



# TUCKAWAY TIDBITS

*Newsletter for TUCKAWAY-INNSBROOK*



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## 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!

## GOOD-BYE SUMMER! HELLO SEPTEMBER!

Say "good-bye" to summer as we say "hello" to September and a new school year for many of our students. It's hard to believe that it's "back-to-school" time already; the summer months have just flown by!

Summer has been lots of fun with all the swimming and field trips for our older kids. Yellowbirds and school-agers have enjoyed a variety of excursions away from Tuckaway. They had a blast jumping and sliding on the inflatables at Kangaroo Jacs. Our Yellowbird classes also visited Ashland to see the performance of Willy Wonka, the Richmond Metro Zoo to feed the giraffes, and they rolled around Ashland skateland. Our school-aged students loved going to putt putt, laser tag and the eagles especially loved going to Westview on the James to go Hicking and Jumping on an water Trampoline. These are just a few of summers greatest highlights.

Our Orangebirds and Greenbirds got to enjoy other enrichment activities that were brought into our center for them to enjoy. They loved seeing the "neighborhood puppets perform nurse rhymes," and they have also loved going to Fun Bus every Wednesday morning to jump around.

Now that September is here, we are looking forward to an exciting time of adjusting to a new schedule. The days will get shorter, and the nights will get cooler. September brings not only a change of seasons, but, for many, it also brings about a change in classrooms, teachers, and sometimes even friends. Some friends are only with us in the summer, and some new friends have just started attending Tuckaway for the fall season. It is only appropriate then that we begin the fall semester in many classes discussing friendship and what it means to be a friend.

Always remember to take note of the designated calendars and mark important dates on your own calendar! If you do not get email from Tuckaway, then please give us your email address so that we can send the calendars directly to your inbox each month. Also we will have a calendar changes on the window in front of Ms. Emily's office.

## HOMEWORK HELP

Getting back to the books means it's also time to have homework to deal with again. Here at Tuckaway, we provide a quiet area for our first through fifth graders to complete their assigned homework.

We will ensure that the homework area is quiet and well-supervised so that homework can be completed at Tuckaway. Homework time is from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Each child will be expected to complete homework here at Tuckaway, unless you provide a written note exempting your child from completing homework while here.



We will also provide assistance with homework from our own Tuckaway team members. While we understand that homework is not fun for you, we do support your family's efforts in getting your child to complete as much of the homework as possible. If you have further questions regarding homework at Tuckaway, please see Ms. Emily.

## ATTENTION SPARROW PARENTS

Since your child is newly transitioning into our school-age program, we wanted to make you aware of some procedures that are a little different than the procedures in the Yellowbirds program. The schoolage children arrive between 2:30-3:00 while the children are arriving the Sparrow will be free to play on the playground. Each class will have there own designated area for there backpacks while the children are outside. The children will play outside from 2:30-3:30 and then line up and go upsatries for snack from 3:30-4:00. They will enjoy center time from 4:00-5:00 while the older children are doing their homework. From 4:00 to 5:00 PM the children will go back outside depending on the weather and the time it starts to get dark.

## CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Everyone attending Tuckaway needs to always have a change of clothes on hand. During the first week of school, our teachers will be asking for your child's change of clothes: shirt, pants, socks, and underwear. Each item should be labeled with the child's FIRST and LAST NAME. These will be kept by the teachers in a Ziploc bag in case of an accident. Many people think accidents only happen in the preschool, but an accident doesn't only mean a toileting accident. In the case of vomiting, a child can be cleaned up much more easily if he/she has a change of clothes. Also, a toileting accident occurs almost monthly in our school age department. When this happens, and a child doesn't have a change of clothes, then we have to call you to come pick up your child. If we have that change of clothes on hand, though, we do not need to disturb you at work; we will discreetly take care of this issue while being sensitive to your child's feelings. If your child's change of clothes comes home on your child, please remember to send in a fresh change of clothes. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter as it will ease everyone's frustration. Also, parents of Orangebirds and Greenbirds, feel free to send in more than one change of clothes.

## TOY AND ELECTRONICS REMINDERS

Now that school has begun, everyone's focus shifts to academics. In keeping with this academic priority, we ask that your child no longer bring electronics. They may NOT bring them any more on Friday either, this is a change from last year. Toys are not permitted to be brought to Tuckaway on any day unless your child's teacher has initiated a "share toy" day or has specially requested that your child bring a toy to go along with the lesson plan for the week.

Anytime you send anything in from home, it is your responsibility to label everything with your child's first AND last name. Tuckaway is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Unclaimed items will be donated on a monthly basis. If your child loses something, please ask about it immediately. Someone may have turned it in to us, and if not, we will be on the lookout for it for you. Again, please label everything with FIRST AND LAST NAME.

# LOOK AT WHAT WE DID TODAY...



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