

# All School News



We have been sending out lots of information about the “SchoolSpeak” interactive website. Many of you have signed on but a few haven’t. You should have received an email with a user name and password for you to use to log on. If you have lost that information call Ysenia in the office and she will send it to you again.

Starting this month, March, we will be putting all communication on “SchoolSpeak” instead of in your child’s file. If you prefer a hard copy of newsletters, flyers, etc. you will be able to pick one up in the classroom.

Please, log onto “SchoolSpeak” at least once a week so that you keep up to date on School news. We are all getting used to this new system. If you have questions or can’t find something, call Ysenia or Jean, 251-8633 and she will be glad to help you.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences



We want to thank parents for being flexible with our changing the time of year for Parent/Teacher Conferences. It just made more sense to meet with parents to talk about summer and next year before you needed to make decisions. Also, talking to you when there are still a number of months left in the year, helps the teachers work with the children more effectively.

We had a great turn out and the teachers are so appreciative that they had a chance to spend time with you without interruptions. If you missed your conference or did not sign up for a conference, please talk to your child’s small group teacher and make an appointment. If you do not know whose group your child is in, check School Speak. The list of small groups can be found there.

We will not close school in April for conferences, so change your calendars. Your second Developmental Summary will be sent home to you in April.



## Open Registration for Summer and Fall 2010

**Registration is now open to all.** If you have not registered yet, please do so soon, before some of our classes fill up. If you are still unsure what your plans are for next year and want to talk to someone about it, feel free to call the office or check in with one of the teachers.

Pre-kindergarten placements: We recommend the Afternoon for pre-kindergarten but if you can’t do afternoon the Morning Class still works fine for Pre-kindergartners. Every year we have a group of Pre-kindergartners in the morning and they do just fine and are ready for kindergarten. The difference between the two classes is subtle.

## Parent Workshop

### Friendship

Wednesday, March 31 ---- 7:00-8:30 pm

In the Staff Room



Watching and listening to your child maneuver the complexities of social interaction and friendship often brings up all kinds of responses from us, the parent. This workshop is meant to help you understand how children learn the social skills of interacting with peers and forming friendships so you as a parent can support your child affectively.

# News from the Board

## Fundraising

### See's Candy sale – Coordinated by Rose Chang

Thank you to those who ordered See's candy. The order went in last week. You will be notified when the candy is available to pick up.



## Recyclables



**Wednesday is Recycling Day**, which means that there are recycling bins in the parking lot or your convenience. If it rains we will not put the bins in the parking lot. The Recycling bins are available everyday by the Preschool classroom and Office. **Please, remember to wash them out and smash them first.** This way we help care for the planet and add money to the fundraising fund.

## SHARES cards for Savemart

Many of you have wanted to get SHARES cards for grandparents, friends and relatives. We have extra cards at the front desk in the office. Also, if you forget to give them your card before the transaction is completed you can still get credit by making a phone call. Call 1-800-477-5437, have your receipt in hand. They will ask you a few questions and will honor the receipt.

## School Picnic and Silent Auction --- Saturday, May 22

Put this date on your calendar. We hope you will attend this very fun end of the year event. We have a pot luck lunch, games, activities and jumpy houses. Last year we included a Silent Auction and raffle. It was a lot of fun and we had some great items. We need your help to procure or provide items for the auction. So start thinking about what you could donate. A flyer will be sent home with more specific ideas. Participation in this may be used for your volunteer hours. We will also need volunteers at the picnic.



## Are You Interested in Becoming a Mandala Board Member?



You are invited to attend our April 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to receive more information about the Board, the duties of Board Members, the time commitment, etc. If you are interested in being on the Board, please fill out the letter of interest that was sent home. If you don't have one of the letters or want more information, call or email Christine Garcia-Sen, 271-1150 – [christinesen@hotmail.com](mailto:christinesen@hotmail.com)



## Family Night Out

A Family Night Out is in the process of being organized at a neighborhood restaurant. Keep your eyes open for detailed information on School Speak and flyers in the classroom.

## Safety Improvements

We used some of the fundraising money to improve security at the school

**New Gates and Latches:** We liked the latch on the main preschool gate so much that we changed the latches on the playground and Early Preschool gates. They are child proof and close automatically.

**Security Camera's:** As soon as the rains stop we will be installing security cameras in the parking lot and around the perimeter of the school.

For those working on their taxes, our Tax ID Number is 94-2371426
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