



# TUCKAWAY TELEGRAM

MAY 2012

Newsletter for TUCKAWAY-BARONY



## BILLING STATEMENTS, VACATION CREDITS AND MORE

Do you need a statement of your account printed? Or are you going on a vacation and want to get credit for your time off? For your convenience, B1 and B2 will now have a "procare changes" notebook located at the front desk. This will simplify the process and the notebooks will be checked daily. Once printed, your statement will be placed in your child's file. If you prefer it to be emailed to you, please make sure your address is updated in our system.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 7-11 2012

You already know that we have THE most professional, awesome early child development staff in the RVA area, so now is your time to help us thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to their jobs and the families of Tuckaway. We are hosting a teacher appreciation luncheon on Thursday, May 10th and need your help. We will be looking for items from meats, sides, desserts and drinks. Please sign up at the front desk at both B1 and B2 with your name and what dish you can bring. This special day is one that the staff thoroughly enjoy and we appreciate your help to make this day one for the memory books! Questions? See Ms. Jessie.

## YELLOW BIRD GRADUATION – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!! JUNE 7TH 2011

It's that time of year again- time to plan our graduation festivities! All Yellowbirds that are going to Kindergarten (Private or Public) will be participating in our graduation ceremony. Note to all moms: get your Kleenex ready and wear your waterproof mascara- Ms. Penny and Ms. Paige are known to plan the BEST graduation ceremonies! This will truly be a night to remember.

When: Thursday, June 7th (doors will open at 6:15pm)  
Where: Tuckaway Barony 1  
Time: 6:15PM-7:15PM- cake reception to follow.

Make sure to let all your friends/ family know to "save the date", get your cameras/video cameras charged for a night of Kodak moments. A letter with all the details will be in your child's hanging file soon. Please RSVP with how many will be in your party at the front. Please take note that seating is limited. Thanks!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ayanna G. 5/7  
Sophia M. 5/27  
Austin B. 5/4  
Alex J. 5/9  
Courtney H. 5/19  
Will B. 5/9  
Abigail P. 5/30

Ms. Jasmine 5/21  
Ms. Sara 5/21  
Anniversaries  
Ms. Hazel 5/17  
Mr. Mike 5/1  
Happy belated anniversary to Ms. Sheryl 4/3

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Summer Kickoff Cookout... with a fun twist!

When: Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Where: Tuckaway Barony 1

Time: 6-8pm

What to bring: your swimsuits, a towel (our pools will be OPEN!) AND your favorite dish. For those wanting to participate, we will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Tuckaway "cookoff". More details to follow!

## PRESCHOOL BAGEL BREAKFAST FOR MOM

It's time to honor all you wonderful mothers! Mark your calendars for our Mother's Day bagel breakfast which will be held Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 in the morning. Come in with a few extra minutes and an empty stomach to enjoy a bagel breakfast with your little one. Remember, you are appreciated for every little thing you do.

## SPRING BREAK ROUNDUP!

It may have been just a tad chilly, but other than that, the school agers spring break was just about perfect! There was LOTS to do and see all week. The Cardinals and Falcons started things off by going to Poor Farm park for a hike through the woods and romping around, not one, but TWO different playgrounds after hiking! The kids LOVED going through the woods on the trails, but they did get covered in those silk-worms that seem to be everywhere. Oh, and don't tell the kids, but they made a **HEALTHY** snack and loved it! All classes took turns mixing yogurt, fruit and ice to make their very own fruit smoothies.

During our "jump-rope frenzie", Roman stole the show with his rope jumping skills! After that, the weather cooperated and gave us a strong breeze so that the kids could have fun flying kites. Marco T. even said, "I wish we could fly kites EVERY DAY!"

Although most of the kids who went to Putt-Putt looked like they were trying to reenact The Three Stooges, they all managed to eventually put their golf balls in all 18 holes.

The week ended with a full day of wearing pajamas, eating popcorn and watching "The Labyrinth". Everybody had a blast and I'm sure we've all had our batteries recharged to get through the end of the school year!

## PRESCHOOL OVERVIEW- THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CLASS: YB2

The Yellow birds 2 class has been very busy the month of April! We discussed the rain cycle and the 3 states of water in the sensory table. WE explored absorption with sponges and made it "rain" in our cloud bottles! We also observed condensation in our mini green house.

A big hit for the children was our discussion of baby animals we talked about live birth vs. egg birth ( the pre-k version), discussed about care of baby animals, cared for an egg for a week. One child tried to lay on her egg to keep it warm, and needless to say that did not turn out well ☺ She did learn just how fragile an egg really is. When we discussed how difficult it is to care of a baby, some children said: "It is hard trying not to break it!" – Abigail, "It is hard not to **eat** it!"- Richard, "I will feed it cucumbers."- Ella.

To round out the month, we began our summer long "yellowbird recycling" sorting center with the discussion of caring for our planet!

We did group creations from reusable materials such as Styrofoam, bottle tops, spaghetti noodles, marshmallows, and straws. Out of the four groups we created a mall, a train city, and two castles! Way to go, YB2!

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

If you've been around Barony 2 in the afternoons, you may have seen one of our teachers out in the field playing soccer (among other things) with the kids and wondered, "Who is that?" Well, its none other than our very own Ms. Sara Stanley. She's worked for Tuckaway for just short of 2 years. She's really enjoyed the summer time with the kids the most. ***"It was great watching the kids at the pool all summer, especially the ones who were struggling at first. They made SOOOO much progress by the end of summer!"***

When she's not at Tuckaway, you can find Sara out running, usually 2 – 3 miles a day. She did just recently finish her very first 10k race and finished it in just a few seconds over 1 hour! But she's not go-go-go-go all the time. She also loves to spend the whole day at the beach just soaking up the sun. Even though she doesn't consider herself a good cook, ***"I DO make a mean mac-n-cheese or Oatmeal chocolate chip cookies!"*** So THAT'S how she got her boyfriend Andrew to ask her to marry her! But what kind of animal would she like to be? ***"I think I'd be a Labrador retriever. They're very smart and a great friend to just about anyone they meet!"*** If you find yourself around Barony 2, be sure to say hi to Ms. Sara!

# HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

You will find that your little ones will be planting various things this month with their class whether it is in a milk jug, an old tire out back or an egg carton in the classroom. May is a very important month for our curriculum and developmental goals. Planting flowers opens many areas of learning. We have the opportunity to teach the life cycle, responsibility of taking care of something other than ourselves and develop our gross and fine motor skills.



Planting flowers and plants does not have to stop here. We strongly encourage you to take a corner of your yard or get a small little pot and help your children plant something at home whether it is flower seeds, a bulb, or even vegetables. Allow your child to get down and dirty in the soil and talk with them about what is required to keep that plant alive, and show them how to follow the weather to see if the plant needs to be watered. Hopefully, in the end you will have something wonderful to enjoy. For those with little babies and toddlers, don't think this does not include them. They would love to play in the soil and help do the watering as well!

Pictures of your planting adventures and outcomes are strongly encouraged!



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