

Jumping Jack Journal



The Newsletter for Fullerton Community Nursery School



Director's Message: Sally Newton

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There are only 5 weeks of school left! Once again, the year has flown by. We have lots planned in those last few weeks so get out your calendars!

Summer School Sign up, Monday, May 2

As a reminder: There will be two 2-week sessions, June 6-16 and June 20-30. 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. You can post notices on the outside bulletin board if you want. The sessions are Monday-Thursday, 9- noon, no parent participation required. The cost of each session is \$200. We will take a maximum of 24 kids, each session, first come, first served. We already have 10 alumni (10 yrs. Old and older) signed up to assist!

Tiles

You will have the opportunity to make a tile for our wall the week of May 16. Everyday, except Wednesday, we will have the tiles and paint set up for you to paint. The cost of the tile is \$50. I recommend you have a good idea of what you want your tile to look like before you arrive. You can have your child help, or not. The options are many! We have stencils, too if you need some artistic help.

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Mother's Teas

We will be having our annual Mother's Day Tea Parties on May 3 & 6 at 11:15 AM. The children have made you a gift. They will prepare you a snack, and the older classes will serve you! Teachers will read you a special Mother's Day story. Please arrange babysitting for your younger siblings to help make this a special time for you and your preschooler (s). If for some reason you can't attend that day, be sure to let your teacher know! Grandma is welcome or any special friend, if mommy can't make it. There is nothing sadder than a child sitting alone, while everyone else is in Mommy's lap. It is also important not to be late for the tea. Some children get very upset when mom hasn't arrived and everyone else has started eating. This is one of my favorite days of the year, and I hope you will enjoy it as much as I do.



Last Mandatory Meeting

Your last mandatory meeting is a picnic at Craig park in Fullerton. On Tuesday, May 10 and Friday, May 13 you should bring your child to school at 9AM, but pick them up at 10:30 and head over to the park. We will make sandwiches for the kids at school and the parents will have a potluck lunch. Sign ups are on the windows now. We will vote on 2 board members. Kate Davis has agreed to continue on as our Secretary and Rose hallis has volunteered to continue on as Maintenance scheduler (which is also a first vice president position). We will also vote on the tuition increase- 2 day classes- \$190/mo. 3 day classes' \$285/mo. Finally, we will hear our Historian report, written by Amy Wozniak, our Historian. Here is the exact location at the park! <https://goo.gl/maps/Vo7jiHDS86Mtiua6>

Tuition increase background

I just wanted to give you a little perspective on our tuition cost. While you may look at the increase and think \$10 per month is a lot, the actual hourly rate for your child will be \$7.91- or \$23.73 per day, with the proposed increase. It is less than \$100 per year, as you pay for 9 months. Babysitting is significantly higher than that and look at all they get here- with learning materials, activities, music, story times, and group play and learning. Some public schools have pre-school programs (not the TK programs) that charge less, but they don't have the same costs- rent and utilities, primarily. More importantly, they don't have our community of like-minded families that create opportunities for lifelong friends, or the opportunity to serve on a board to add to your resume. When you add in smaller class size and experienced teachers trained in child development, FCNS is a great deal!



Goal Setting Meeting

On Wednesday, May 18, we are going to have a goal setting meeting at 7 PM on zoom. If you would like to join us, we'd love to have people with creative ideas and enthusiasm for keeping FCNS going strong! Join us!

Our focus may be the playground shade issue, but also the kinds of things we are thinking about to compete with TK and Universal Preschool. We would love to have input from our families about what we could offer that would be useful to them! Ideas could include more extended days, a 5-day program, after school 1 hour classes- children's yoga, Spanish, or STEM. Other ideas welcome! If you can't make the meeting, drop us and email!

The Building Next Door

Have you seen all the work going on next door? Here is what is happening. The cities of Fullerton and Buena Park received a 4 yr., 20 million dollar grant for the HOPE Center- Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement Center. It will be a dispatch center, bringing together social services, mental health officials, and police departments in one location. They will send out the appropriate people to service calls about homeless folks. The goal is to not have the regular police handling these calls, but specially trained people that can provide better help. I have had 3 visits from the Fullerton Police chief, Roger Dunn. Each time I have been assured that the homeless will not be relocated to the building, and put us in any danger. There will be an interview room there, that could be used to do a private interview, if needed. I feel comfortable with the project and our safety.

The people we have met so far could not have been kinder. When the wind blew our easy-up on the roof, these guys got it down for me. We complained about workers parking in our spots, and suddenly, they are gone! We will benefit in a number of ways. They are putting 1.5 million dollars into upgrading the area. The street will be paved, the buildings will be painted, and we get to keep some storage areas in the north side of our building. Having police next door and a hospital at the end of the street is a good thing!

Shout Out

Thank you, Colin Challis, for being the fabulous fix-it guy! We keep giving him jobs, and he keeps bailing us out! Big hugs!

Thanks to Katy Streeter for her budgeting work for us! And helping us get a bookkeeper! More hugs!

The Family Fun Day and Raffle committees for last weekend's event!

The Personnel Committee for making time to interview Melissa Brewer for director- more on that as it develops!

Joe Morales (Bella, Gp. 4) is facilitating the work on the pirate ship in the 4 yr. old playground. He thinks we can save it and is willing to help! Hurray for solving a problem I have been thinking about for a while! It should start after Mother's Day.

Lastly, we will be sending out one more newsletter at the end of the year to say our fond farewells to our wonderful families that are moving on.

For your planning purposes, we will begin our next school year on August 22, 2022. Orientation will be Thursday, August 18, 2022.

I think that's all for now!

Miss Sally

President's Message: Brisa Bruton

Hello FCNS families!

Hope everyone had a great time at family fun day this past weekend! There was such an amazing turn out, and it was great to see all the smiling faces. HUGE thank you to the Family Fun Day committee and the Raffle committee for putting together such an incredible event! Know a lot of time and energy went into making it all come together, and you ladies truly put on a great event. I cannot emphasize enough how great it is to see this community come together to raise money for our school.

Sadly, our school year is coming to an end. So, I would like to remind anyone who has a Notebook for their volunteer position in their possession, to please make any updates if needed and turn them into the office by the last day of school. I would also like to thank the current members reprising their roles: Clare Pana for Membership, Kate Davis for Secretary, and Rosemary Challis for Maintenance. There are still plenty of board member and committee chair positions available for the 2022-2023 school year. If you will be here next year, be sure to check with the office on what is still open.

Thank you,
Brisa Bruton
(Aaron's mom, Group 3)



Housekeeping Message: Andie Berumen

Hello FCNS families! Just a few quick reminders about the next upcoming Housekeeping shift. Your shift starts at 12:00 and takes about 1-2 hours, children can eat lunch and play outside while the parent works

- Four parents are assigned to each classroom, each parent completes the jobs in one of the numbered baskets (with instructions and cleaning supplies). If there are less volunteers that day, a different set of instructions will be provided.

Please keep in mind that every family is responsible for one housekeeping duty, if you are assigned and do not show up, you will be fined and rescheduled.

For April, I would like to thank the following families for completing their shifts!:

- **Conway, Morales, McDaniel, Morgan, Saltzman, Tamayo**

Looking ahead to May, I have the following families signed up:

- **Friday, May 27, 2022**
- **Carrera**



If you have not signed up for a housekeeping shift or would like to volunteer your time, we are in need of some families for the final clean up, May 27th. There is no school that day, so clean up will be in the morning (9am) and your kids are welcome! It's a great way to say goodbye to our school!

Thank you everyone for helping to make our school great!

Andie (Apple's Mom group 4)
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Maintenance Message: Rosemary Challis

Hi FCNS!

My name is Rose and I am the Maintenance Chair. Maintenance days are held outside and take place once per month on a Saturday. They start at 8am and last 2-3 hours. Each family is required to attend one maintenance day per child for the 2021-2022 school year.

The next maintenance day is **Saturday, May 14**. I have the following families signed up:

Tamayo (foreman*, grp 4), Mercado (grp 1), Kazmierczak (grp 2), Doerr (grp 2)

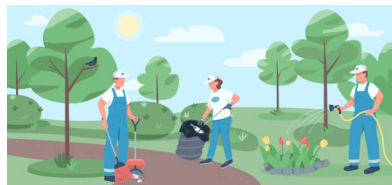
The foreman will receive an outside key, task cards, and sign-in sheet in their child's cubby prior to maintenance day

Thank you all for your hard work!

Rose (Cora's mom, Group 4)

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Membership Message: Clare Steedman

Hi all,

We are still registering students for all classes for the 2022-2023 school year. Go to fcns.org and look for the registration button. Tell your friends/acquaintances/families you meet at the park about our wonderful school!

Clare Steedman, Membership chair

(Valerie Pana's mom, Group III)



Family Fun Day message: Rosemary Challis



Thank you to the Family Fun Day and Raffle Committees for making Family Fun Day a success! We were happy to bring it back after 3 years (I am impressed by these committees – many of us didn't even know what Family Fun Day was and had never attended!). You all stepped up and generously donated your time and effort to create a fun day for the kids. We rolled with it and had fun! I was most surprised by how popular the wagon ride was!

Thank you also to the families who volunteered in various ways, either before or at the event!



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

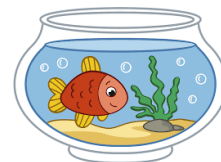
OMG!!! I know how time flies when you're having fun! Because here we are at the end of our year. We are learning all about things that come from eggs and have seen a variety of nests and different eggs. It has been fun, as we watched the caterpillars grow almost overnight and developed into BUTTERFLIES. We will be releasing them this week, so we will enjoy them while we can. As we end this year, please enjoy all the growth that has been going on this year. From pulling up undies and pants, to using two paper towels and going potty on our own. Also, cutting and doing art. Amazing.



So, May will bring us Mother's Day and our picnic saying goodbye to friends and looking forward to making friends in summer school. We will end our egg unit with a pet day and adoption. So, if you would like to bring in your pet to share, let me know and if you can't bring your pet, a picture will be fine. We will be talking about why some of us don't have pets, too.

Thank you for a great year and for all you have done for our school to keep us going. Thank you very much. Our Family Fun Day was great and our board has been great, making our meetings and all you do .

Sincerely with Love,
Miss Micky



Teacher's Message: Miss Kelly, Group II

April has been buzzing with fun!

A few of my favorite units as a teacher happen during the spring! We have become experts on all things butterflies, eggs, snails, worms and frogs. We used our bodies to be little hungry caterpillars, then became very tired and made ourselves into pupa's, we slept for a few weeks and then emerged into the most beautiful butterflies. Metamorphosis is the phrase! We are waiting for our class butterflies to emerge and then we will set up a butterfly encounter outside with a small tent. We will release the butterflies into the tent and let them flutter about.

We also hatched our way into another big phrase called oviparous. To come from an egg. We learned that so many species come from eggs. Jellyfish, dinosaurs, alligators, birds, frogs, fish to name a few.



Our egg hunt was one of the best yet! The kids were joyous and we had no hard feelings regarding the color of egg chosen etc. Thank you all for the donations of plastic eggs, hard boiled eggs, egg dying materials and to Rocio for overseeing the coloring of eggs! Thanks, Ro, also for the large amounts of egg shells.



We celebrated lots of April birthdays this month! Happiest to Marc, Leo and Anya!



Thank you to Sophia for bringing snails for our class! Our snail races were hilarious! The kids loved it. Snails naturally travel in circles so you can imagine trying to get the snails to get to the finish line! We finished out this week with earthworms and a nature hike. The kids loved playing with the worms at the science table. They were also amazing on our nature walk! We collected lots of trash!



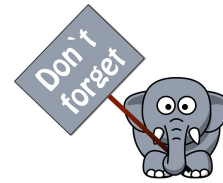
We have a few important dates to remember:

Tuesday, May 3rd Mother's tea at 11:15 FCNS

Tuesday, May 10th Class picnic at Craig Park

Wednesday, May 18th Kindergarten visit to Rolling Hills 10:30a.m.

Wednesday, May 25th Last day of school



Thanks for an amazing year!

I'm really going to miss everyone!

Miss Kelly

Teacher's Message: Miss Sally, Group IV

Lots of spring activities going on in class this month!

We did some egg experiments last week as a part of our topic- what comes from eggs? We dissolved the shell of an egg by soaking it in vinegar. We tested the strength of eggshells by stacking books on top of them (they are stronger than you think). We made our bird's nests and hunted for eggs. We dissolved jelly beans in water.



Last week we explored snails, frogs, and checked out earthworms.

We had a special art project for Earth day. There was some excitement and fear in using the glue gun with adult supervision. There were no mishaps! A few minor "Ouch's", but no tears! Our discussion on how to take care of the earth included recycling, not littering, and not wasting water, and keeping the air clean. We took a walk and picked up trash also!

Coming up next, we will be preparing a treat for our mommies. The mother's tea highlight of the year, so mark your calendar for May 6!



We are going to make a gift for our dads, also, the following week, which we hope will be enjoyed on Father's Day in June.



Rolling Hills Elementary School has agreed to have us visit on Wednesday, May, 18. Our class will visit from 11:15- 12 noon. Parents can leave from Rolling Hills to go home. We will be visiting a traditional classroom, not a multiage class. Even if your child is not going to kindergarten next year, it's a fun trip to see what kindergarten looks like.



We will also to do a field trip to my house on Wednesday, May 25. I like to show the kids where I live. We may watch a kindergarten readiness video together and I will give the kids a gift I have been working on. Then, we can go to the park at the end of my street and play and have snack. We'll meet at my house at 9:15. We are usually done about 11 am, but folks can stay at the park as long as they want. So, when we are done, you can go home and not return to school. If there are children whose parents are not going to be able to come on this trip, you can arrange a carpool with another family. Let me know if you're having trouble! I can always return to school with children who can't be picked up until noon!



On our last day together (May 26) we will celebrate summer birthdays. If those parents want to gather to do something special, great. If not, we will sing to them and I have a small gift or them.

Lots of fun still to be had this year! It's hard to believe it is coming to an end.

Miss Sally

