

Jumping Jack Journal



The Newsletter for Fullerton Community Nursery School



Director's Message: Melissa Brewer

Thanks to those who attended the evaluation workshops and who completed the evaluation survey. I will send you all the results soon. I appreciate your thoughtful feedback, especially this year when we have had a lot of transition. We are looking into implementing several of the suggestions made in the surveys and workshops. A huge thanks to everyone who offered constructive advice and offered to help research ways to implement some of those goals!

I am thrilled to announce that we have finally found a Board President! Thank you so much to Bryana Brewer (Artemis, Grp. 1) for volunteering to help! A big thanks also goes to Tisha Mutreja for staying on for an extended term as President while we worked to fill this important role. Thank you, Tisha, for your leadership, dedication, and support throughout your term!

Thank you to Lauren Sanchez (Emma, Grp. 2) for handling our Fall registration. This has been a massive job as we continue to refine and tweak the Fall registration process. In addition, Lauren was also instrumental in bringing us online registration for enrichment classes this year!

Thanks also to Anthony Tagum, who presented our proposed budget for the 24/25 school year at our March Board Meeting. Anthony has spent a lot of time auditing and organizing our finances these last several months. He compiled a thorough budget proposal, which our Board approved at our March meeting.

Jennifer Dominguez (Dominique, Grp. 2) and her committee are putting in lots of time and effort to make Family Fun Day fun for all

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Thank you

the kids and their families. Thank you! Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday, April 13.



Tania Torres Preto (Elliot, Grp. 1) and her opportunity drawing committee are working to collect donations for our fundraiser at Family Fun Day. Many thanks to them for stepping up to help out!

Thanks to Meagan Bardelcik (Nate, Grp. 2) for organizing the See's Candy fundraiser again, and thanks to all of you who purchased candy! The candy will be here when we return from Spring Break.

When we return after the break, our play yards will have a clean, fresh look. Thanks to all those who participated in Maintenance on Saturday. And a huge thanks to Eddie Long (Clyde, Grp. 1) and his company, Organix Environmental Services. Eddie has donated a large load of wood chips for our yards and arranged to have them delivered and spread during the break. He will also be helping to deliver our new sand before Large Maintenance Day in April. Thank you, Eddie!



We have many job openings on the board of directors or for our committee chairs for next year. Talk to me or Bryana if you would like to sign up! Things work so much easier when alums do the jobs they participated in previously!

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

Please help keep our children and our school safe. When you enter and exit the school, PLEASE DO NOT PROP THE FRONT GATE OPEN, EVER! If you are carrying many or heavy things or just need help, please ring the bell, and a staff member will be happy to help! As you enter or leave through the gate, please ensure it closes and latches completely every time! Please also make sure that the black gate leading to the Group 2 play yard is also closed and latched at all times.



NEW ENTRY AND EXIT PROCEDURE STARTING MONDAY

At FCNS, the staff is always looking for ways to keep everyone safe every day. For this reason, we are updating our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures starting Monday. Drop-off and pick-up for both classes will now be inside the school's main hallway. Please enter the school through the big double doors between Group 2's classroom and the office, and then proceed to sign your child in by entering the classroom through the interior classroom door.

Licensing Visit

Last week, our Community Care Licensing analyst stopped by for our annual, unannounced licensing visit. The visit went great, and we passed our annual inspection without issues!

2024-2025 Registration

I am happy to share that registration for next year is off to a tremendous start! Group 1 is currently full and only accepting waitlist families at this time. Group 2 only has one opening left for a 2-day child. While we know and expect these numbers will fluctuate as we get closer to the Fall, we are very excited to welcome back so many returning families and new families to FCNS this coming school year! We give all of you a huge amount of credit for this accomplishment. Thank you for telling your friends, family, and acquaintances about FCNS!



Slate of Incoming Executive Board Officers

At our May General meeting, our membership will vote for our incoming Board of Directors officers. Finishing their current terms- Bryana Brewer will serve as President, Anthony Tagum will be our Treasurer and Lauren Sanchez will be our 1st VP/Membership Chair at least through December 2024.

*Nominees on the slate for the 24/25 School Year to be voted on in May:

Secretary- Sarah Nixon
2nd VP/Maintenance- Rose Challis

Summer School Registration

Online Registration for Summer School will take place on Tuesday, April 2. There will be two 2-week sessions, June 3-13 and June 17-27. You can sign up for one or two sessions. The sessions are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; no parent participation is required. We will take a maximum of 24 kids, first come, first served. Alumni who are 10 years old and older can come back as volunteers and help us out. The Summer School fee is \$230 per child/ per two-week session.



Next Year's Start Dates

We have the Fullerton School District calendar now, so we can plan ours! School at FCNS will start the week of August 19, 2024. Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet appointments, where you meet your teacher, will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 13-14. Orientation (Our 1st Mandatory Parent Meeting of the year) will be in the evening on Thursday, August 15.

Tanaka Farms

Our Tanaka Farms Field Trips are Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4, at 10:10 AM. We will meet on both days at Tanaka Farms. The school will be closed on both days.



Tile Fundraiser

Our tile fundraiser will take place in May. Our board voted to keep the price the same as the last couple of years: \$50 per tile. More info will follow soon.

Expert Help or Advice Needed

We are working on several projects throughout the school and could use some recommendations or expert advice:

-Does anyone know someone who specializes in gates, particularly the iron gates at the front of the school and leading into the Group 2 play yard? We are looking to have the old spring replaced on the front entry gate and a new spring installed on the play yard gate.

-Does anyone have a recommendation for a reasonably priced "bug-man"/exterminator? Pest control at a school is carefully regulated, so the company must be willing to work with a school and be very familiar with those policies and procedures.

-Do we know anyone who has access to or expertise in the area of replacement doors? We are looking into the possibility of replacing some of our interior and exterior classroom doors with Dutch-style doors. However, they are extremely expensive, and we need several! Please let me know if you have any leads. We would even be willing to purchase second-hand doors if they were the correct size.

-We are looking for a donation of a short bookshelf for Group 2's writing area and a larger, taller cabinet with doors for the toddler classroom. We are hoping to find something second-hand that is still in good shape.

Have a great Spring Break!
Miss Melissa



President's Message: Tisha Mutreja

Hello FCNS families!

It is my pleasure to announce that we finally have a new President onboard!

Drumrolls!!

It's **Bryana Brewer** 🎉 Artemis' Mom from Grp1.

MADAM
PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED


She will be amazing for this position and will be around with you and the school to take it to new heights.

It was my pleasure to be in this position and whatever little I could do. I will be still around to answer any questions you have.

Have an amazing Spring Break!

Happy Easter 🐰



And looking forward to meet you all on Tanaka Farms Field Trip
SOON..  SOON

Be safe and Healthy out there.

One last time from this JJJ article:

Love and Regards
Tisha Mutreja (Inaaya's Mom, Grp1)

Housekeeping Message: Erika Jallins

Hi FCNS families,

Thank you to everyone for completing their Housekeeping shifts and keeping our school clean! For the month of February, I want to thank the following families: Aspuria, Garcia, McAuliffe, Sanchez, Smith, and Nixon.

For the next housekeeping shift for the month of April, I have the following families scheduled: **Dawkins, Htay, Imani, Kelly, Noh, Usman, and Tagum.**



If you need to reschedule your housekeeping date, you are welcome to contact me in advance so we can find an alternate date. Please keep in mind that you are responsible for finding a replacement if you are not able to make your shift that day. If you have any questions, you can reach me at erika.h.jallins@gmail.com or (310) 733-9065.
Thank you!

Erika Jallins
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Maintenance Message: Rosemary Challis



Hi FCNS! My name is Rose and I am the Maintenance Chair. Maintenance days (outside work in the play yards) take place once or twice per month on a Saturday. They start at 8am and last 2-3 hours. Each family is required to complete one maintenance day per child enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year.

****There is no buy-out option. However, you may pay someone to do this job for your family. It is your responsibility to find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, and no one shows up on the day you signed up for, you will be fined \$150 and rescheduled.****

Thanks to those of you who fulfilled your maintenance requirement in February! The next maintenance day is **Saturday, April 6**. I have the following families signed up:

Aguirre (foreman), Rungsarangnont, Ngo, Oak, Lozano, Bond, Htay, Massaro, and Smith

The foreman will receive the task cards, sign-in sheet, and maintenance cabinet key in their child's cubby prior to maintenance day. Thank you for your hard work!

Rose (Henry's mom, Grp 1: T/Th)
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Family Fun Day Message: Jennifer Dominguez



We're less than one month away from Family Fun Day and I couldn't be more excited! The Family Fun Day committee is working hard to ensure we have a fun and successful event. If you or someone you know owns a restaurant and would like to donate food for the event, please reach out to Bryana at bryanapbrewer@gmail.com and Jon at jonathan.aspuria@gmail.com. We are also looking for someone who can do face paint and animal balloons – please reach out to Nicole at njxstudios@gmail.com. A donation letter will be provided. We would greatly appreciate it!

Jennifer Dominguez
Family Fun Day Chairperson

Opportunity Drawing Message: Tania Torres Prieto

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING/SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you know someone who has season tickets to a sports venue? Performing arts? Someone who has a connection with a family friendly venue?! A unique experience for a date night?! A restaurant owner?! Do you have gift cards lying around and don't know what to do with them? The opportunity drawing committee needs those donations!



In conjunction with Family Fun Day, the opportunity drawing/silent auction is being held on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. Although this seems some time away, it will be here before we know it. We need some good items to put up for auction to raise money for the school! Think of where your family likes to go, and ask those places for donations!! They love to help schools out!

We are also seeking donations of baskets, ribbon, bows, cellophane wrap, and any other gift-wrapping materials.

Please contact Tania at torresp.tania@gmail.com (Elliot's mom, Group 1) to help out! We also have a letter to merchants that can be put in your child's cubbie or sent to you electronically if needed.

Thank you all for helping make our school great!

Tania Torres Prieto
Opportunity Drawing Committee Chair

Teacher's Message: Miss Micky, Group 1 & 3



Thank you for attending our evaluation workshop. It helps us look at what we are doing and how we can improve. I thank you for always allowing me to teach your little ones.

Well, March is just moving right along we are growing so much. Some of us are progressing with cutting, some us are getting more comfortable with the bars, some of us are pumping on swings, we are balancing, and still working on digging without getting sand all over some of our friends.



We have enjoyed talking about nocturnal animals like bats, raccoons, coyotes, and moths. We made our bats they will be up when we return

from break. We have been talking about hibernation coming to the end and how it's going to be time for our friends to wake up.

You guys have been amazing with providing a variety of snacks. I APPRECIATE YOU ALL FOR ALL YOUR EFFORT. I know some of you stress but please don't. Remember it is just a snack (healthy please).



We will march out of this month with our space unit. We will learn about planets and asteroids. Possibly walk on the moon too!!! Play in our space station.

April will bring us our egg unit and ALL THAT COMES from EGGS. We will make nests, plant some grass lima beans and tomatoes. Also, don't forget we will be going to Tanaka Farms for strawberries 🍓. Save your dates.



Please don't forget about our annual family fun Day. Please join your FCNS family for some games, food, fun, entertainment, and family memories. I look forward to seeing you all.

A big thank you to Elliot's family for bringing in their family taxidermy heirlooms: the iguana and the turtle. And Angels grandma for bringing Mondays Spanish class treats from Mexico. Miss Melissa for driving to get us our new tunnels.

Happy SPRING BREAK!!!
With love MISS MICKY

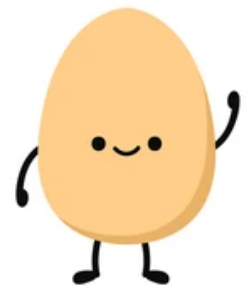
Teacher's Message: Miss Jackie, Group 2



Group 2 finished off our space unit with dressing up as Aliens one day and Astronauts the next. Both days went smoothly I was so happy to see how excited the kids get when we do fun dress up days! I probably do it more for me since it's fun to see them so excited and just adds more even more fun to the class.

This week we started our eggs unit which will go till probably mid April if not longer since there's many MANY things to learn about eggs. Butterflies, frogs, dinosaurs etc. So definitely lots more fun to do.

After our egg unit it will be our Pets unit (MY FAVORITE) so I will talk more about that when the time comes or if you have any questions feel free to message me. Basically, we will talk about pet and



MISS JACKIE'S MESSAGE CONTINUED



what the kids consider to be a pet. And who does have a pet and who does not. I will also talk about why some people aren't able to have pets and what not. There will be a sign up as well for those who do have a pet and wish to bring them to class to do a quick show and tell. Or they could also bring a picture to show off their wonderful pets as well. But again, that isn't until late April.

My last Stem class was this past week and I'm excited for the next session. I put up my Volunteer sign ups last Wednesday and I'm so grateful to my parents for filling up all the spots! Session 3 will start as soon as we get back from Spring Break and I have lots more fun stuff prepared!



And lastly as for the evaluation workshops, I received a lot of feedback and have added notes to next year's lesson plans and just everything I can do to better improve in the classroom. I'm so thankful for each and every one of you here at FCNS!!

HAPPY SPRING BREAK :)

Cheers,
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