

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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Iris House **April 2009**

Spring Is Here!

Spring is finally here and it feels like the earth is coming alive again! We think it is fitting that as mother earth wakes from her deep slumber and bursts into blossoms, our wonderful new teacher Naomi joins us. We could not be happier to welcome Naomi into our Wild Lilac family. Her creativity and enthusiasm are totally inspiring and we are grateful for the energy she brings to our program!

What Have We Been Up To?

The children have been enjoying our wonderful new loft (thank you, wonderful Brian!) and some other awesome changes in our space! They have been enjoying this sunny springtime weather in the backyard and have been beginning to plan their planting curriculum block. We have Music together teacher (and Zoe's mom) Shannon teaching music classes to our Wednesday group and will continue Drama class with Noah on Fridays this month!

Zenger Farm Field Trip

Our second Zenger Farm Field Trip of the year is on Tuesday April 21st. We will be meeting at school at 8:30am and will caravan to the farm. We need drivers! Please let us know if you would like to drive and how many children you can bring. If your child does not come to school on Tuesdays, you are of course welcome to come along! If your child *does* come to school on Tuesdays please remember to bring your child's car seat the morning of the field trip.



Organizing vegetables donated by Little Green Grocer!

Planting Party!

You are all cordially invited to our Spring Planting Party on April 22nd at 11:30am! Please bring some work clothes and we will get dirty in our garden, sing some springtime songs and have a picnic!

Pick Up Times!

Please honor the designated pick up time for your child's schedule. It is stressful for the teachers when parents arrive late.

If your child is scheduled to be picked up at 1:00pm, please make sure s/he is out of the playroom by 1:00pm exactly. Although there are still children playing in the playroom, these are full day children who are waiting for nap time. Because we have a blended afternoon program which combines children from Iris House and Daffodil House, we need morning children to leave on time in order for us to be within our state mandated ratio.

If you pick your child up at 4:00pm please note that the teachers are scheduled to leave at 4:00pm on the dot! We have really been working with the schedule in order to ensure that there is a teacher with each group for the full day so the children have continuity and the parents can get an accurate account of their child's day. However, we are also committed to making sure the teachers' schedules are

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manageable for them. The only way to make this work is if teachers leave right at 4:00pm. Please respect this policy by honoring their work day and understanding that if you have pressing questions you may come a few minutes early or email them.

Also, most of the time our late pickup fees are honor based, so if you come late, please sign out the time you walk in the door.

May Faire

We will be hosting our 3rd annual May Faire on May 9 and Katie and Helene are in the beginning planning stages of this awesome event! If you would like to help us plan the May Faire, shoot us an email and we will put together a task force!

Teachers' email

Do you have urgent questions you want to ask Christina and Naomi? Or perhaps you just want to send them a quick note telling them how great you think they are (Katie and Helene do that a lot!) then please email them! Their Wild Lilac email is:

wildlilac.irishouse@gmail.com.

Also, if you have scheduling

questions or info (like your child will be absent or you are hoping for a make-up day) you may direct them to the teachers' email. They will be handling the schedule from now on!

Iris House Front Porch

Please take your strollers and bike trailers off of the porch when you retrieve your child from preschool. Katie lives here at Iris House and uses the front porch after preschool hours!

Website Photo Gallery

Visit our website photo gallery to see what goes on day-to-day at Wild Lilac. The photo gallery can be seen at <http://www.wildlilacpreschool.com/gallery.php> and is updated regularly!

Mothers Day Surprises!

Sssshhhhh... we are making surprises for Mother's Day. However, in order for our surprises to be extra awesome we need a special picture of each mom and her kid/kids (to be used in an art project, so nothing you want back in original form!) Please bring these photos as soon as possible!

Lovies, Yummies and Blankies, No More!

Since our lice outbreak a while back, we have asked the children to leave stuffed animals, blankets and other special items at home. Several Portland schools have had real problems with lice this year and we have done very well getting them out of our space, but we are still being actively cautious as we hope to not have to tackle lice again. Please help us by not even bringing these special things through our Wild Lilac door.

Sunscreen

Please remember to put sunscreen on your child every morning before coming to school. We will reapply sunscreen (using all natural sunscreen) throughout the day!

Late Payment

There are several families who have started to pay tuition five or more days late. Please remember that there is a \$10 late fee per day for late tuition. This is added to your tuition slip each month. Some families have not paid their late payment fees from last month or the month before. Please look at

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your tuition slip before writing us a check and make sure you do not have an outstanding balance. Thanks!

Thank You!

Thanks so much Brian (Charlie's dad) for the magical and awesome loft. We just cannot thank you enough! Thanks to Scott and Nancy (Livvy's folks) for the constant supply of lovely fruit from their store, Little Green Grocer. We have been extremely impressed by our rate of Sign Ins and Sign Outs. Almost everyone is remembering to sign in and out every day! This is awesome and makes us all feel safe. Thanks a bundle!

Calendar

April 10- No School- Teacher Planning Day

April 21-Field Trip- **Iris House** Zenger Farm Service Day!, 9:30am-11:00am

April 22-Family Event- Earth Day Planting Party, 11:30am-12:30pm

May 6-Community Event- **Open House** for **Daffodil House** 3:30pm, please RSVP if you plan to attend

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May 9- Community Event- May Faire at Wild Lilac, 10:30am-12:30pm

May 25- No School- Memorial Day