



Celebrating more than 40 Years in Play based education
Newsletter
January-February 2011

**The Director's Desk
Happy New Year...2011**

I hope that everyone has a very happy and healthy 2011.

I cannot believe that my daughter Raye is almost two and that I have another bambino on the way (Due early June). I am sure that you too are in awe of your family. Most of you have sent a child to preschool for the first time and many others will soon embark on a new beginning in elementary school. With children in our life, time sure does seem to fly...

The 2011-2012 School Year Enrollment Process has begun...

Sandy Hill is set up as a two year program. However, we do offer the option for three years. When it is determined that a child will benefit from three years of preschool, the child will need to enroll in two years of the TTH Program and one year (third year) in the MWF/Pre-Kindergarten Program. During the month of January, we would like for you to sign up (sign-up sheets will be posted in each classroom) for an important parent/teacher conference. At this conference, your teacher will talk to you about which program she feels will be the best developmental fit for your child during the 2011-2012 school year. Our teachers are very well qualified and experienced. I encourage you to work closely with them.

There are a few important things to think about in January:

- 1. Currently enrolled in the TTH program?** Will your child benefit from two more years in preschool before going on to kindergarten (your teacher will help you decide during conference week)? *Kindergarten start: fall 2013*
- 2. Currently enrolled in the Pre-K Program?** Will your child benefit from another year of preschool before kindergarten (your teacher will help you decide)? Space is limited. *Kindergarten start: fall 2012*

If you answered yes to either of these questions than you will need to add your child to the online waiting list.

Waiting list: log on to www.sandyhillnurseryschool.org

At bottom of page, select 'New Student Registration'

The \$25.00 fee will be waived

User name: registration

Password: chargers

Note: you need to select "alumni" and the year of "fall 2011" AND either "2 days/week" OR "3 days/week"

Note: If your child is currently enrolled in the TTH program and you & your teacher would like you to see your child enrolled in the MWF program for the fall, you do not need to do anything online at this time. If I do not see your child's name added to the waiting list, your child will automatically be placed in the fall 2011 MWF program. If you do not wish to continue at S.H.N.S for the 2011-2012 school year, please let me know right away.

If your child is currently in the TTH program, he or she is guaranteed a spot at Sandy Hill for the 2011-2012 school year. If your child is in the MWF program, there is no guarantee a spot will be available for your child in the 2011-2012 school year (please talk to me if you are concerned).

New student visits will begin January 3, 2011. Please help our visitors feel welcomed. Feel free to share some of your experiences with them.

Emily's office hours: 9:00-3:00 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with exception**

**The first week of every month my days in the office are Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Shani's office hours: 9:00-1:00 (some hours will be spent running Sandy Hill errands) on the days in which Emily is working from home.

New Sandy Hill Business Directory

Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your business!

This thought came to me after Sarah Wood offered to donate a portion of the proceeds of her behavior class to Sandy Hill. The idea is to create a directory of businesses owned by or services provided by Sandy Hill families who are willing to donate a portion of their proceeds to Sandy Hill when Sandy Hill families use them. There would be a description of the business or service and the amount of the donation to the school. Alternatively, to offer more of an incentive, the discount could be equally divided where part of it gets offered as a discount to the customer and the other part gets donated to the school. Aside from being a fundraising source it would be a nice way to promote our businesses and sense of community within the school.

Alternatively, if you know of a business that would like be included, please let Janine know.

A quality business directory will be created to showcase your business.

If you are interested in showcasing your business or if you would like more information, please contact Janine Marshall (James' Mom, Pinecones TTH).

Thank you for your consideration!

Parking Reminder...

There are four parking spaces in the upper parking lot (paved lot) that are reserved for the Fellowship. If there is a sign that says NO SANDY HILL PARKING, it means anytime. Disregard the times posted. Thank you for your understanding! Please pass along this information to family and friends responsible for dropping off or picking up your child(ren).

Please reserve the upper lot (near the Pinecones class) for families who...

- Have younger children in strollers
- Need to rush off to work or for an appointment

Please always park in the lower (dirt lot) if...

- You are the Parent Aide for the day
- You enjoy spending a little extra time in the classroom each morning
- You enjoy the extra exercise
- You want to make a pit stop in the bathroom before heading to class---this applies to most of you ☺

The happenings in January and February...

January...

*3rd: Board Meeting from noon-2:00

*4th: Staff Meeting from 12:45-2:00

*11th & 13th: Parent/Teacher Conferences (TTH)

*17th: No School

*19th & 21st: Parent/Teacher Conferences (MWF)

*25th: 2011-2012 enrollment preferences must be made in order to be considered (direct Q's to Emily)

*27th: TTH Visit from the Birch Aquarium @ 9:45-10:15 & 10:30-11:00

*28th: Pre-K field trip to the Birch Aquarium @ 9:45-11:45

February...

*7th: Board Meeting from noon-2:00

*8th: Staff Meeting from 12:45-2:00

*21st-22nd: No School

SAVE THE DATE OF APRIL 30TH AS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE...

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FEATURING AN AMAZING SILENT AUCTION

From the Family Resource Committee

As you prepare for the holidays, I hope you'll remember your Sandy Hill family. As you clear out toys and costumes to make room for new, please make a detour on your way to the dumpster or a charity. Before you toss out the old, please review the list of needs and see if there might be a happy home in one of our classrooms or on the playground.

If anyone would like a current list of our needs (to keep in your car, for example), let us know and we'll get you one. Also, each month, there will be a "Featured Need" with the intent of allowing focus on a short vs. long list. December's Featured Need is below. Please note that I am keeping this letter short and sweet (as promised last month)!

Happy Holidays to All! We'll see you in 2011!

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Featured Need: Sand toys, big and small - scoops, containers, trucks and more - are in constant demand in classrooms and the playground. *Also, there is a constant need for paper at the playground.* Scratch paper (used on one side) is perfect! Some places to look might include: stationery with an old address, non-confidential business drafts and marketing fliers that are obsolete. Check your home and office for what you can supply.

Thank you, Grai Andreason (Shae's mom)

**From the School Spirit Committee
Join eScrip!!!**

10% Goes Back to Schools - starts January 2nd from Vons

You are free and encouraged to participate with more than one school.

Sandy Hill Nursery School can earn 10% of your purchase amounts on thousands of products from January 2nd through January 25, 2011. eScrip members contribute automatically. If you are not yet a member, please save your receipts. You may turn them in to Kelli Keel or to the Director's Drop Box.

Please log on to: www.escrip.com to join today. The Sandy Hill Nursery School supporter ID is 501352796 or you can search by the school name.

Thank you to the following Sandy Hill Families to contributing to Sandy Hill simply by being a supporter of eScrip:
Aiello, Ainsworth, Andreason, Auer, Bolaris, Boodman, Clementson, Dart, Farrow, Feagle, Feuer, Gass, Gonzalez, Holcombe, Hsu, Janicik, Johnson, Keel, Khattar, Klein, Lane, Ligotti, Lustig, Macdonald, Marshall, McElenny, Mendez, Nyenhuis, Plunter, Rodriguez, Simon, Twardowski

Stop and Breathe

Please join our Music and Movement teacher Annabeth each morning before her scheduled time with the children to stop and breathe. She will meet you in Founder's Hall from 9:15-9:45 (see Online Master Calendar for dates).

Together, we will stretch, relax and stop to breathe. I love the time when I am with her. I hope you do too.

Coffee and Tea Lovers...

For the safety of the children, please consider bringing a travel mug with a base of a very large diameter. I worry about a child knocking it over and getting burned.

Thank you for your cooperation!