



## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating Mother's Day at Tuckaway on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in the pavilion. We will have refreshments and a "photo booth" for all Tuckaway moms and their children. Please join us in celebrating how much our mother's mean to us! Children must be accompanied from their classroom to the pavilion by their parents to participate in this event.

## WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome to our new Tuckaway-Harbor students!

Caleb B.- OB1  
Kahled A.- OB1  
Kriti O.- BB

## PRESCHOOL CORNER

We had a lot of fun in April. The Greenbirds learned about bugs and caterpillars and even created their own bugs using construction paper, glue, cotton balls and scissors. The Yellowbird classes went on a field trip to Heritage Green for an egg hunt, thank you to our parent volunteers. And the Orangebirds had egg hunts on the playground. The Chickadees enjoyed the feel and texture of easter grass in the sensory table.

In the month of May the Yellowbird classes will be examining flowers, investigating butterflies and caterpillars and going on a grocery store adventure. While tending growing flowers the children will recognize the needs of plants as they observe change over time. They will also be introduced to master piece artist, Claude Monet, as the children paint their own flower garden.

The Yellowbirds will sequence the life cycle of a butterfly with stamps representing the order of events. They will also be able to see it actually happen while keeping an eye on the caterpillar to butterfly observation set up in the great room. They will expand their language skills as they retell "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with flannel board pieces. The Yellowbirds will be taking an exciting fieldtrip to explore a local grocery store. The children will get to go behind the scenes and find out how a grocery store runs.

## LOOK WHO "GRADUATES" TO THE BIG KIDS PLAYGROUND!

Meredith F.- YB1- 5/2  
Kayla M.- YB1- 5/3  
Gavin V.- YB2- 5/6  
Simone D.- YB2- 5/11  
Solomon S.-0 YB2- 5/11  
Jalayah J.- YB2- 5/14



## MAY NOTES

May is a time of transition from spring to summer activities. Many children are preparing to move into older groups. It's a season of weddings and graduations of older siblings and caretakers. Children are outside more and often develop greater confidence and ability in their physical activities.



There's also anticipation of the new schedules of water play and swimming and family vacations. This is the time of year for favorite books by Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell such as "When I Was Little, a Four Year Old's Memoir

of her Youth" and "It's Hard To Be Five", and Dr. Seuss's "O The Places You'll Go". They acknowledge change and growth in a positive way while acknowledging that it can also be frightening. In music we maintain familiar songs while mixing in new ideas each month to help ease this process.

## DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH

- 5/2: Summer Open House 4-6pm.
- 5/21-5/25: Mini March for Cystic Fibrosis Week
- 5/25: Landmark Noon Closing/ Last Day of School
- 5/25: Henrico County Schools CLOSED
- 5/28: Tuckaway CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

# HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

During the month of May our Greenbird classes will be participating in an obstacle course. You don't need a sunny day to create an obstacle course. This one works just fine in the living room. Once you've set it up, it's a good idea to demonstrate it at least once before giving your kid a crack at it. Here is a sample course. If you don't have one of the items listed, feel free to substitute something else!

## What You Need:

Obstacles! These can be anything from furniture to toys to sports equipment. See the instructions below for inspiration.

## What You Do:

- Bunny hop (hop forward with feet together) five times.
- Crawl through a tunnel. (You can create a tunnel by placing a sheet over some chairs placed across from each other.)
- Walk over several pillows or sofa cushions that are on the floor with space in between. (Your child will have to use balance to walk over this soft surface.)
- Climb over an ottoman or footrest.
- Use a large cooking spoon to transfer 3-5 blocks (or other small toys) one at a time into a bucket or container placed several feet away. (This is a great way to work on that coordination!)
- Do five jumping jacks.
- Side-step five times.
- Toss 3-5 soft balls or stuffed animals into a laundry basket several feet away.
- "Walk the tightrope!" (Place a jump rope or measuring tape on the floor and have your child walk across it, heel to toe.)
- Bunny hop five more times to the finish line!

For an Outdoor Obstacle Course: If you're lucky enough to get a warm day, you can move the indoor course outside. Got a swing set or jungle gym? Add that into the mix as well! Here's how:

- Bunny-hop five times.
- Go up the ladder and down the slide.
- Swing on the swing as you count to ten.
- Jump over a set of sticks or branches.
- Use a cooking spoon to transfer rocks to a bucket.
- Jump up and down five times.
- Toss balls into a container.
- "Walk the tightrope."
- Run back to the starting line.

We hope these two obstacle courses gives you some ideas. Feel free to take pictures of you and your families very own obstacle course and bring them in to share with us.

## SCHOOL AGE BUSINESS

Like they say, "Time flies when you're having fun", and we had a lot of fun this month, so it flew by! The school agers had an awesome spring break here! They really enjoyed being able to ride their own bikes at Tuckaway. They also had a great time on their field trips. The Hawks especially loved Geocaching and have requested to do it again in the summer! The school agers also had a great time being "tricked" with the faux French fries.

This month there we have tons going on! All of the school agers will get to make their own salads for National Salad Month. It will also be George Lucas' Birthday, and to honor Star Wars, we will be making Light Sabers! Everyone will also be participating in the Great Spaghetti Challenge, as well as building bridges out of Popsicle sticks. The Cardinals are having a "cooking" theme this month, so they will be cooking up something special each week. And don't forget about Ms. Nicole's "How Many in the Jar?" challenge! She will be putting something different in the jar each month for you to guess. Whoever wins gets to keep what in the jar! Have a wonderful May ☺



## Happy Birthday!

Austin B.- C- 5/7  
Mrs. Ann- BB- 5/7  
Brice P.- H- 5/9  
Robbie W.- H- 5/9  
Ayn H.- C- 5/11  
Zoe S.- C- 5/12  
John S.- BB- 5/12

Camden B.- OB1- 5/13  
Trevonte A.- S- 5/17  
Isabella A.- S- 5/17  
Brenden E.- GB1- 5/24  
Ian Gourley- H- 5/30

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