

Newsletter

September 2020




Thank You:

The White Family: They donated the tarps for our outdoor space! They also helped clean the extra classroom.

The Silver Family: They cleaned underneath the stairs and our wagons, bikes, outdoor toys and much more!

The Yates Family: They sewed all the sit spots for the kids!

The Aridgides Family: They created new hours of operation signs for us!




School Hours:

Morning Class: 8:00 – 11:00
Please try to arrive at school no later than 8:15

Afternoon Class: 12:30 – 3:30
Please try to arrive at school no later than 12:45

Absences:
When your child will be absent from school please either call the school (802.436.2580) or email your child's teacher.



What to Pack:

- 2 face coverings
- Filled water bottle labeled with your child's name
- Extra shoes
- Extra clothes



This Month:

Children and teachers have been developing classroom routines and forming or strengthening relationships during our first week of school. Our themes have been/will be: All About School, All About Me and Apples! We are going to start our Second Step social – emotional learning program and will be getting a visit from VINS next month. The teachers have really appreciated families signing up for snacks!



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Check in & Pick Up

The check in process has been going very well and we thank you for all of your patience!

Pick up has also been going well!
We appreciate all the families being flexible with all the new changes!



VINS


Hannah will be coming to do the VINS lessons in our outdoor space!
Here are the dates:

OCTOBER 6 th	NOVEMBER 3 rd
DECEMBER 8 th	JANUARY 5 th
FEBRUARY 9 th	MARCH 9 th
APRIL 6 th	MAY 11 th at VINS



Non-perishable Items

We keep a shelter in place bin at the school filled with extra water and non-perishable items – We would love it if each family could donate two non-perishable items.



Snack & Weekend Cleaning

Snack Sign Up: Thank you for filling up the month of September! There is still 1 spot available this month.

Weekend Cleaning: Thank you to everyone that signed up for The weekend cleaning so far!
If you need the link for the snack or the weekend cleaning please email Ms. Shawna!



HCNS Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020
5:30pm

Present: Shawna Fox, Kayla Connolly, Yujin Silver, Heather White, Shannon Aridgides

Treasurers Report

To be updated/discussed at October meeting

Admissions Report

To be updated/discussed at October meeting

Director's Report

Shawna contacted VINS to discuss the contract with VINS for the year. The September visit is to be reimbursed and the first visit is to occur on October 6th and will be held outdoors. The contract is also to be updated to reflect only 2 classes this year and thus, the cost of the program will be less this year.

Yujin Silver and her family did a thorough clean of the space beneath the stairs. Many items needed to be properly disposed of and \$25 will be reimbursed for the disposal fees paid.

Speaking of the storage space beneath the stairs, the poor conditions and efficacy of the space is brought up again. Many of the outdoor items continue to see exposure to dirt, salt, and the elements due to the poor conditions in the space. The tarp has reduced the exposure, but only minimally. It is suggested that we start thinking about outdoor storage solutions to ensure longevity of these items, perhaps through a shed or similar option. This topic is to be continued in the October Board Meeting.

The "Shelter-in-Place" bin located in the Hallway of the building needs to be re-stocked. Families will be asked to donate 2 non-perishable items.

As Shawna mentioned previously, the Bright Wheel app will be discussed with Val when she returns so that it may be paid for and the demo completed. The app will allow parents to check-in their child(ren), view snack options for the day, view/share photos taken throughout the day by the HCNS staff, and allow for easy communication with staff as well. Coming soon!

A bill associated with the HCNS website is to be paid upon Val's return.

The new and improved Board Meeting minute process. The minutes from each board meeting will now be sent out by Shawna with the next Weekly Newsletter, allowing for all items to be posted to the website together. These should be available by the following Sunday evening at the latest.

Proactive Planning: HCNS will follow the guidelines released by the Department of Health if any local schools experience a case of COVID-19 during the school year. This topic will be further discussed and clarified at the October Board Meeting.

Shawna reports that the morning health check screenings have been going extraordinarily well. Her only concern is the excessive fogging of the state-provided face shields. She and Yujin have resorted to goggles, but these also cause fogging, so there was a recommendation to try taping the face mask to the bridge of the nose. If this process still yields fogging of the shield, we may consider seeking skin tight goggles so that a clear view of each student is possible during health checks.

School Photos during COVID- The decision has been made to offer school photos this year! Alberto Paniagua will return as the photographer. The school will cover the cost of \$150 for him to return and will perform a health check to ensure students are safe. The photographer will also maintain social distancing during the photo session and a group photo WITH masks may be able to occur, if desired, in addition to individual photos. Families will be notified of the date chosen. Coming Soon!

Did you notice the awesome sitting pads made for the students when they are outdoors? Shout out to **Amanda Yates** for whipping those together right before the start of the year! These are made of reusable shopping bags and make for easy cleaning/sterilization! **Thank you, Amanda!**

Shawna and Yujin have noted that with the necessary sterilization and cleaning required before and after the school day, more time is spent preparing and cleaning up. It is to be discussed with Val about adding 30 minutes to both the beginning and end of Yujin's contract regarding hours in order to help with these processes each day as it is more than a one person job to ensure student safety. Yujin has been graciously coming early and staying late in order to assist with these tasks.

The school year is off to a great start. Second classroom has been cleaned and re-organized so it can be used if needed for inclement weather. Heather White is to send an email to David with the town regarding one of the windows in the spare classroom, as that window needs a screen.

Operations Report

No Update

Fundraising report

No update

Other Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.