



## Honey Buzz Newsletter March/April 2022

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### **March/April Curriculum Themes:**

March themes include Spring Time, St. Patrick's Day, planting, and revisiting colors, while learning about rainbows, dinosaurs and the solar system. In April, classes will continue studying life cycles of butterflies and frogs, and, of course, Easter related themes. Caterpillars can be found on our Milkweed plants on the West play yard.

### **Easter Celebrations:**

The students will be participating in the beloved tradition of Easter Egg Hunting outside with their classmates. It is a joyous time of year, with flowers blooming and the feeling of Spring in the air.



### **Announcement:**

We are sad to announce that Mrs. Jahna Morrow will not be returning to Honey Tree for the next school year. She and her husband have decided to move out of state during the summertime. Jahna and her family have been a vital part of Honey Tree for many years. She has very much enjoyed her time teaching at Honey Tree, first as an assistant in our 4-year-old classes, then as a lead teacher for 3-year-old and 4-year-old students, as well as the Kindergarten/TK afternoon assistant. She is sad to be leaving, but is happy and excited for the next chapter of her life. Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Mason will be greatly missed, and Honey Tree will not be the same without them.

With staff changes happening at Honey Tree, we ask for your patience and understanding as we take some time to figure out teacher placements for next year.

**Covid-19 Updated Face Covering Guidelines:** As of March 14, staff and parents/adults are no longer required to wear face coverings when indoors on campus. We respect the decision

of any adult or child who chooses to wear a mask. If a parent wishes for their student to wear a mask, the teacher will help and encourage him/her to do so.

### **Registration Paperwork:**

All enrollment folders are due ASAP. The Physician's Report does not need to be submitted with the folder. Students moving from Parent/Twos to Three-Year-Old Classes can give the Physician's Report to your Pediatrician's office. They can fax the form directly to us after it has been filled out. Our Fax # can be found in the upper right hand corner of the form: (805)492-6378. If your child is moving from 3s classes to 4s, or from 4s to K/TK and receives an immunization, please bring the updated record to the office so we can make a copy for our files. Thank you!

**Reminder: Tuition Payment #1 Due June 1st:** The first tuition payment for families who are returning for the next school year is due June 1st, before you leave for the summertime, in order to confirm and hold your child's spot in the class. Payment is accepted in the form of check, cash, or auto-pay. Contact the office if you would like to sign up for auto pay. We are hoping to have a credit card or online payment option available beginning in September.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

- Parent-Teacher conferences are taking place in March and April. The teachers will be giving out progress reports for the 4-5 year-old pre-K students. This is an opportunity to review your child's progress with their teacher, and to ask any questions. Please look for a sign-up sheet outside your child's classroom.
- Progress reports and optional conferences for 3-4 year old preschool students will be available in May. Let your child's teacher know if you would like to schedule a meeting.
- Kindergarten/TK conferences are scheduled for late April. Progress reports will be completed for each student. Look for a sign-up sheet outside the classroom.

### **Spring Fundraiser:**

Original Artwork orders have been submitted. We appreciate your participation! Original Works is a company that takes the student's artwork and preserves it in a one-of-a-kind keepsake. Orders will arrive at the beginning of May, in time for Mother's Day.



**Spring Break:** Honey Tree will be closed for Spring Recess, beginning Good Friday, April 15, with school resuming on Monday, April 25th. We wish our Honey Tree families a fun and relaxing break!

**Brenda Russett Photography:** Brenda Russett will be coming to Honey Tree the week of April 4-8 to take Spring pictures of our students! Her photographs are amazing and truly capture the individual personalities of the students. Check the classroom parent information boards for the specific day your child's class will be photographed.

**Fire Department Construction:** Work has begun on the vacant field next to the school. Plans are in the works for a new fire station, estimated to be finished in approximately one to two years. We know the students will enjoy having a front row seat for all of the large construction

vehicles and building activity that will be taking place. We look forward to having these wonderful community service members as our next door neighbors in the future.

### **Chapel Time and Classroom Visits with Pastor Erik:**

Pastor Erik visited the classes on the play yards March 30 and March 31st. The students enjoyed the brief story, song and prayer. The children were engaged with hand movements and interactive clapping and snapping, to help make the sounds of rain. This time with the Pastor is uplifting and brings joy to the students and teachers.

### **Church Happenings:**

Indoor Worship Services have resumed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. If you are interested in attending,

Sunday Worship Service times are 9:30am (Informal),

and 11:00 am (Traditional). Easter Sunday Service will be followed by a butterfly release experience for children at 10:30am. Contact the Church Office with any questions: (805)492-1234, [churchoffice@htlcto.org](mailto:churchoffice@htlcto.org).



### **Holy Trinity Summer Camp!**

June 27th-July 1st, 9:00am-3:00, or

8:00am-5:30pm, for extended care.

See the flyer attached and/or on the parent board outside your child's classroom for more information.

*"Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is."*

*"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created Spring."*

