Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Beginning June 7<sup>th</sup> Helene will teach for the remainder of the year with Sean. So the Daffodil children who stay all day

will see Helene in the afternoons! A new teacher will join the Iris House in September. If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to email or call us.

### **Reminder:**

Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> – May Faire

Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> – Memorial Day / NO SCHOOL

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Art Show @

New Seasons

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Staff

Development Day / NO SCHOOL