



MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Birds have wings; they're free; they can fly
where they want when they want.
They have the kind of mobility many people envy.
Roger Tory Peterson

PARENT MEETING

Our final parent meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday, May 15th, from 7:30 to 9:00pm.** We invite **all** parents to come and participate. Your input is very valuable and we are sure that you will find our meetings interesting. Wine and cheese are always served and the evening is social as well as informative.

Agenda for our upcoming meeting:

1. Registration 2012
2. Graduation
3. Failure is good for kids
4. How much TV is too much for pre-schoolers?
5. Discussion



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION-HELP WITH A GREAT PROJECT

Our first theme for the month of May is Spring Time. Montessori Pointe Claire will be “purchasing” four Purple Martin condos (one for each of our classrooms) and we would like to invite the parents to purchase a condo for their child (read the information that follows to see what this is all about!). This is a great community initiative from Eco Pointe Claire and the City of Pointe Claire to help build up the Purple Martin population in the area. It is only \$15 to “purchase a condo” and support this project. Your child will receive a beautiful certificate and you will receive a free membership to Eco Pointe Claire (if you desire). During Spring week we will have a member of Eco Pointe Claire come to talk about Purple Martins in your child’s classroom – we think it would be wonderful for your child to know that you are involved in this project!

*Birds are indicators of the environment. If they are in trouble
we know we'll soon be in trouble*

- Roger Tory Peterson

SPRING CLEAN THE CUBBIES

Please check your child’s cubbies for items that can now go home (snow pants, hats, mitts, extra jackets, and extra shoes-your child only needs one pair of inside shoes at school please). Our cubbies become a little crowded with too many extra clothes! Also check the Ziploc bag with your child’s change of clothes to make sure that the clothes still fit and are appropriate for the weather. Thank you!

SUN LOTION

Have you returned the sun lotion form? We require the completed form before we can apply sun lotion to your child. Please remember that the parents are expected to apply sun lotion in the morning before the child comes to school. The teachers will apply lotion before the children go outdoors *in the afternoon.*

The form and the fee are good from April to September. You do not need to fill in another form if your child is here for summer camp.



END OF YEAR PARTY AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

Parents are invited to the graduation ceremony of their child

<u>Friday June 8:</u>	Classroom 1:	1:45 pm	Classroom 2:	2:15 pm
	Classroom 3:	3:00 pm	Classroom 4:	2:45 pm

Our graduation agenda:

- Presentation of songs by the children
- Graduation ceremony
- Buffet "lunch" in class
- Outdoor activities: Entertainment, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo

Our party will take place on the June 8th, rain or shine. For the children who do not usually attend on Fridays, you are requested to come with your child at the graduation ceremony time. All children need to have an adult present on graduation day, as the teachers are busy with the ceremony and it is not possible to provide individual supervision once the ceremony has started. If it is impossible for a parent to attend please send a grandparent, aunt etc. Please join us and come enjoy this fun and exciting event.

YOU WILL BE INVITED TO BRING SPECIAL TREATS FOR GRADUATION. A LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLASSROOM DOORS. PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO INGREDIENTS TO AVOID BRINGING ANYTHING WITH TRACES OF NUTS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUPERVISE THE CHILDREN DURING A PARTY, THEREFORE WE COUNT ON YOUR CARE IN BRINGING FOOD THAT EVERYONE CAN EAT AND ENJOY. THANK YOU.



KEEP THE SAND OFF THE CARPETS

When you bring your child into the school in the afternoon at pick up, he or she should automatically want to take his/her outdoor shoes off to go into the classroom. If he/she does take his shoes off, we ask that you please be careful that the sand in the child's shoes is dumped into one of our little "sand buckets" in the cubbies and not on the carpet. We have replaced our vacuum cleaner (again) as the sand chews up the motor, so we are trying hard to avoid having to vacuum up too much sand. It is also a good lesson to teach your child about respecting his environment (you would not have him dump sand onto the carpets at home...). Thank you.

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICAL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came in to their child's classroom with musical instruments during our "Let's make noise" week in April. The children were thrilled with the music demonstrations. All our musical visitors did an amazing job! It's so much fun for us to have parent (and grandparent) participation and it adds something very special to the class. Thank you everyone!

GET YOUR EMPTIES OUT OF THE WAY AND HELP A GREAT CAUSE

For those of you who have been here for a few years you may remember Mr McHarg who was collecting empties and donating (up to \$10,000 per year) to local charity. Mr McHarg is no longer able to do this collection but we have a wonderful couple here in Pointe Claire, John Valade and Mary Ann Damayo who are also collecting empties from your home for a donation project. John and Mary Ann use the money from the empties to send clothing, food and toiletries to the Philippines where they are distributed through a medical clinic to people who are in dire poverty. If you have empties that are causing clutter just give John a call (514-630-9615 after 3pm) or Mary Ann (514-994-3181) and they would be happy to drop by and pick up your empties (you don't need to be home you can leave the empties on your porch). It's for a wonderful cause so don't be shy!