

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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Dear Iris House Families,

What we've been up to...

We have been busy settling into the Iris House. We have been especially busy celebrating all of our September birthdays. Happy 3rd birthday to Bennett, happy 4th birthday to September, Jeremiah, Amelia Elsa, & Owen, and happy 5th birthday to Jack.

We have also been busy exploring our new (and familiar) space. The children have been busy in the newly configured Play Room, the revamped Art Studio, our brand new Re-use Center, and the ever-changing backyard. No space has gone unused!

We have also been busy exploring new relationships. The Iris House kids have been expanding their play groups and including new playmates in their games. We enjoy seeing the value of inclusion in action as kids invite others to join in their games.

Our upcoming projects this month...

We will begin our study of trees. We will delve into the wonder of these majestic elements of nature. We will build a tree in our classroom from art supplies, recycled materials, and lots of imagination.

We will also be taking a closer look at our Re-use Center. We will be encouraging children to bring 'beautiful stuff' from home. We have begun experimenting with the compositions possible with various items from the Re-use Center. The children have also been adding re-usable items to their works of art.

Look out October! Here we come...

We will be busy little bees this month. Beginning with the 1st **Book Club** event on Thursday 10/1 at The Lucky Labrador. Please join us for this grown-up event to discuss Vivian Gussin Paley's book *A Child's Work*. The following week, 10/6-10/8, we will be holding our 1st **Parent-Teacher conferences** of the year. Please sign up for a time slot that works for you to attend without your child. Also this month the Wild Lilac teachers will attend the **Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children conference**. Later in the month, on 10/17, we will visit the **Pumpkin Patch** on Sauvie Island. Later in October on 10/27 we will have our first trip of the year to the beloved **Zenger Farms**. Finally, on 10/30 we will have the Iris House **Halloween Party** at 10 am.

Zenger Farm Fieldtrip Drivers Needed!

Would you like to drive on our Zenger Farm Fieldtrip? We will be meeting at school at 8:45am on Tuesday October 27th, and arriving at the farm by 9:30am. We will check out their groovy farm, and check out what they are growing in their gardens. If your child does not come to school on Tuesday, please feel free to bring your child on the fieldtrip!

Chinook Book Fundraiser

Our Chinook Book Fundraiser is running from October 5th-23rd. We are asking each family to try and sell 5 books each! All of the money we raise will go towards our financial aid fund for the 2009-2010 school year! If you have any questions, just ask Katie!

Picture Day!

This year, we are so lucky to have the talented and amazing Jen Downer (www.shesawthings.com) coming to Iris House to photograph our Wild Lilac kids! She will be coming on Thursday, October 15th at 10:00am to photograph the group and will do individual shots right afterwards. If your child does not attend school on Thursdays but you want your child to be in our school photo, please come join us at Iris House at 10:00am. You will

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have an opportunity to see the photography before deciding if you want to order photos.

Mindful Parenting Class

Sheri Louis' beloved parenting class *Mindful Parenting* (formerly *Parenting from the Heart* ...same class, new name) will be teaching her course this November exclusively to Wild Lilac families. Last year, a group of families took the class and raved about it, so sign up early for a spot! There is a detailed description on our "Family Board" in the cubby area, please email Sheri sherilouis3@hotmail.com directly to reserve a space.

Just a few reminders...

Please submit an authorization form, if you haven't already. In particular we need these to post parent contact info and to take neighborhood walks.

Rainy season approaches. Please make sure your child has a pair of rain boots and a raincoat that can live at school. Also, provide your child with several changes of labeled clothes.

As cold season is upon us we appreciate your support with hand washing and keeping unhealthy kids at home. If you plan to keep your child out for the day, please call and let us know.

As always if there are any questions, comments, or concerns please let us know. We are honored to be with your children during their school days!

Calendar

Month of October- Chinook Book Fundraiser!

October 1- Book Club Meeting for all teachers and parents!, 7pm

October 6-7- 1st Parent-Teacher Conferences, evenings

October 8- No School – 1st Parent-Teacher Conferences, day

October 9- No School – Teachers Attend Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

October 10- Teachers Attend Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

October 17- Family Event – All school Pumpkin Picking on Sauvie Island, 10:00am

October 17- Family Event – Field Trip to Zenger Farm, 9:30am

October 30- Family Event – Iris House Halloween Party! 10am