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# THE PROVIDENCE PAGES

## *A Letter from Jennifer...*



### Mark your Calendar

May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day Brunches  
9:30am-10:30am

Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting  
7:30pm

Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>  
End of year Ceremony  
10:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday May 29<sup>h</sup>  
Summer Camp begins

Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting  
7:30pm

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This year has really flown by! As we wrap up the school year, I want to say thank you to all the PNS families. You have really made this year a memorable one for our children. I hope you also have many fond memories of the year.

The last month of the school year is a very busy one at PNS and we have some important dates for you to mark on your calendar. We will celebrate our wonderful teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, April 30-May 4. This is a great opportunity for our children to practice gratitude.

Mother's Day Brunches are coming up on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> (2's and 3/4's) and on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (CDO, 3's and 4's). I hope you can come and let your children shower you with their love! If you cannot make it please be sure to send someone in your place. Your children have worked very hard to prepare for this special day. Your class reps and teachers will send more information.

The last day of school is Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and is followed on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> with our End of Year Celebration at 10am. Each class will have the opportunity to walk across the "PNS bridge" into summer and new adventures. There will also be a time for lunch and play on the playground. I will send out more details closer to the date. I look forward to celebrating all of our kids at this celebration!

Thank you again for all you do to support our school and especially for all you do for your children!

I wish you all a fun, relaxing and safe summer,

*Jennifer*

# CDO

## & 2's

May is the final month of the preschool year, and what a full month it will be! We'll be tuning up our music listening skills, celebrating moms together, and learning about the ocean and its inhabitants.

In the first week of May, we'll explore a theme about Music and the science of sound. We'll experiment with some new instruments and their sounds, find and practice rhythm patterns, and create our own instruments.

The second week of May will be all about moms! The children will be getting ready to welcome their moms to special Mother's Day brunches at the preschool on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> (Twos) and Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> (CDO).

For the last two weeks in May, we'll explore the Ocean. We'll read about ocean animals, examine sea shells, pretend to be underwater explorers, and play fishing games. We'll use water in some experiments. We'll even have an outdoor Water Day, and head outside in our swimsuits to play in wading pools and run through the sprinkler!

It's hard to believe the school year is winding down already; it has been a great joy watching your children learn and grow this year, so I thank you for allowing them to be here with me.

Wishing you a summer full of fun and interesting things to do,

Ms. Auten



Oh, how the year has flown! Your children have grown so much over the last 8 months. I cannot believe we only have three weeks of school left. We will be celebrating almost the whole month of May, with a field trip thrown in as well!!

The first full week of May we will be celebrating the PNS **Moms!** The children have been working very hard already on their presents for you and we'll be learning a special song to sing that morning as well. It is very common for some of our friends to clam up in the big spotlight, but I am hopeful that we will all do at least the motions or the song, in addition to just staying with us as a group as we perform. In addition, we'll be cooking up something sweet to eat for our brunch. The Mother's Day brunch is a big deal at PNS and we are looking forward to spending the morning of Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with you. We will have our brunch with the 4s and CDO class at 9:30am. Please plan to arrive a little early so we can get the kids all set. We will be finished at 10:30 and I will need one volunteer to head out with the class to the playground for a half hour while we get everything cleaned up. Bring your cameras and tissues, it's memorable morning!

The week of May 14<sup>th</sup> we'll be **Going to the Farm.** We'll be making animal sounds and movements for Farm Animal Charades and guessing which animal is hiding in the barn from some verbal clues. In art we'll make some animal masks and we'll use splatter art to decorate some animals. In small groups, we'll be hiding animal stickers in the barn as we follow some prepositional directions. The end of this week, **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>**, will be our field trip to Frying Pan Park and the Kidwell Farm. We'll go on a scavenger hunt as we look at animals and pack a picnic snack to eat together.

The final week of school will only be two days and we'll reflect on **How We've Grown.** We'll certainly be making the most of our two days with a Class Picnic and "Field Day" on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and a day of our favorites on Wednesday. We'll make homemade lemonade and have snacks to share on Picnic Day and we'll bring home a souvenir from our year together on Wednesday. Our school wide End of the Year Ceremony will be on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> upstairs in Fellowship Hall. More details to follow, but I look forward to spending the morning with our class one last time as they "bridge" to new things!

Another exciting event to look out for in May is **Water Day**, hopefully on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. More details about the Field Trip, the Class Picnic, Water Day and End of Year Celebration to follow. It is going to be a busy month, but I know all of my friends can handle these changes. They have grown and learned so much and they bring such joy each day they come. Thank you for entrusting them to us this year, it has been a true delight!

Ms. Ryan



I always have trouble writing the May newsletter. I think I am in denial that the school year is coming to a close. Where has the time gone? These kids are each so special to me – they've all grown and become such individuals. I have so enjoyed spending time with them! Please know what a privilege it has been for me to teach your children and I will treasure the memories of a wonderful year.

The week of May 7-10 will find us working on all kinds of surprises and treats for our Mommies. Mother's Day has to be one of the biggest celebrations during a preschool's year...and this one will be no different. Please mark your calendar for a tradition here at PNS...the 2s and 3/4s will be hosting a breakfast just for our Moms on Thursday, May 10th. We will start our "performances" promptly at 9:40 and then breakfast will be served. Bring your cameras and your Kleenex – this day always brings a tear or two to everyone's eyes. After breakfast, we will continue with our regular day and you Moms are free to do whatever you do on a Thursday morning. ☺

Next we go Down on the Farm from May 14-17. We'll have many discussions concerning life on the farm...and we'll graph which farm animal is each child's absolute favorite. The dilemma: I have so many wonderful farm books that I struggle each year to decide which ones I want to share. Ahhh!

Another highlight of this week will be Water Wednesday on the 16th...we'll spend most of the day outdoors, playing in WATER!!! Please have your child dressed for the fun (sunscreen, bathing suits, shorts, and covered shoes that can get muddy, etc.)! We'll be painting, blowing bubbles, washing and riding bikes, and lots of other fun wet activities. More details will follow. (Rain date...Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

"Let's Go to the Beach" Week is always a favorite (May 21-24). There are so many fun things to discuss and do...fish, sand, shells, sea creatures. It won't be dull, I can promise you that!

We will be visiting Kidwell Farm on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and I hope everyone can come along (Siblings are invited to join us for this one!). This is a great farewell-to- preschool field trip. (Details will follow!) I would really like to thank Emily Sherron for all of her efforts as our Field Trip coordinator. Emily has done a fantastic job keeping us in line and made it look easy! Thanks so much!!! Another really BIG thank you goes to Liz Carroll for being my Class Rep. She's done a terrific job keeping us all organized, scheduled, and rescheduled...and that is not an easy thing to do, either! Liz, you truly deserve an A+ for this school year. A standing ovation for both ladies!!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar so that you and family can attend the PNS school celebration on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> here at the church starting at 10:00. What a happy, yet sad (at least for me!) day!

The Monday Gang will be completing their alphabet journey this month. We will play with O on the 7<sup>th</sup>; x, y, and Z will star on the 14<sup>th</sup>; and we'll have a grand review of all 26 letters on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This group of five year olds (and almost five year olds) has really done a super job with letters and sounds this year...and has had lots of fun doing it! Next year will be a snap for all of them!

What a year this has been...it will enter the record books as one of my absolute favorites! I do so appreciate the enthusiastic support that Kelly and I have received from each one of you. Please know how much I will miss your children! Each one holds a special place in my heart. Come back and see me when you can! Bless you all.

Jane Millward

Our last month of school! How quickly the time flew. I can't even believe I am looking into May!

The week of May 7th we will be focused on **Mother's Day**. We'll be baking, singing and making surprise presents! We'll also be reviewing the Letter Oo, a vowel that was short changed due to weather cancellations back in April. The Mother's Day brunch is a big deal at PNS and we are looking forward to spending the morning of Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with you. We will have our brunch with the 3s and CDO class at 9:30am. Please plan to arrive a little early so we can get the kids all set. We will be finished at 10:30 and I will need one volunteer to head out with the class to the playground for a half hour while we get everything cleaned up. Bring your cameras and tissues, it's memorable morning!

The week of May 14<sup>th</sup> we'll be outside a lot for **Picnics and Weather**. We'll focus mostly on weather with kites and picnics thrown in. We'll sequence the steps to planning a picnic and compare the types of clothes we wear in different weather and seasons. We'll introduce the concept of lift as we decorate and make our own kites. The children will be helping Miss Emmy and I plan a class picnic to take place during our week of Celebrations! We'll be thinking about Healthy Plate options, putting together a shopping list, walking the school grounds to decide where our picnic should take place, including a "rain" location and coming up with a list of activities to do at our picnic. We will make invitations to invite some "special" guests to join us and we will look at weather forecasts for our planned day. Art projects will include weather scenes and we'll be doing some cooking for our picnic. We will continue to review letters all week long. If the weather cooperates this week, we will also have a Water Day on Wednesday. Look for more information to come home closer to the date.

Our last week of school will be all about **Celebrating**. We'll finish up our All About Me books as a take home from the year and we'll make "souvenirs" to help us remember all of our friends. Hopefully on Tuesday we will spend the entire day outside for our class picnic. We will have made it through the entire alphabet and will have been reviewing all of letters culminating with a Letter Party on Wednesday! Thursday will be our last day of school and we will round out our week revisiting old favorites and cleaning out our room! Our school wide End of the Year Ceremony will be on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> upstairs in Fellowship Hall. More details to follow, but I look forward to spending the morning with our class one last time as they "bridge" to new things!

Ms. Ryan



## WARM WEATHER REMINDERS

- Remember to update your child's emergency clothing so they are appropriately dressed on hot days.
- Children should always come to school in closed-toe shoes. Pea gravel can be painful and annoying to little feet.
- Our teaching staff is not allowed to apply sunscreen or bug spray to children. You must apply it yourself before school if you would like your child to wear it

## WATER DAY

Water day will be held on Wednesday, May 16, for the 3s, 3/4s and 4s classes, Thursday, May 17 for the 2s class and Friday, May 18 for CDO. Dress your kids to get wet, and don't forget to pack a towel! Also, please apply sunscreen before sending your kids to school as our teachers are not allowed to do so. We will need volunteers to help out, look for a sign up on Bloomz from Stephanie Jensen, VP Admin.

## ENRICHMENT

The Harley Davidson Petting Zoo will be with us on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. We will start with a quick bike safety talk in the big room, and then move outside to let the kids touch, explore and sit on the Harleys. This will be a great photo opportunity so please bring your camera. Parents, siblings, 2s, and CDO are welcome to attend as well.

We will have a visit from Kaydee Puppets on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30. Parents, siblings, 2s, and CDO are welcome to attend

## SUMMER CAMP

Join us for a summer camp experience for children ages 3-5 with songs, games, arts and crafts, and learning through play! Camp will be held May 29-June 8. Space is still available in the 4/5s class (rising kindergarteners.)

Visit [www.providencenurseryschool.com](http://www.providencenurseryschool.com) for registration information.

## KEY REMINDER

For those of you with PNS keys, please return them to the VP Admin mailbox (in the music room, not the black boxes for tuition payments) as soon as you complete your family job for the year. I will put some blank envelopes in the box for you to return your key with your name and family job noted on the front so we can keep track of them all. Please contact Stephanie Jensen on Bloomz or at [stephmjensen@gmail.com](mailto:stephmjensen@gmail.com) if you think you need a key over the summer, or if you have any other questions. Thank you for helping keep PNS safe and secure for our kids!

## ENROLLMENT

### We still have some openings for the 2018-19 school year!

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, and tell your mommy groups how much you love Providence!

Then, send them to our website for more info and to download an application:

<http://providencenurseryschool.com>

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- If you still need a volunteer hour, please attend our last board meeting of the school year on Monday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m.
- We will need three subs for lunch bunch on Wednesday, May 9th, 2 or 3 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. and 1 from 1:30 until 2:15 (to cover yoga), so our teachers can attend a VCPC luncheon.
- We need volunteers to help with childcare during our Mothers' Day brunches on May 10th and 11th.
- We will need one to two volunteers to help set up and clean up for **Water Days, May 16, 17, and 18**. You can help set up the pools and toys after drop off on Wednesday morning and clean up after pick up.
- Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up for the End-of-Year Ceremony on Friday, May 25th.

There is still time to finish up your volunteer requirement for this school year. Please let me know if

you need help finding something to fit in your schedule. Contact Stephanie Jensen on Bloomz or at [stephmjensen@gmail.com](mailto:stephmjensen@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of the opportunities listed above or if you have questions about your volunteer time.

## **END OF YEAR CEREMONY**

**Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10 AM – 12 PM**

### **Taylor Hall, Providence Presbyterian Church**

You won't want to miss your child crossing the PNS bridge to summer. Don't forget your camera! Stay tuned for more details.

## **FUNDRAISING**

We are very excited to be the new Fundraising Co-Chairs! The first event we have planned is a restaurant night at Potbelly in Fair City Mall on Wednesday May 9th from 5-8 PM. Look for a flyer on Bloomz.. If you have any ideas or suggestions for fundraising please reach out to us and let us know!

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Thank you for reading the PNS newsletter. It has been a great school year! If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see in the newsletter don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,  
Melissa Ahern  
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## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to this year's Class Reps. As members of the Board of Directors, they share a lot of responsibility when it comes to running our school. Their family job begins well before the start of school and it keeps them busy throughout the year. They attend every board meeting and act as your voice on the board. They organize play-dates, activities, and events like Teacher

Appreciation Week. Our school wouldn't be the same without them. So thank you to Meg Krug, Jennifer Brooks, Dawn Zhao, Liz Carroll, and Emily Gillotte.

Thank you to Melissa Ahern for doing such a fantastic job with the newsletter, Providence Pages, this year.

Thank you to our Executive Board Members for all their hard work in planning Spring Coffee and getting families prepared for next year: Dan & Stephanie Jensen, Kristie McCauley, Laura Heim, Jonathan Liljegren, Amy Schroeder, and Elizabeth & Bo Boland, Sara Levy and Emily Gillotte. Thank you also to our social committee, Hien Phan & Con Dinh, Jessica & Jordan Bonds, and Amanda & Steve Longstreet for organizing refreshments and to all who brought food and helped with set up and clean-up.

Thank you to all who came out to help with our final clean-up and maintenance day of the school year.

Thank you to the entire PNS community for contributing to the success of all our fundraising events this year. And a huge thank you, of course, to our amazing fundraising team Carisa Pineda, John & Sarah Millward, Sara & Jonathan Levy and Meghan & Jamie Test. The amount of time and energy that goes into planning these events is incredible and very much appreciated by everyone at PNS. Our events are always fun ways to spend time with our families and to bring our PNS family closer together!



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