

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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Iris House June 2009

Summer!

Summer is upon us and we are loving the sunshine! It is exciting to see all of our green strawberries turn red and to watch our sunflower house, which we started as seeds inside a few months ago, turn into an amazing outside fortress!

What Have We Been Up To?

In looking at our new National Geographic book "One Day", we became inspired to learn the differences and similarities between ourselves and people around the world. We are currently exploring the theme of maps and mapping. We will be mapping out our own bedrooms, houses, and neighborhoods to gain insight into how our physical surroundings shape our lives. Using maps of different regions, we will delve into learning about how children and their families around the world eat, travel, work, study and play!



Art room fun!

Make New Friends But Keep the Old!

We said goodbye to our good friend Ava in the end of May. Ava will be doing some traveling with her family this summer before starting Kindergarten in the fall. We will miss her dearly and wish her luck in elementary school! This month, an awesome new friend named James joined our school! James recently moved into the neighborhood and has gotten right into the swing of things here at Wild Lilac! We are thrilled to have him and his family with us. Please join us in welcoming James and his family; his dad Bill, his mom Rachel, his older sister Mary, and his younger sister Bitsy (who will be joining us at Daffodil House this fall)!

May Faire Success

Our May Faire was a wonderful party! We loved all of the costumes the children wore and the crowns made at the Faire were unbelievably cool.

The bake sale organized by Owen's mom Amy was a HUGE success. We raised \$293 for our financial aid fund! Also, Ruby Communications, the company of Daffodil House parent Tanya, pledged \$250 to the fund. That means all in all we raised \$543 for our Financial Aid Fund. We couldn't be happier. Thank you SO MUCH to all of the parents who participated in this fundraiser. We really appreciate your support

of our little school and our big financial aid goals!

Art Show

The amazing canvases we worked on throughout May are finally finished and up on the walls at New Seasons Market (on SE Division and 20th)! Please come celebrate with us at our art show "opening" on Saturday June 6th at 10am. We will meet in the New Seasons dining area, where we will ooh and aaah at the art and listen to some live music by Naomi's rad preschool teachin' husband Sean. All of the art is for sale for \$25 and the proceeds are going toward our Financial Aid Fund. Please let Katie and Helene know if you would like to buy your child's artwork by Saturday June 6th, because after that the sale is open to the public (and as parents from past years can attest to- the community always loves them!).

Zenger Farm Field Trip

Our third Zenger Farm Field Trip of the year is on Thursday June 11th. We are very excited to see how the farm has changed over the past couple of months. We wonder if there will be baby apples on the apple trees... or starts from the seeds we planted!

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

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to school on Thursdays, you are of course welcome to come along! If your child *does* come to school on Thursdays please remember to bring your child's car seat the morning of the field trip.

Sunscreen

Please remember to put sun screen on your child every morning before coming to school. We will reapply sunscreen (using unscented California Baby natural screen) throughout the morning!

Labeling

Please remember to label your children's clothing! Anything we do not recognize and that is not labeled we put into the lost and found. Please check there if you are missing anything!

Thank You!

A big thanks to the Zoe's family for donating an awesome handmade play boat to Daffodil House.

We would like to give a hearty thank-you to Amy (Owen's mom) who organized our bake sale, we would also like to thank Rachel (Maya's mom) for being such a huge support the day of the May Faire, and thanks to Zoe who helped make flyers for the bake sale, and of course thanks to all of our fantastic bakers who made the event possible! We would also like to thank Chance of Rain Café for donating coffee and Little Green

Grocer for their fantastic fruit donations!

Iris House Music Together

Throughout June, we will continue to have Music Together classes with the wonderful and fantastic Shannon (Zoe's Mommy)!

Calendar

June 6- Community Event, Art Opening at New Seasons Market on Division!, 10:00am

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

June 12- No School- Staff Development Day

June 30-Community Event- **Open House** for **Daffodil House**

4:00pm, please RSVP if you plan to attend

June 30-Community Event- **Open House** for **Iris House** 5:00pm,

please RSVP if you plan to attend

July 3- No school- Teacher Planning Day