

THE BEECHWOOD SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

June 28, 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy Summer! Our summer is off to a wonderful start. The classes are running smoothly and there are many happy faces. The beginning of any new program always causes some adjustment; please notify your child's teacher or the office if you have any transition suggestions.

Beechwood's objective during the summer months is to provide the children with varied fun experiences while maintaining structure and order in the classroom. Lesson plans are written weekly and submitted to the office. Each teacher plans classroom activities to coordinate with a theme. All classes offer age appropriate lessons. Learning is always going on and your child's many skills are being sharpened through participation in the variety of activities provided.

Throughout the summer, Beechwood also offers Field Days. These are the days in which the projects, snack, story, games, etc are planned around one topic. The classes rotate from station to station which are set up around the school. Weather permitting, some stations are outside. For **July 5 & 6, Ms. Colleen and Mrs. Lupinski have planned the first set of Field Days with a patriotic theme, "Red, White & Blue Days"!** **Please dress your child in patriotic colors.** The Field Days will be a lot of fun and are a nice continuation of the Independence Day celebrations. Other Field Days are noted on your calendar. Also, throughout the camp schedule are special Theme Days, Chalk Days and Hootenannies (sing alongs). Attached is our summer calendar of events with each special day/ activity listed. Door notices will also be posted as a reminder.

Each class has a "**Parent's Note**" bulletin board outside the classroom. A daily note will be written by the teacher sharing with you the day's events. There are no formal conferences; however, you are welcomed to meet with your child's teacher.

Another important bulletin board is the "**Student Departure Board**". It is located in the small hallway just outside the main office. Please be sure to leave written permission for anyone picking up your child who is not on your Long Term Departure Card. If during the day, you find you will need to send someone not listed, call with the information and we'll post it for you. Permission **MUST** be received before a child may be released.

Other notes:

- Sneakers or buckled sandals with socks are encouraged as footwear.
- Sunblock, if desired, should be applied at home before school. Children participating in afternoon water play activities may bring sunblock to be reapplied.
- Please be sure to give your child's teacher a **ziploc bag of labeled play clothes** that can stay in the classroom. These will be used in case of spills and accidents.
- For our full day students, a labeled small pillow and small blanket may be brought in for nap. They are sent home at the end of each week.

Tuesday, July 11, afternoon water play will begin for full day students. It will be held throughout the summer at 2:45-3:30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Water play will be offered pending the weather and student interest. If your child is interested, please send in a labeled bathing suit and a labeled beach towel.

Please take swim gear home daily.

Finally, all parents (including Ms. Bigham's & Mrs. Christine's classes) are asked to enter Beechwood ONLY through the main door, not the lower level glass door. Parents may exit from the lower level glass door after retrieving their child's belongings.

All of us at Beechwood appreciate your time and cooperation. We are looking forward to having lots of fun with your children this summer. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Sincerely,

Marge McElroy and Sue Hagan

**** Please note – Beechwood School is closed Monday & Tuesday, July 3 & 4 for Independence Day ****