

# *Jumping Jack Journal*



The Newsletter for Fullerton Community Nursery School



## Director's Message: Sally Newton

Well, it's official! This is my last director's message in the Jumping Jack Journal. The board unanimously agreed to offer Melissa Brewer a contract as director for next year and she has accepted. I am very excited to have Melissa Brewer take over for me. I think she will be a great fit for FCNS and will handle upcoming challenges easier than I! I am delighted to teach one more year-with my beloved four year olds- and help Melissa and the board in any way I can! I have loved this job- 38 years of it! I'm looking forward to one more, and then.... We hope to have a great retirement party to celebrate the past and appreciative!



## Updates

I'm super happy to report on the 4 Eagle projects we are the recipients of this year. Hannah Saab has refurbished the table tops on both patios! Her triplet sister, Karina, is building 2 new outdoor water tables for us, and replacing the sliding door tracks in both classroom cupboards (under the windows) and painting them! It should all be done by June 6. In time for summer school! The other triplet, Lucas, already built us the bridge in Miss Micky's class last year!

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Miles McAndrew is building sand cupboards for Miss Micky's milk crates by her sandbox. That should be complete by June 30! Sawyer Hoffstetter is going to refurbish the sand cupboard in the 4 yr. old yard and plant a tree by the swing set. That project should be complete in July. Thank you, Hannah, Karina, Lucas, Miles, and Sawyer! We are so fortunate to have these projects done for us. We are saving money, and letting these students learn to plan, fundraise and execute a project for a non-profit. If your child ends up in scouts, keep us in mind if they make it to Eagle status! We are so appreciative!

### **Goal Meeting**

The board met last week to discuss what we want to have happen this next year. Here are the goals we came up with:

- \*Change group numbers from Roman numerals to regular numbers throughout all paperwork.
- \*Have a smooth transition of the director duties from Sally to Melissa
- \*Continue cleaning out old toys, books and replacing with diverse and relevant materials
- \*Continue to add exciting materials to our playgrounds and keep current things maintained
- \*Work on Website to have photos and videos on the first page to attract new families
- \*Increase our online presence in order to advertise and retain new families
- \*Increase our visibility in the community, through Fullerton Market, or other city activities
- \*Respond to change in membership in fiscally sound ways, if needed- add after school classes, join charter groups as a vendor, if possible, etc.



### **Ballot Results**

The tuition increase for the next school year has passed the vote and Kate Davis will stay on as secretary and Rose Challis will stay on as our Maintenance person. Tuition will be \$193 and \$285 come August, 2022. As a clarification- there were 8 no votes for having the adults provide a negative TB test in the Standing rules. It is actually State law that we do that, and is not our choice per say. We just have to have that in our Standing rules as it is our practice. The other changes were not mandatory, and your vote meant more! A big shout out to Amy Wozniak for the clever Historian's report at the picnic. This time traveler enjoyed it a lot! Thanks, Amy!

## **Summer School**



You should have received your summer school schedule if you signed up. If not, let me know and I can email it to you. We look forward to a fun June! Session one has 32 kids and the teachers will be Miss Micky, Miss Kelly, and I. We can take 4 more kids in that session. Session Two has 24 signed up., and a wait list of 5. Just Friday, we decided to go ahead and add a teacher to Session 2 and will continue to sign kids up until it reaches 36. Teachers will be Sally, Micky and Kelly once again! But we WILL allow those on the wait list to join us! Please stop by the office this week and pay the \$200. We would like to make one last bank deposit this Friday!

## **Fundraising**

We have sold 16 tiles this year to add to our tile wall. Thank you for your support! We are really hoping to get them hung before too long. Last year's tiles are waiting to be hung also!

## **School Openings**



All classes have openings for next year and we continue to get calls and are giving tours. I feel hopeful that we will get more over the summer.

## **Toddler Class**



The toddler class has been a bonanza for us this year! It has been so popular that Melissa added a session. She now has 28 kids and will be doing a 4 week summer session that is almost full! It is be open for children 16- 33 months. Be sure to tell your friends with toddlers about it!

## **Internet Reviews**



If you are so inclined, we would love it if you would write a review of FCNS on Greatschools.org. We have great reviews but it's always nice to get more current ones. Thanks! You can also write one on Yelp if you want! People do mention them to us when they come to visit! Plugs on NextDoor and the Fullerton Buzz, Brea Buzz, etc. are also welcome. I saw some alumni and current folks comment on the Brea Buzz just last week! Thank you!



## **Thank you**

Many thanks to all our board members and jobholders for the work they contributed to FCNS this year. If you have a notebook that goes with your job, please take the time to clean it out for the new person. Add any helpful notes and tips that you think will help them. Any files you can put on a flash drive, google doc, or email for the next person is fabulous! Please turn it in to the office this week or during summer school, if you haven't already. No one wants to re-invent the wheel!

## **Goodbyes**



This is the hardest part of the newsletter for me to write each year. It is so difficult to say goodbye to families that have been with us for years, and even those who haven't been around a long time but made a big impact while they were here.

The Berumen family: Ande has brought her 4 girls through FCNS and has always participated as a chairperson. She has been Hospitality, See's candy, and housekeeping. I appreciate her willingness to help us out in any way she can. She managed to get us that cool airplane that the kids loved for a few months, until it broke. Thanks you, Ande for your support over the last maybe 8 years?!

The Anderson and Giltner Families: I feel like Becky Anderson (President) and Katy Streeter (Treasurer) and I will always be connected simply because they helped me navigate the pandemic. I knew I could rely on them to provide calm encouragement, information and validation that we were doing fine! I appreciate you ladies so much! Elena Cruz is included in this as she got us the PPP loan! So appreciated by the teachers- it kept us paid for 3 months in 2020! So happy she is retuning next year! I will never forget these ladies.

Jennie Hubbard: Jennie, you have kept our website going for a few years, when I literally have no clue how to do it, nor do I care to learn! You have agreed to help us this summer as well. Thank you, Jennie, for choosing FCNS and supporting us while we supported your two kids' development!

Erin McDaniel: Erin has had 3 of her 4 girls come through FCNS and has headed up the art committee for I don't know how long! This year we didn't really need to change the board, as no one really saw much of it, with our outdoor sign in process. Then, in January, tragedy struck, and took her beloved husband, Jesten, from her family. Erin, we love you, support you, and hope we get to see Emerson in the future! Your children are a delight!

The Morales Family: Sometimes a family is only with us a short time, but make a huge difference. We had Bella and Joey last year, and Bella this year. An innocent conversation with dad, Joe, one day on the playground, turned into saving the pirate ship!! We are so incredible appreciative that he and his helpers are spending 3 weekends here, saving the ship. A replacement would be \$50,000- plus installation. Getting another 5-10 years out of this ship is an incredible savings for us. We can't thank you enough.

Anne Osgood: Another example of someone who made a big impact in a short time! Anne has been responsible for raising some money for us for 2 years! Last year she headed up the Givebutter campaign and BoonSupply fundraiser. This year, she did the successful Giving Tree at Christmas time. She also got the Ebell club to donate \$5,000! Plus, the women in the club helped with Family Fun Day. She has reached out to the city to replace a tree in the 4 yr. old yard. She took on the board position of OCCPPNS rep, which is always hard to fill. Truly, she is a gift. Thank you, Anne. We are so happy you have another child and hope you choose us again!

The Saltzman Family: It's never happened before. Diana was thanking the board and teachers at last week's board meeting for her experience at FCNS and had several of us in tears (we shall remain nameless). I want to thank Diana for her contributions! She was assistant treasurer when we moved to Jovial. She took the webinar and met with Clare Pana to get it going. She was fantastic. She has been delightful as my group rep this year and I count her as a true friend.



## **Goodbyes continued**

Verna Onaga: Jordy's grandma in group 4 is terrific! Rolling Hills is lucky to have her as Jordy enters next year. Kelly had told me how great she was, as she had worked with her on the pancake breakfast at Rolling Hills. Her work on the family Fun Day food was incredible. She got so much donated, it made our profit that much higher. She had impeccable accounting of her work and sent thank you notes and small orchid plants to thank some especially helpful donors. Thank you, Verna for your incredible work ethic, generosity, and being a cool grandma!

Jazzlyn Phan and Kat Bui: Hey, you two! Thanks for being our schedulers for 2 years- interrupted by a worldwide pandemic! We appreciate you trying to put together this puzzle each month!

Jane Wolfe: Jane, you put on the most beautiful Chinese New Year celebration for both Ayla's and Ollie's classes. Thank you for leaving us the lovely tree we can take out each year- and remember your family and the Lunar New Year! And thanks for being group rep for Ayla's class.

We have the most wonderful people that come to FCNS. We are thankful for all of you that are continuing on with us next year. All of the elementary schools are lucky to get our FCNS families because they know the benefits of volunteerism and aren't afraid to get involved. We wish you all the best of luck!

Just thought I'd mention that occasionally a family thinks they are done with FCNS and then, oops, another child joins the family and we see them again! Surprise! Will that be your family??? It just happened to the Eagle triplet family- the triplets are 14 and just had a baby sister!

We always welcome drop in visits from alumni, and we take your donations at rummage sale time! If you are getting rid of plasma cars, cozy coupes, wagons, scooters, old kitchen pans, dress-up clothes, wood pieces- please think of us! We are so grateful for our donations- and you can see they are well used! We will be putting you on our Alumni email list and you will get an occasional note from us!

If returning to be a summer school helper appeals to your child- they need to be 10 years old to help. Contact us in April or early May to get on the list to help.



## **IF YOU WILL BE RETURNING THIS FALL:**

Remember! School will start on *Monday, August 22* and Orientation (first mandatory meeting) will be on Thursday, August 19. The first board meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, July 20. You will be notified about a teacher conference at the end of July.

And please, if your plans change and you will not be attending FCNS next year, LET US KNOW ASAP. We need to fill your spot! Thank you!

Have a great summer!

Miss Sally

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## President's Message: Brisa Bruton

Hello FCNS Families,

As the school year is coming to a close, it has been great to reflect on what a wonderful year we have all had together. Before the school year ends, we would like to start the teacher summer bonus donation drive. As you may know, there is a 2 month financial gap between summer school and the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We want to help our teachers, the pillars of our school, as much possible. Details on the donation drive to follow.

We still have three positions available for the upcoming school year: Personnel, Rummage Sale Chairperson, and Jumping Jack Journal Editor. If you are looking for a way to get more involved, taking on one of these positions is a perfect way to help our community. Please let the office know if you are interested or have any questions on the positions.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Summer!! For those of you doing Summer school, looking forward to seeing you then.

Thank you,

Brisa Bruton  
(Aaron's mom, Group 3)



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## OCCPPNS Message: Annie Osgood

The OCCPPNS (Orange County Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools) is looking for volunteers to assist our neighboring council in San Gabriel Valley with an upcoming national conference. If you have a skill and would like to lend a hand remotely, please contact Barbara Crowley (bbdoc@cox.net). They are looking for help with graphic design, calling hotels to book blocks, sending letters to potential speakers and more! Could be a great resume builder and the help would be greatly appreciated.





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## Teacher's Message: Miss Micky, Group I & III

What can I say? Our year has come to an end, but not our connections. I hope that you keep in touch, for those of you who are moving on. As my Don used to say, "Really glad I got to know you". I have very heartfelt THANKFUL for being allowed to be a part of your children's lives. I love to see all their accomplishments at this time, like reaching bars, crossing bars, jumping, getting two paper towels, cleaning up after themselves, using the potty, covering their mouth and nose (still working on this one). All the things we can do.



They are ready to go up to the four-year-old room and explore the pirate ship (thank you, Morales Family) and learn about yoga and the magic that they will discover in being a big four-year-old .



The year began with fresh fish and it ended with fresher fish. We gained more friends to make our classes a little bigger. We welcomed all who joined in because we had been waiting for YOU.



I wanted to again THANK YOU for all the support our board gives to our school and me and to the families that have been so good to Penny and I during this difficult second half of the year.

Thank you and Thank you!



With Love,  
Miss Micky

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## Teacher's Message: Miss Kelly, Group II

End of year greetings group 2!

Well, it certainly is hard for me to wrap my brain and heart around the fact that we are at the end of the year. What a year it's been! I am so grateful for this class, they've been such a treat! Thank you for your big love, support and kindness towards me. Thank you for having such unique and special children!

I am really going to miss seeing their sweet faces three days a week. As always, I will be wishing them well for a lifetime.



Thank you for coming out to celebrate our mom's at the mothers tea. I loved hearing what your kids shared about you. Thank you to Amy and Rocio for donating items to make our day so special.



I had lots of fun learning about our dads, too. The kid's really do say the darndest things. I definitely have a better idea of what our dad's favorite drink is.

Ha!

I'm so glad that you made the effort to join me in kindergarten for the morning. The kids were engaged and noticed some of the differences and similarities of preschool and kindergarten. One of the big factors that the kids noticed was that of a T.V in the class and how many kids there were in a kindergarten class. Lots more kids in kindergarten.



We had a blast learning about money and our class store. The kids were great, They understood the concept of spending and saving. I was so impressed.



Thank you to Mandy Merino for being my class Rep. You are such a gem and I am deeply grateful for your help!

This last week of school will be all of our favorite things. I'll bring back our favorite books, songs, yoga moves and outdoor games. Our last day of school is on Wednesday, May 25th. I'll have a small send off at 11:30.

With a heavy teacher's heart, I bid farewell to the class of 2035!  
I love you,  
Miss Kelly





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## Teacher's Message: Miss Sally, Group IV

Well, here we are with just 2 days left! It is always bittersweet because I am ready for a break, BUT I love our little community we have created together. I think of all of the kids as my little friends. They are so sweet! This year's group certainly loves pretend play. They love playing pirates, Native Americans, exploding time bombs, and Bluey- where I am the owner of many little puppies. Oh, and they make great little pizzas that I need to knead and stretch their dough, sprinkle with oil and flour, cheese and pepperoni. This fun game came from the book, "Pete's a Pizza" by William Steig. It's a great one, check it out! Inside, the dress up clothes were well used this year, by boys and girls. Last Friday, I was watching them on the playground, reflecting on how far we have come. They were all playing cooperatively together in a variety of games. No tears, no fights. Friends. They have been very excited to come to my house as well! I loved the cards, treats and flowers for Teacher Appreciation! The children truly make me feel very loved and appreciated. I will miss our little community!



Each year I make the choice to read, "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch at the Mother's Tea because I love it. It is not meant to make you sad. It is meant to remind you to slow down and ENJOY your precious children while they are under your roof. Whether you want them to or not, they will leave home, but they never really leave you, your roles just change. It is the relationship and memories you are forging with them now that will carry you all through the rest of your years. I think it's important to stop and think about that before it's over and you wish you had done things differently. I often hear parents saying how "busy" they are and I worry that they won't remember enough about these early years because they are so busy running around. When you ask your future adult child what their favorite memories are from their childhood, what will they say? Will they remember playing board games after dinner, reading aloud before bed, bike rides, popcorn and movie night, fresh cookies after a bad day? Perhaps you will share the memory with them of the Mother's Tea party where you held them in your arms and rocked them back and forth and back and forth and sang, "I'll love you forever....." I hope so!! The book is really just about the circle of life- and it's really quite a beautiful thing. I must admit my favorite part of this book is how he says, "Sometimes this kid is driving me craaaazy!," because in reality, they drive us crazy and yet we love them so much it makes your heart hurt sometimes! Perhaps that is what you were feeling when the tears came.....



Our field trip to the kindergarten last week showed our kids to be good listeners, enthusiastic learners, and very cooperative. I was so proud of them! It was a bit of culture shock for me to see the technology used, but can see where the pandemic/Zoom learning caused some changes that have carried on. It's a new kindergarten for sure. We sure appreciate Rolling Hills and Mrs. O'Connell for hostessing us!



We finished up the year with our play store and talk of money. We even held our own little store where each child got 5 cents to spend. They had to decide what to buy, based on how much it costs. I hope they are enjoying their treasures! Some were quick shoppers, some very thoughtful and slow! No one chose to save their pennies- which would be asking a lot of 4-5 year olds!

My house visit is Wednesday. We will meet at my house at 9:15 AM. We will take a tour of the house and I will give the kids their yearbooks. After, we can walk to the park at the end of my street. You can bring a snack for your kids and a blanket to sit on, to eat at the park. There is a bathroom there. We are usually done by 11:15-11:30- depends on how long the kids want to play in the park. We will not be returning to school. Feel free to arrange your own carpools if you can't make it. My address is 838 Hurst Pl., Brea. It is off of Berry, just past Central. Phone number is 714-394-7578. I have missed doing this for the last 2 years! I'm excited to see the kids at my house!



The last day of school we will reminisce about the year! Favorite toys, favorite stories, songs. Bittersweet!

I wish all of you going on to kindergarten or TK the very best of everything. And I am happy to have Cora coming back! If TK doesn't work out, call and see if we have openings and we will welcome you back with open arms! You have been a wonderful group of parents to work with as well. Thanks for choosing FCNS and me for your child's teacher this year!



Much Love,

Miss Sally