



Jumping Jack Journal

Newsletter of the Fullerton Community Nursery School



Director Miss Sally's Message



What a difference each day brings! As I look back to the decision to close school for 2 weeks, it seems incredible now, given what we are learning, that we thought 2 weeks would handle this virus. The Fullerton School District announced that they will be closed until May 11, although that could always change. The uncertainty of all of this situation makes its impact that much worse. Decisions are made based on the best information at the time. Each day brings new information, causing decisions to be altered. Everyone on your Board of Directors is doing their best to guide FCNS through this global crisis. I am so happy to be working with such dedicated people. We have created a unique community - united by a business - yet also united by friendship, caring, and love of children.

We held our monthly board meeting as a conference call; thanks to Becky Anderson, our new president, for setting this up. We are learning to adapt. I was reminded by a director in a co-op director's forum that I belong to about the theory of Jean Piaget - whom we all study in child development. Piaget, talked about how children and adults understand our world. When everything seems to make sense, we experience equilibrium. When some new information comes in and knocks our understanding on its side, and doesn't seem to make sense with what we thought we knew, we call that disequilibrium. But guess what? Disequilibrium is the state where a bunch of big learning takes place, because we first have to assimilate that new information into our existing schema, and then we learn gradually to accommodate it, until our understanding of the world has grown forever. Kids experience this all the time, over and over, and it's just as hard on them as it is on adults right now. We are all adapting and accommodating.



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We will follow the school District at this point - making it official that FCNS is closed until at least May 11. The Tanaka Farms field trip is canceled, as is Family Fun Day. The teachers are going to be reaching out to their students with greetings and ideas of things to do. It may come by email, video, phone calls - we will adapt! Housekeeping and Maintenance days are canceled until further notice.

While the Board was reviewing the school's financial state and sustainability in this unprecedented time, we discovered that our bylaws actually address the current situation. It states in Article XIII, Section 1, D. Closure of School:

1. Full tuition shall be charged during months in which there are holiday and vacations within the school year.
2. During emergency closure of school, as for communicable disease epidemics, tuitions will still be due.

The By-Laws can be found on our website.

About 75% of tuition payments for March has been received. These payments will support teacher payroll for March, April, and May, as well as overhead expenses. If you have not paid March tuition yet, please make your payment. You can pay on line through Jovial, or mail a check to the school. Keep in mind that we have had to cancel Family Fun Day - a fundraiser. We are no longer selling scrip, and our See's order is bound to be lower.

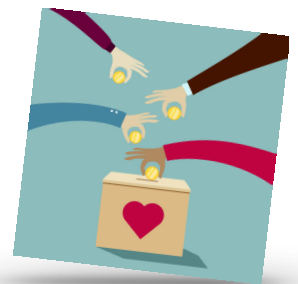
With regard to payments for STEM and Spanish, we ask you to consider it as a tax-deductible donation (our non-profit ID# is 95-1736903). We could provide you with a receipt.

We truly appreciate the support of the community, as we also respect and are sensitive to each and everyone's particular situation. If you are experiencing hardship during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact Becky Anderson, FCNS President, at (714)388-7893 or bekytanderson@gmail.com.

Tuition for April and May will be suspended, unless we are able to return. If we return in May we will prorate tuition.

Thank You!

Clare Steedman – thank you for handling registration for next year! We still have room for 3 and 4 yr. olds, so people can still call, leave a message, and I'll return it!



Monique Flores - thank you for gearing up for a fabulous Family Fun Day, only to have your work canceled! Thank you to your committee also. Who could have imagined this? Jazmine Hydaryacil and her opportunity drawing committee have worked hard to collect donations for a raffle/auction that was supposed to take place at Family Fun Day. Many thanks to them! We are exploring a way to auction them off online, adding alumni, in order to boost our profit.



Thanks also go to Cindy Blandford for tallying the scrip receipts and sales and then posting them for you all to see your current totals. Please consider buying scrip online through ShopWithScrip.com. I don't know all the details on how to do this, but if you can research it on their website and figure it out, let the rest of us know! Also, don't forget to choose us as your charity on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com)! We get a small percentage on many purchases; that adds up!

Thanks to Ashley Petropulos for doing the See's candy fundraiser again. We have extended the deadline to contact Ashly and place an order to Wed. April 25. I will be at school that day so you can drop off an order for Ashly - 10 AM deadline. We will notify you on how to pick-up your candy after Spring Break. A quick idea - I am planning on taking a box of candy to Park Vista Assisted Living home where my mom was - to give to the caregivers. It has to be a horrible time for them, with the quarantine, fragile population, no visitors. If you can think of others to give to - place an order with us!!



Thanks to Ninh-Kieu and Elena Cruz for all the work they put in exploring our school budget and recommending changes to keep the school financially healthy. See Elena's message later in this newsletter.

Thanks to Shannon Massaro for doing the evaluation surveys for us again this year! Thanks also to those who filled them out! We appreciate the feedback. Eliminating the sale of scrip for next year won!

Slate of Incoming Officers

We are looking for a new secretary for next year's board. The job would start in July - taking the minutes of the meetings and emailing reminders of the board meetings. The meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, at 7 PM, at school. We are also looking for someone to take on First Vice President in charge of Maintenance. This person schedules the maintenance days all year - putting the reminders in cubbies, along with the keys for the foreman. She/he emails reminders, attends the board meetings as a voting member, sends articles to the newsletter once a month. The person does the laundry basket once a week as well! The other



portion of this job is a handyman/woman. The last 4 years, one family did both jobs, but we can easily split it into 2 jobs - one for a handy person, one for scheduling and attending the board meetings. If either of these jobs sound like something you would like to do, please email me. These officers will be voted on at some point, in some way.



Summer School

We are certainly hoping for summer school to happen this June, but it remains an unknown. If all goes well, this is what our summer school will be this year: there will be two 2-week sessions, June 1-11 and June 15-25. You can sign up for one session or two. Sometimes parents split a session with another family if they are going to be out of town - that is something you have to arrange. The sessions are Monday - Thursday, 9 - noon, no parent participation required. We will take a maximum of 36 kids, first come, first served. Sign-ups were scheduled to begin Monday, April 27 - we will keep you informed as to how that will happen as we get closer. The cost is \$180 per 2 week session.



Tile Fundraiser

Would you like to have a tile hung in the breezeway to commemorate your year(s) at FCNS? The price will be \$40 per tile. We are going to see how things play out to decide how to do this. We could easily do it during summer school. We just have to wait and see when we are able to resume social un-distancing.

Some Ideas

Are you looking for things for the kids to do? I have a suggestion, you may think I'm crazy. If you live in a home with some planters, consider taking a section of it and make a mud pit. Pull out a few bushes or plants. Kids can use it with construction vehicles, making roads, rivers, lakes. They can use it with old/extra kitchen utensils and old bowls as a mud kitchen. Think of how much they love the wet sand at school. If you can recreate a little bit of that, it could give you parents a break, while the kids play happily. Hose them off when done! May have to wait until things get warmer!



Back to those Assisted Living Homes - have the kids draw/paint pictures and send them! Those poor folks can't have visitors, and I'll bet they are confined to their rooms. A little outside cheer could go a long way. If you send it to Park Vista, tell them Miss Sally, Nancy's Daughter, recommended it! They know me!

Park Vista Assisted Living
2527 N. Brea Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92835

I know Amy Soto (Ruby in Group II) works at an assisted living home - Sunrise in Fullerton. They would appreciate cards also - Address it to:

A Sunrise Resident c/o Amy Aubin
2226 N. Euclid St.
Fullerton, CA 92835

Pinterest could be your new best friend. Search Science, art, music for preschool - with any theme you want. They have lots of ideas.



One of the things we love to do at school in April is watch some caterpillars grow, spin cocoons, and emerge as butterflies. When we are ready - about 3 days or so, we let them go in a camping tent with the kids inside. They can carefully push their fingers up to the butterflies' legs, and they can hold them. We purchase the caterpillars from a website called insectlore.com. The butterfly garden kit is \$20 - and gives you everything you need., except the camping tent! It's a cool website - you can get tadpoles, too.

That's all for now!
Miss Sally



Hello FCNS Family,

I hope that you and your family are safe and adjusting to this very fluid and changing situation that we are experiencing. This is an unprecedented time that has been overwhelming, sad, confusing, and anxiety-provoking. At the same time, I have sensed a deep level of gratitude for the way communities have rallied together to support and care for one another. I continue to see this sense of community arise here at FCNS. Thank you for being a part of our FCNS community as we navigate and adjust to these new challenges and changes.



Thank you to Ms. Sally, the teachers, and the board for moving quickly to make the decision to close our school in order to protect both our immediate and larger communities. We could not have foreseen how this would unfold, so thank you for your foresight and swift action. Thank you also to all the group reps who quickly communicated all updates and continue to help each class stay connected.

Thank you also to our wonderful teachers for cleaning, disinfecting, and organizing our school. We are so thankful for the ways you care for our kids! Our teachers have taken the initiative to get creative in order to stay connected and to provide resources for our kids. Keep an eye out for this!

Thank you to Elena Cruz and Ninh-Kieu Lee for all your work to create our budget for next year and manage the finances of the school.

I also want to extend a huge thank you to each family. Thank you for your flexibility and kindness as the school has been navigating this new territory. If you are in need, please reach out so we can continue to gather as a community and care for each other.

Although our Family Fun Day has been canceled, I want to thank Monique Flores and the whole Family Fun Day Committee for working so hard to put this together. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

With all the events and fundraisers that have been canceled, I am thankful that the See's Candy Fundraiser is still going. It is nice to have something "normal" happening! Thank you Ashly Petropolus for facilitating this in the midst of everything. We are also going forward with an online raffle in the next months. Jasmine Hydaryacil and the Raffle Committee have worked really hard to gather great raffle items. Stay tuned for more details!



Lastly, I am excited and thankful to be stepping into this position. I am looking forward to getting more involved in our FCNS community and working together with you all. My son, Judah, is in Ms. Sally's class, and my daughter is currently in Ms. Melissa's toddler class. I know these days can be hard and challenging, so I hope we all can find little moments of joy woven throughout our day to keep us going.

Kindly,
Becky Anderson
(Judah's mom)

TREASURER'S NOTE

APRIL 2020

Budget Review and Tuition Increase for 2020-2021

Hello everyone! I hope this month's JJJ finds you all in good health and spirits. Stepping into the role of treasurer has been a learning experience and very insightful on how much goes on behind the scenes to keep our school in working order. I find myself lucky to be working with a great group of people with a strong sense of community and commitment to our school and its families.



After reviewing the Treasurer's preliminary budget for next year, the board is proposing a \$10 increase in the 2-day classes and a \$15 increase in the 3-day classes. This increase of about a 6% is to help cover overhead costs (i.e. rent and variable utilities), staff pay raises to adjust for increased cost of living, and mostly for the elimination of scrip.

The proposed group rates for Group I and III will be \$170 a month and Group II and IV will be \$240 a month. The voting date is yet to be determined. Thank you for supporting our teachers and the financial health of our school.

Sincerely,

Elena Cruz
Xavier Group 3

Hello FCNS families,

I hope you are staying healthy and helping your kids stay engaged with their friends. We had recently reached full registration before the school had to shut down.

On the bright side, registration for next year is still open. All four classes have availability. If your family or a friend are interested in registering, please let me or Miss Sally know. We can handle the registration through email and phone calls!

Please tell your family and friends about FCNS. We would love to meet them once the school is able to open again.

Clare Steedman
Julia Pana's mom, Group 4
(future student Valerie Pana's mom, Group 3!)

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MAINTENANCE

APRIL 2020

Maintenance

Dear FCNS Families,

Thank you to the following families for completing their maintenance duty in March: Petropulos, Cruz, Schubert, and Kim!



A few new things...

As you've been reading through this newsletter you've probably noticed the theme that school will be out for awhile. That being said, all maintenance shifts are cancelled indefinitely. Depending on when school starts up, a big maintenance day may be scheduled so those that have not worked a shift yet may be asked to help out with that one. I hope you all are doing well and feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. Stay safe everyone and hope your kiddos aren't driving you insane yet!!

Thank you,
Grace Rungsarangnont, Ellie/Grp 2
Maintenance Chair
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grace.rung@gmail.com



Housekeeping

Hi FCNS friends,

I hope all of you are well and maybe finding some time to get some long over due projects done, get some snuggle time, and get in a few naps... you know, all the things we never have time for! That has been my silver lining! As I am sure you guessed we are in a holding pattern regarding future housekeeping shifts. As soon as we know more regarding when we might be able to go back to school, I will update via email anyone who has a shift that will in fact happen.



I wanted to say a BIG thank you to the teachers for deep cleaning the school right after closure and doing the housekeeping buckets. They bleached all the toys, wiped everything down and washed all the dress up cloths, just to name a few things.



Miss you all; please stay safe!

Lindsay Caulford

Mia's Mom group 2

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Miss Micky, Groups 1 & 3



Well, March was going to end with our space unit. The kids had such fun playing with our space station. They used it to imagine going into space, using the computer and keyboards, writing on clipboards, and writing on a clear easel using dry erase markers.

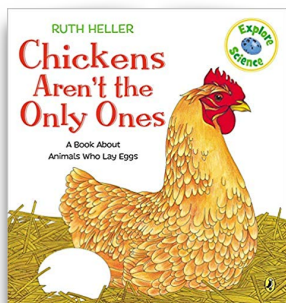
We saw planets and rockets and how the rocket would travel throughout space; of course we also wore our space helmets (made from milk jugs).



We mixed colors to create paper to cut out planets. Then we created our shimmering solar system. That at this time is group I. Group I and group III, your solar system parts are in your cubbies, so I hope you complete your solar systems at home.

Well this brings me now to April. So sad to know that we are all separated, staying home to be safe from this New-And-Bad-Germ that wants to catch us. I am so sad not to be able to read you *The First Day of Spring* so we can find out what happens when bear finds spring. In April, we were also going to learn how to pick the perfect strawberry, then sample some yummy herbs and veggies, and ride in a wagon pulled by a tractor.

April also would have been the beginning of one of my favorite units - eggs. I was going to read the book *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones*. We would have found out about all those creatures that hatch from eggs, like frogs, birds, dinos, and bugs (of course). I'm so sad.



But I REALLYYYYYY hope we can reunite in May. For now I am putting together a list of books that I would have read this month in class, and some craft and science ideas. So as soon as I have them complete, I will let you know. I am aiming for Monday, May 30th, or Tuesday March 31st.

I am grateful to this school for being so supportive. I am also so sad for all our kids, not having been able to say GOOD-BYE, not having been able to hug them one more time, to tell them that I love them, and that I am thinking of them, and MISS THEM. And parents take care, stay safe and healthy. Please call if you want to chat, have questions, or just to say hi! I am home. Ha!Ha!Ha!

Miss you all

Sending my love:

Miss Micky



Miss Kelly, Group 2



I write this article with a heavy heart as we embark on this challenging time. It's uncertain when school will reopen and we can resume. I am so very grateful to our board of directors who have gone above and beyond in supporting me and my family during this time. I am so very thankful for their generosity and support.



I miss you guys! I miss the kid's funny ways and silly stories. I will be putting together some at-home

activities, great reads, music and movement and fun outdoor activities for you and your littles. I plan on sending out my lesson plans every Monday.



Thank you to everyone who filled out the evaluation forms and attended our meeting. I really appreciate your kind words and generous scores on my teaching! Thank you to Ro for the exceptional hospitality snacks for our meeting too.

Thankfully, we had two very full weeks at school before we closed. We started March with Space week. We acted out being the sun and how the earth rotates around the sun. We built a space ship with chairs and yard toys. We blasted off into space and landed on different planets. We made the earth and moon for art and read one of my favorites, *Me and My Place in Space*.



Last week, we had pet week! What fun! We had visits from Mia's dog, Elliot; Madi's dog, Molly; Charley's rabbit, Skittles; and Hudson's Chinchilla, Heidi.



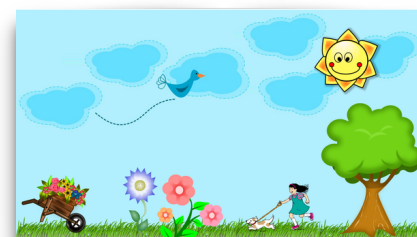
Thank you for bringing your pets to school! We have so many great books on pets, it was hard to choose! *A Fish Out of Water*, *Memoirs of a Goldfish*, *Bark George*, *Chewy Louie* were just a few of the great books we read. Charlotte Diamond has a great song called, "I Wanna Be a Dog," that we enjoyed during music time.

I really hope to see everyone soon! Take this time to play games with your family, take walks, build a fort, find a new trail, garden, bird watch... the possibilities are endless, especially outside!

As always, I wish you well.

Love,

Miss Kelly



Miss Sally, Group 4

I hope all my friends are well! We had so much illness the last day of school, with 8 absent! So sad! I am



going to investigate Zoom, to see if we can meet up virtually. I sent one video message so far, and plan to do more. The kids are the one thing that truly makes me happy, so being away from them has been hard. Any

messages, photos, videos you can send me are welcome!



We did some story writing recently. We did two dinosaur stories and a space story. We still have some at school. Not everyone wanted to participate, but when I read them aloud, they were all so quiet and interested!

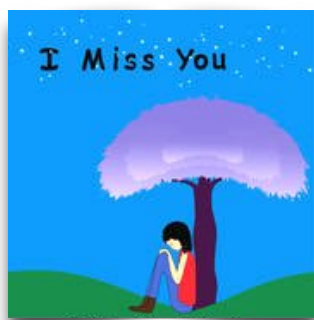


We have also done some graphing to help the kids with their understanding of math. We graphed our favorite dinosaurs and what kinds of pets we have. Turns out we have a lot of homes with no pets - including mine!



We all enjoyed pet week. We saw Joanna's chameleon, Robin's cat, Preston's dog, Natalie's dog, and Joey's dog. The kids were so excited to show off their pets!

It is very hard and sad for me to wrap my brain around the fact that we may only have one or two weeks together in May - if that. I know we will all get through this, but it is hard on everyone. I miss you all.



Love, Miss Sally