

A Non-Profit, Cooperative School

# **President's Corner**

Happy May, everyone! What a great year it has been. I hope your children had a wonderful year, as I know mine have. I have heard nothing but great things from all the teachers regarding everyone's progress. As we begin the final month of the school year, I want to recognize and thank our Board of Directors. Our board has worked hard this year to ensure that CPI is the best preschool in the area.

I want to thank Emily Torres and the Fundraising committee for a great Family Fun Day. Many families participated and it was great to see the kids running around the school with their friends, enjoying all of the games, food and fun. It was a great way to end our year and interact with other families at the school. I know how much work went into organizing the event and it was a huge success.

For returning families that did not pick up their packet for 2015-2016, you should have received it in your tote. Please remember that all forms are due August 1, 2015 and that your first tuition payment is due July 1, 2015.

We have a few events in May. First is graduation for our fours. You can find graduation specifics inside from our teachers. The kids are working hard on their programs and are looking forward to showing you all what they've been learning. The CPI Picnic will be Monday, May 18 at Eleanor C. Lawrence Park, 10am-1pm.

In closing, I want to thank all of our teachers and staff for all of their hard work this school year. They are what make our school so special and this year was another successful one for our children.

Have a great summer everyone and congratulations to our graduating four year olds!

Síncerely, Kelly

#### **Great Beginnings** *Laurie & Elaine*

Family Fun Day, Fruit Day and Circus Day were some of the highlights of April. We also had a visit from the Firefighters on the 21st. We had a great time exploring their fire truck and

# May Song

(tune: Are You Sleeping?) May is here; May is here. How warm the sun; How warm the sun. We can play outdoors now; We can play outdoors now. Springtime is fun; springtime is fun.

enjoyed a puppet show about fire safety. Our May units will be about the beach, fitness, and pirates and princesses. We will be working on a special Mother's Day project as well. Later this month, we will have our CPI Family Picnic and we will make a cute Father's Day project.

"Beach Day" will be on Tuesday May 19th. Please have your child wear his/her swimsuit under a cover up or tee shirt and send in a beach towel to school (make sure it has your child's name on it). Please remember to apply sunscreen before school. It is a fun day for all! Our last day of school will be Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Last, we can't believe how quickly this year has passed. We want to tell you all how much we've enjoyed being with your wonderful children this year. We've had so much fun watching them grow!

#### Three's Company

Teresa & Jeannie

April just flew by and we were so busy. Fruit day, Earth Day and circus day were highlights. As May begins, we finish our Mother's Day gifts – we hope you enjoy them and Happy Mother's Day! We are also working on a book titled "Incredible Me." You may not see work coming home every day, but we are certain that you will enjoy the book when it is finished. We also have Fitness Day, Pirate and Princess Day and Beach Day to look forward to in May.

Beach Days are scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th and Wednesday, May 20th. We will have lots of activities on the playground including two inflatable pools, a small wading



pool and snow cones! Please have your child wear clothes that can get wet – bathing suit and cover-up or tshirt for girls; bathing suit and t-shirt for boys. Please put plenty of sunscreen on your children before bringing them to school.

Our last days of school are May 26 and 27. We have enjoyed this year so much and we have loved getting to know you and your children – they have all grown so much!

# All Aboard for Fours

### Diana, Maggie & Ann

So hard to believe our school year is winding down and that busy April has flown past. From spring break to birds, seeds, insects, making paper, digging for worms and making butterfly books using our recycled, handmade paper-----whew!

Shhhhhhhhh....right now we are working on our Mother's Day surprises and practicing for our graduation celebrations. Soon, we will prepare Father's Day surprises as well.

With the end of the school year just around the corner, we have been practicing some of our favorite songs from the whole school year. We will be singing those for you in a little graduation celebration. Your teachers will give you the specific information, but know that Mrs. Rosener's class will graduate on Thursday, May 14 at the community room at the Sully Station Precinct...... Mrs. Boles' & Mrs. Carrol's class will graduate on Friday, May 15 at the school.



# **PreK Post**

Colleen

Another month has come and gone so quickly! We have all enjoyed the nice weather and will be spending lots more time outside. April was all about spring, more wild animals, Earth Day, and creative thinking. We enjoyed watching our caterpillars form chrysalises, turn into beautiful butterflies, and then letting them fly free on the playground. Currently, we have a new friend in the class named Emily. She's an enormous tadpole, and we're patiently waiting to see her progress through the stages of becoming a frog.

In our last month of school, we will do some planting, learn about pond and ocean life, create some special projects for Mom and Dad, and continue practicing for graduation. By the end of May, I am confident that the kids will be very well prepared for kindergarten. As much as they will miss CPI, I know that they are certainly excited to go to "big kid" school, make new friends, and have new experiences.

Important dates in May (PreK):

- Thursday, May 7th: Fitness Day (Wear comfy clothes and sneaks!)
- Tuesday, May 12th: Princess/Pirate Day
- Thursday, May 14th: Pre-K Graduation Ceremony @ 10:30 AM @ Sully District Government Center (Any and all family members and friends are welcome to attend!) (We will not meet at school this day.)
- Monday, May 18th: School Picnic @ 10 AM to 1 PM @ E.C. Lawrence Park (We will not meet at school this day.)
- Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th: Beach Days (Wear a bathing suit and flips, and bring a change of clothes!)
- Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, May 27th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thank you all for everything this year! It has been so much fun getting to know you and your wonderful kids! Mrs. Kilburne and I hope to see a lot of them again at summer camp! Have a wonderful summer and good luck next year!!!



# Explorers

Well April just skipped right on by us! We didn't get a lot of class time but we packed every minute! Thank you for the flowers and cards and lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week. What a great week, it is much appreciated!

As I'm sure you heard, we had exciting visitors after Easter, our very own baby chicks. The brilliant babes were so incredibly great with the chicks. Gentle, and loving and sharing "holding time" with each other, I couldn't have been more proud if they were my own kids. We squeezed in

some talk of electricity and circuits and then practiced making our own circuits, hooking up batteries and letting stuff fly! Or make alien noises or siren sounds or light up the bulb in the circuit.

They mastered "the" and the h sound/words before they even got to class. I told them, "that's it, Mrs. Kilburne has nothing left to teach you, you're off and running and I can't even catch up. You'll have to go to Kindergarten now..." They are so ready; it's me who is not!

In May we have our class pictures, Circus Day, our last few books, we have to get a few more letters and words under our belts and then plant the Monarch Garden (Mrs Saint Germaine already did the hard part of digging up the grass) we'll just have to plant and water and monitor for tiny sprouts to begin!

## **Creative Kids**

Elaine & Jen

It's so hard to believe that May has arrived and we are nearing the end of another school year. The months flew by so fast!

We have some terrific activities planned for this month which will include, Fitness Day, Pirate and Princess Day, and finally Beach Day on the 19th. Since the kids really enjoy being outside, we will be heading to the playground to do our art and sensory activities as much as possible this month. Our free art will be: throwing paint (Jackson Pollock style), pendulum painting, balloon splatter painting, sand castles, and sand castings with shells, and there will be some fun/messy sensory (of course). We will also work on a fun 4th of July decoration for the children to display later in the summer!

Jen and I have truly enjoyed working with your children this year. They have all been a joy to teach! It has been fun watching them grow, having fun and being creative! Thank you for all you have done for our little school this year, and thank you for sharing your adorable children with us!

Take care and have a wonderful summer!



## **Family Picnic**

Mark your calendars! The CPI Family Picnic will be held at E.C. Lawrence Park on Monday May 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please bring chairs, blankets, a picnic lunch, drinks and sunscreen for your family. We will meet at the playground area of the park. All family members are welcome. It is a fun day to have the whole school together. Reminders will be sent home when the date gets closer.



### **Snack Reminder**

Whether your class is co-op or non co-op, please remember that you are responsible for the class snack on your child's "special helper" days as marked on the class calendar. If you do happen to forget, please replenish the school's back-up snack supply.



### **CPI Board Meeting**

The next CPI Board meeting is Tuesday, May 19 @ 7pm at Centreville Library. All board meetings are open to parents and participation is encouraged. If any parent would like a copy of the meeting minutes, please contact Andrea McCoy, board secretary at <u>secy@centrevillepreschool.com</u>

### **Tuition Reminder**

Tuition is due on the first day of the month. Late fees will automatically be assessed on all late payments. Additional tuition coupons are on our website at www.centrevillepreschool.com. Please drop your tuition at the preschool in the locked tuition box located inside the visitor's entrance. Or mail your payment to:

Attn: Accounting Clerk, CPI, PO Box 253, Centreville, VA 20122

Do not send tuition via tote bag! Tuition should NOT be mailed to the school's street address and NOT be placed in the "information box" located outside of the school. <u>Tuition checks need to be placed INSIDE the</u>

school building.

### Join the CPI School Board

Being on the school board is a great way to stay connected and involved

in your child's school. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Dana Forcier at <u>danaforcier@gmail.com</u>.

# Sick Child?

Please call the school and leave a message with your teacher (703)830.5656

## Need A Babysitter? Hire a Kilburne!

Babysitters who live in Centreville area are available for hire in the surrounding areas.

- Lucy, a 16 year-old CPI alum, has 5 years' experience and loves nothing more than spending hours entertaining babies and toddlers.
- Jackson, an 18 year old CPI alum, has 7 years' experience and spent last summer as a "Manny" for a 2 year old -fort building is a specialty!

Both are familiar and adept with children ranging from newborn through 12 years old, and are capable of simple meal preparation. References are available upon request. To contact Lucy or Jack (or their mother Jen Kilburne) please call (703)818.8815 or (703)593.5352

May:	Summer	Looking Ahead:
<ul> <li>1: tuition due</li> <li>18: Family Picnic</li> <li>19: Spirit Night @</li></ul>	<ul> <li>June 1-5: Summer</li></ul>	• August 1:
Chipotle <li>26/27: Last Day of</li>	Camp <li>June 9-12:</li>	enrollment forms
School	Summer Camp <li>July 1: tuition due</li>	due

