



TUCKAWAY TELEGRAM

Newsletter for TUCKAWAY-HARBOR



Sept 2010

TUCKAWAY'S 2nd ANNUAL

"DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT"

... RE-RE-RESCHEDULED!



One storm cloud came over just as we were about to show our movie. At the request of those that came out, and to give those that couldn't attend last week another chance, we

will be holding our "Dive-In" at Tuckaway-Barony, Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00pm. The movie will begin around 7:30pm.

If you have "Back To School" night at your elementary school, come on out afterwards! Bring your family, friends along with a float or chair, and enjoy "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" under the stars!



HOWILL'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE CONTEST COMES TO AN END

During August, Howill met pirates, rock stars, a chef, a puppeteer and he is currently with master storytellers. Here are August's winners:

- Week 7: Pirates usually have a parrot on their shoulder, but this week Blackbeard had Howill! Although the Caribbean is thought of having pirates, Blackbeard spent most of his time off the coast of North Carolina. Sam M. of Tuckaway-Barony's Cardinals class guessed correctly that his ship was named the "Concord"
- Week 8: The Beatles had many hit records and albums, but Howill wanted to be a part of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"! Kara V. of Tuckaway-Barony's Eagles class guessed correctly... unfortunately, Howill was not able to find his way on the cover of the album.
- Week 9: Howill loves food, but usually the kind that scurries on the ground, so meeting Julia Child was a real treat. Sophi R. of Tuckaway-Barony's Falcon class guessed correctly that she wrote "Mastering The Art Of French Cooking". Howill was relieved that he wasn't on the menu.
- Week 10: Howill visited Jim Henson, creator of The Muppets. No one has correctly guessed correctly about what Howill learned, so check out his page and you may win movie tickets for your family!
- Week 11: Howill is currently visiting Brothers Grimm and hearing a lot of good stories. Check out his clues at his page to win!

These smart students won "Family 4 Packs" to Bow Tie Cinemas for correct answers.

Next week, Howill will pull a name out of his hat for the last summer winner. If you've guessed correctly, but haven't won, you're name is in the running!

FALL HARVEST AND OPEN HOUSE

This year our Fall Harvest will be on the first day of autumn, Thursday, September 23rd! We are having it a little earlier this year so it will still be light outside and we will be able to see when we're walking to the fire pit! We will be roasting marshmallows and providing hay rides. As always, we will have a DJ with fun dancing music!

Depending on the temperature we will either provide chili or hotdogs. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to share there will be a sign up sheet at the front desk. Please invite your family members, friends, and neighbors; remember YOU receive benefits for referring new families!

SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM

Reorganization Day was spent creating physical environments that are organized, welcoming, and well suited for students and teachers needs. We created meaningful displays, arranged furniture, selected materials, and stored supplies to eliminate clutter to make our classroom spaces healthy.

In September Tuckaway students will be meeting new friends, learning classroom routines, and absorbing the curriculum that surrounds them. Many classes will be discovering apples throughout the month. Our teachers have worked very hard in implementing a "theme", such as "apples", in every learning center by providing hands-on activities for students to engage in.

Each preschool and school age classroom has 6 Learning Centers; an Art Center, Science/ Sensory Center, Math/ Manipulative Center, Language Art Center (reading *and* writing), Block Center, and Dramatic Play Center. Lesson plans are posted weekly on classroom parent bulletin boards for your reference.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND EARLY CLOSINGS

Friday, September 3, 2010- Closed- Professional Development Day
 Monday, September 6, 2010- Closed- Labor Day Holiday
 Thursday, November 25, 2010- Closed- Thanksgiving Holiday
 Friday, November 26, 2010- Closed- Thanksgiving Holiday
 Friday, December 24, 2010- Closed- Christmas Holiday
 Friday, December 31, 2010- Closed- New Year's Holiday
 Monday, February 21, 2011- Closed- Professional Development Day

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ARE BACK!

Scholastic Books are back for the new school year. If you have never shopped from Scholastic, it is an excellent way to build your child's library for much less than you would spend at a bookstore. (Some titles are as cheap as 95 cents!) If that wasn't enough, every purchase you make helps us to earn free books for our classrooms! New catalogs are placed in your child's mailbox each month and orders are shipped to us approximately 2 weeks after the order is placed.

INFANT-TODDLER PROGRAMMING: SIGN LANGUAGE

Our infants and toddlers here at Tuckaway-Harbor sure do have a desire to communicate their needs and wishes; but like all children this age, they lack the ability to do so clearly. This is because the production of speech lags behind cognitive ability in the first months and years of life. Since hand-eye coordination develops sooner than verbal skills, infants can learn simple signs for common words such as "more", "mommy", "daddy" before they are able to produce understandable speech. Introducing sign language to our Baby Bird and Chickadee students will help the gap between "desire to communicate" and "ability to communicate".

We can be proactive in trying to prevent children from getting frustrated or even throwing tantrums. Other benefits from "baby signing" include larger expressive and receptive spoken language vocabularies; more advanced mental development, and improved parent-child relationships. Sign language is something we have recently included in our Infant and Toddler curriculum; we hope that we can get the parent participation needed to help this become successful!

PRESCHOOL CORNER

It's hard to believe that summer is over and fall is here! Along with transitioning children into their new classrooms, welcoming new students and getting used to not having school agers here all day with us we will be offering some extracurricular activities!

Music with Ms. Elva will continue as fall comes around, and will be held on every Tuesday. Please feel free to stop by during your child's music time and observe them sing. Ms. Elva is great about incorporating the teacher's curriculum into her lessons by changing lyrics, *singing* books, and implementing instruments!

I'm sure the Green Birds and Yellow Birds enjoyed sharing their Spanish notebooks with their families as this summer came to an end. We will pick back up with our foreign language classes shortly. Dates and time will be announced.

Beginning September 13th, Dancing Little Stars will be holding tap and ballet classes at our school. The class is offered to children ages 2 1/2-5. Please check the desk by the parent bulletin board for registration info. Please remember to mail your registration form and payment to Dancing Little Stars. We will not be collecting money for them. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this arrangement! *Dancing Little Stars is optional and payment is made separately directly to their company.*

Also be on the look-out for registration information from the Fun Bus. The Fun Bus is equipped with tumbling equipment to provide children ages 2-7 with fitness fun! Fun Bus will be held on Mondays, beginning with Monday, September 13th. *Fun Bus is optional and payment is made separately directly to their company.*

SEPTEMBER SIDE NOTES FROM MR. WHIT

**SEE YA LATER SUMMER, HELLO FALL AND FOOTBALL!
OH, AND DID I FORGET, BACK TO SCHOOOOOOL!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Happy September everyone out there in Tuckaway land! While I know September can be a little depressing for some because the summer is over and that means tests and homework...September really isn't that bad. For one, football is back and you know what that means? My Washington Redskins will be headed to the Super Bowl. No question about it, this will be our year. Guaranteed! Secondly, tests and homework really isn't that bad, you all are getting smarter and growing as individuals. Trust me it's a good thing. I would go back to school if I could, but for some reason they won't allow adults to enroll in 3rd grade. Crazy, I know.

That said lets take a look back at our August. We had some awesome field trips that's for sure. We battled it out at Lazertron, we skated our legs away at Ashland Skateland (with minimal faceplants) and we had an absolute blast at the Wet and Wacky Competitions. That's just a few but we could be here a while if I named all the others.

I will say on an unfortunate note that I will be transferring to Tuckaway-Barony 2 where I will be the Eagle teacher. I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome here and for giving me the opportunity to work with all the families. Though it was a hard decision, Barony is honestly a more convenient location given the fact I live in Richmond. I will miss all of you for sure, and I promise I will be back to visit. You can count on that!

So on a lighter note, I am absolutely ready for September and the fall to be here. Maybe this relentless heat will lighten up and we can all bash Mr. Whit every Monday when word gets out the Redskins lost.....Bahahaha, that will never happen!! Superbowl people, superbowl.

Before we get on to what I hope is your favorite piece of my newsletter updates, I want to wish all of my school agers the best of luck as we head back to school. Especially my little newbies, the up and coming Kindergarten's. You will love school and always know we are here for you at Tuckaway if you need ANYTHING at all.

So on to the answer of my August Riddle.

Why do birds fly south?

Where's my drumroll???????????

Ddadadadadadadadadada.....wait for it.....

"Because it's too far to walk!"

I will say that was an easy one for all of you hence the mass amount of correct answers I got. September is going to be a little more tough. And as always come to my desk or find me for your prize. Last month's was homemade cookies made by, that's right, this guy. And I am no baker. I can promise you that. They were quite delicious though. I had to cook them twice because I ate the first batch. True story.

WHIT'S NOTES CONTINUED...

SEPTEMBER RIDDLE OF THE MONTH:

There are 3 monkeys in a tree. One falls out. Why?

SEPTEMBER JOKE OF THE MONTH:

There were three friends. There were three policemen chasing them. The girls found 3 potato bags to hide in. Each policeman stood in front of a potato bag.

The first policeman said, "What's in this bag?"

The first friends said, "A dog. Woof woof!"

The next policeman said, "What's in this bag?"

The second girl said "A cat. Meow meow!"

The next policeman said "What's in this bag?"

The third girl said, "A potato. Potato potato!"

Haaaaahahaha. Go ahead and laugh, you know you want to.

That's all for now folks, Mr. Whit signing out!

BIRTHDAYS

Abby H.- 9/2

Melayna L.- 9/6

Colby S.- 9/13

Shelby W.- 9/28

Lauryn L.- 9/28

NEW FAMILIES AND RETURNING FAMILIES

The Burton Family

The Hall Family

The McClintock Family

The Modrak Family

The Parker Family

The Sides Family

The Simons Family

LOOK AT WHAT WE DID TODAY...

