

# The Providence Pages

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## *A Letter from Kelly...*

It doesn't seem possible that I am writing the last newsletter of the school year. Although I am excited for the long, fun-filled days of summer, it's also a time of change and sadness as we begin to say goodbye to PNS families and friends moving onto the next phase of their lives. I am very happy to have one more year left at the school and looking forward to serving as President one last time! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the departing board members and to welcome all of our new members who have officially taken over for the 2013 – 2014 school year. I know it's going to be a great one!

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize our two departing teachers.

To Miss Judy – For the past 17 years, PNS children have been delighted by your smile, your enthusiasm, and your genuine love of teaching preschool. I think every student and every parent in our school has been touched by your genuine kind nature over the years. PNS simply won't be the same without you!

To Mrs. B – You were my children's first teacher. The moment I dropped my "baby" off with you for his first day of preschool, I knew I was making the right decision and we would be better off for having been in your class. We will always remember and think fondly of you as will so many of our PNS families.

Best of luck and good fortune to you both! You will truly be missed by all of us here at PNS.

As sad as it is to say good-bye, we still have one more month to enjoy, and it is a busy one! Our PNS students will honor Mother's Day on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check your email and teachers' letters for more information on class specific dates and times. Don't forget your camera, and if you are anything like me, you'll need some tissues too!

Our moms aren't the only ladies to celebrate this month. We will be continuing our celebration of our fabulous teachers and aides this week. They do so much to enrich the lives of our children each day. I love being able to do something special for them, even if only for a week. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard with your kids to make special surprises for our staff to enjoy. And thanks especially to all the class reps for organizing. It is a big job, and the results are always amazing!



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## **Mark your Calendar**

April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Teacher Appreciation Week

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
2s & 3/4s Mothers Day  
Brunch, 9:30 – 10:30

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
CDO, 3s, & 4s Mothers Day  
Brunch, 9:30 – 10:30

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Water Day for 3s, 3/4s, & 4s

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Last Day of School

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
End Of Year Ceremony  
10 am-12 pm

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Session 1 of Summer Camp  
Begins

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Don't forget our End of Year Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All children will cross the bridge from their current class to new adventures for next year. Some will be moving up to another preschool class or to another school while others will be taking the giant leap to Kindergarten. All families are invited to attend. Don't forget the camera! We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate so the kids can enjoy some time outdoors with their friends following the ceremony.

Just one last thing...I know I mention this in almost every newsletter but it needs to be said one more time. A HUGE thank you to all of our dedicated and hard-working parents and teachers who have worked together to make this school year a success. I am often amazed and always grateful for the level of commitment and dedication that I see from our Providence family. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!

*Kelly*

## CDO & 2s

Break out the tissues. School is almost over and I'm not ready for the end of the year and good byes. What a terrific year we've had together. I can't imagine how things could have been any better. Of course I need to thank

Miss Phyllis and Miss Ryan for all their hard work and good humor which kept us on track. Thanks to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be a part of our little community. You made my job a pleasure, and I feel honored to have been your child's first teacher.

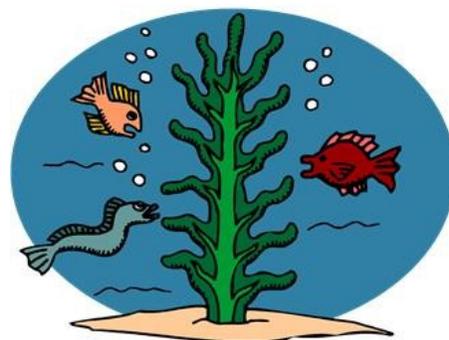
Before we say farewell, we still have a month of fun ahead. During the beginning of May we will celebrate MOMS! We'll start the month talking about plants and growing things. At the same time, we'll make and "grow" some surprises for our Moms.



On May 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2s class and on May 10<sup>th</sup> in CDO, we will have a mommy breakfast. This is an event that you won't want to miss. Our class will "perform" a little

song and dance and we'll have special gifts to present as we enjoy a light breakfast together. If for some reason you can't make it please let me know and hopefully someone else- a grandma or Dad can come in your place.

At the end of the month as we get ready for summer, we'll talk about sea creatures and the beach for two weeks. We will have sand art projects and paint starfish. We'll sing Row Row Your Boat



and sort shells. Weather permitting- I'd like to have water day activities for CDO and the 2s. Look for more information in my coming attractions email. On the last day of school, we'll celebrate our good friend Obie's birthday. He is turning 3!

*Mrs. B*

3s

This is our last newsletter of the 2012 - 2013 school year which has come and gone in a flash as school years seem to do. We have learned lots of things together: Big Al (the old fish) was much more fun to feed than the new ones. Everyone MUST come to the art table occasionally. Rainy days are okay, because we like going to the gym. The Fish Song is our favorite, but sometimes we just don't have time to sing it. One squirt of hand soap is enough (still working on this one). The weather bear could wear mittens all year long. We're usually paying attention, even when we don't look like it. Most frequently asked question during Circle Time: "Will we have time to play with toys?" We love coming to school with our friends. These are all good things to know, especially that last one.



Before we all take off for summer we have a busy month ahead. Our first week is devoted to those funny little poems we all grew up with – Nursery Rhymes. Humpty Dumpty, Ole King Cole, Mary with her little lamb and others will visit our art table and circle time. How many do you actually know by heart? Then we will throw all our efforts into preparing for our special Mother's Day celebration. Beautiful decorations and gifts will be lovingly crafted and a gourmet treat will be prepared for brunch on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for your invitations! After that we will be Down on the Farm. Barns and their inhabitants will be all over the place and our last field trip destination is the Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Park on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Next we are looking forward to summer with Vacation Week. We'll talk about our favorite places to go. Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> is Water Day, so we're hoping for nice weather for our wet fun.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the End of the Year Celebration on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. It's always a lot of fun and a great way to wrap up the school year.

I want to say a special thanks to Lauren for keeping us organized all year long, to Jenny in Texas for making sure our field trips went smoothly and to Aimee for taking over for Jenny. And I could never say this enough: Thanks to all the parents of this class who have given their time and energy to make this a successful year.

Goodbye friends, it's time to go;  
 Goodbye friends, it's time to go;  
 Goodbye friends, it's time to go;  
 We'll see you again next time.

*Miss Susan*

## Reminders

If you are mailing checks or us automatic bill pay for tuition payments, please update the address to Providence Nursery School, c/o Asst. Treasurer, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax VA 22031

### 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.



3/4s

“With April showers behind us, we should definitely be ready for the flowers of May! As the end of the year approaches and you are co-oping

for the last time, remember to think back to the first time you joined the 3/4s in our classroom...my goodness, how we have all grown and matured! This is such a special group of kids – I will miss each and every one of them! And you, too!

The week of May 6-9 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 for Moms on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 13–16. We’ll have several 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 farm books that I struggle each year to decide which ones I want to share with my group. Ahhh!

We will be visiting Kidwell Farm on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and I hope everyone can come along. This is a great farewell-to- preschool field trip. I would really like to thank Mary Frizat for all of her efforts as my Field Trip coordinator this year. It has not been easy at times, but Mary has done a great job! Another BIG thank you goes to Susanne Fitch for being my Class Rep...a brave lady, indeed! Susanne stepped in when we lost our Class Rep early in the year (even though she was already on the PNS Executive board) and she has done such a fantastic

job! I cannot thank her enough! She really is one special lady. I know you all realize how much Susanne has done for the class behind the scenes to make this year so terrific. A standing ovation for both ladies!!!

Summer Trip Week will be next on our schedule. May 20-23 will find us talking about anything interesting that the kids may have seen when they’ve visited the shore or beach. And on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the end of school with our annual Water Day! (It’ll be like our own PNS Beach Day. ) We’ll be hoping for lots of warm weather so that the kids can enjoy playing in the pools and sprinklers on that fun day!

Please don’t forget to make plans to attend the PNS school celebration on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> here at the church starting at 10:00. What a happy, yet sad, day!

The Monday Gang will be completing their alphabet journey this month. We will play with Q and his best friend U on the 6<sup>th</sup>; letters X, Y, and Z will take center stage on the 13<sup>th</sup>; and we’ll have a grand review of all 26 letters on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This group of five year olds (and almost five year olds) has really done a super job with the letters and their sounds...and has had lots of fun doing it! Next year will be a snap!

It has been a wonderful year. I do so appreciate the enthusiastic support that I have received from each one of you. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of teaching your children. Each one holds a special place in my heart. Bless you all.

*Jane*

## Water Day

Water day will be held on Wednesday, May 22, for the 3s, 3/4s and 4s classes. 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.

Mrs. B will be in touch with the CDO and 2s classes to schedule their own water day.



4s

Each time I write this May article I am surprised by how quickly a year breezes by! Wasn't it just a few months ago that everyone was excited about Halloween? And now its summer!

Thank you for sharing your little one with me. This last class of children will stay in my heart forever. I hope learning was a fun time for them. Best wishes for a wonderful summer and easy transition to the Big School!

The month of May starts out with a unit on Butterflies. We will be growing butterflies and by the months end, we will be able to release them. Lots of butterfly type of arts and crafts will be coming home.

Next is a celebration of Mom's on May 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. We will be creating a special surprise. On Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to come to school for a Mother's Day breakfast from 9:30-10:30 am.

Farm week is May 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. We will be mooing-neighing and clucking our way through the week.

May 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> is our week of celebration. All summer birthdays can be celebrated this week. During this final week of school we will also be creating a special year-end keepsake.



On Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon is the Year End celebration. I'll be the one crying !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of sharing this special time together. I will miss you all so much.

I love you all,

*Judy*

## Reimbursements

Please submit final reimbursement requests to our treasurer, Kelley Raich, as soon as possible. All reimbursements are due by the last day of school, May 24.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Pineda family on their baby girl, Clara Grace, born on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Her proud big brother Alex is in the 2's class.

Congratulations to Ravi and Stephanie Kamath on the birth of their daughter Miri (pronounced Mee'-ree). She was born Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Her big brother Teo is in the 2's class as well.

## End of Year Ceremony

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM - 12 PM**  
**Providence Fellowship Hall**

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



## Volunteer Opportunities

- We are looking for volunteers to help watch siblings during Mothers Day brunches so moms can enjoy their special time with their “stars” of the morning.
- If you still need a volunteer hour please attend our last board meeting of the school year on Monday, March 13 at 7:30pm.
- Volunteers needed to help with set-up and clean-up of water day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Volunteers needed to help with set-up and clean-up of the End-of-year Ceremony on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Natalie Gray or Jennifer Mack for more information.

## Vacation Bible Camp at Providence Presbyterian Church

VBC presents **Everywhere Fun Fair**, which will lead children in a global celebration with the look and feel of a world’s fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God’s love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. VBC will be held July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> and is for children ages 4 years thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, contact James Cubie in the church office or check out [www.providencechurch.org](http://www.providencechurch.org).



## Thank You to:

- 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 Tiffany

Link, Natalie Gray, Lauren Etzler, Susanne Fitch, and Jennifer Brooks!

- Thank you to Chris and Allison Hagner for doing such a fantastic job with the 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: Natalie Gray, Leah Fogarty, Kelley Raich, Kyle Durbin, Barbara Rosand, Liz Claeys, Alex Erickson, and Jennifer Brooks. Thank you also to our social committee, Michelle Danis, Victor Crutchfield, and Jack and Mandi Felici, for organizing refreshments and to all who brought food and helped with set up and clean-up.
- Thank you to Simonette DelaTorre, Jorge Porata, Victor Crutchfield, and Michelle Danis for their help with labeling books and to Ryan Bianchetti for coordinating volunteers and shelving books.
- Thank you to all who came out to help with our final clean-up and maintenance day of the school year: Jenni Beuchler, Brandon Ahrens, Mark Rudnicki, Jack Felici, Alex Hume, and Ashwin Mehta.
- Thank you to our maintenance committee for their hard work assembling our new storage shed: Sam Crowley, Jorge Rosand, Rick Brown, and Tina Fu. Thanks also to Stephanie Hagopian for organizing the assembly.
- Thank you to the entire PNS community for contributing to the success of all our fundraising events this year. We were able to make some huge improvements to our school this year due entirely to your participation and generosity: new ceiling tiles, a new caterpillar on the playground, a new storage shed for our bikes, and much more! And a huge thank you, of course, to our fundraising co-chairs Liz Claeys and Alex Erickson and their committee members, the Rudnicki and Pineda families. 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!

## May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>=====</b>	Teacher	1 Appreciation	2 Week	3 <b>=====</b>	4
5	6	7	8	9 2s & 3/4s Mothers Day Brunch, 9:30 – 10:30 am	10 CDO, 3s, & 4s Mothers Day Brunch, 9:30 – 10:30 am	11
12 Mother's Day 	13 PNS Board Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Water Day for 3s, 3/4s, & 4s	23 Last Day of School	24 End Of Year Ceremony 10 am-noon	25
26	27	28 Session I of Summer Camp begins	29	30	31	