



# TUCKAWAY TIMES

Newsletter for TUCKAWAY-VARINA



MAY 2012

## MUFFINS FOR MOM (MOTHER'S DAY) BREAK-FAST:

Come celebrate Mother's Day at Tuckaway on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 730am-9:30am and from 3:30 to 5:30. We will provide mini-muffins and juice for you and your child to enjoy together. It's going to be a great way to get fueled and fed to start your day off right!

## UPCOMING CLOSING DATES FOR 2011

Please mark your calendars now for upcoming closings from May-September 2012. The are as follows:

- Monday, May 28, 2012—Memorial Day: CLOSED
- Wednesday, July 4, 2012—Observance of Independence Day: CLOSED
- Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012—Re-Organization Day: CLOSED (Teacher Work Day)
- Monday, September 3, 2012—Labor Day: CLOSED

## GLAD TO BE A GRAD!: YELLOWBIRD GRADUATES (2012)

Congratulations to our rising kindergarten students, graduating class of 2012! Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for all graduating Yellowbirds! The whole family is invited to join your little graduates on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 6:15 to 7:00 PM. Immediately following our graduation ceremony, please join us for a small reception with teachers and students. Graduation Pictures will be on May 18, 2012 starting at 9:30 am!

## PARTY TIME!!!

Mark your calendar now for our *First Annual Sporty Spring Fling May 18*. The party will start at 6:00pm and end at 7:30pm. Come out and join us for an evening of fun filled outdoor games and activities. KG the DJ will be here to start the party off right. We will also have a face painting booth so you can get your game face on! We'll be serving hot dogs on a bun, get your hot dogs here! Please bring a side and invite your whole family! It's a perfect time to play with your kids and get to meet all the other parents and kids in your child's class. Come on out to Tuckaway and be sure to hit a home run!

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY

Please join us as we observe Staff Appreciation Week May 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the outstanding group of teachers and support staff we have here at Tuckaway Varina. Our front office windows will be posted with pictures of our staff; there will be space available for you to post why they are special. This is a great time to give the staff a complement by giving them a "Catch and Recognize."

## GOT MAYONNAISE?

Warmer weather is coming! That means short sleeve shirts, skirts and short pants. With all that exposed skin it's time for sunscreen! We must have an updated authorization from to apply **any** sunscreen to your child during the spring and summer months. Tuckaway uses Rocky Mountain Sunscreen for kids 30 SPF. If you prefer a different type of sunscreen, please bring it to the center labeled with your child's first and last name and make sure to fill out an authorization form. If you need a blank form, you can pick one up at the front desk.



## PRE-SCHOOL SHOUT OUT

Goes to...Greenbirds 2! Way to Ms. Shabra, Ms. Bria, and Ms. Maria, job well done! Your hard work and dedication has really paid off. It is a pleasure to see how each child loves and enjoys being in this classroom. Ms. Shabra has an interesting theme each week and keeps the children involved and eager to learn. During their circle time it is amazing to see how everyone is participating and staying on task. They seem to really enjoy singing their daily songs together. Also, they enjoy reciting the alphabets and numbers each morning. Lastly, Ms. Shabra and her team are big on "Art" each day they have a certain art project. All of the children seem to be intrigued and ready to make their very own master pieces using a variety of materials. I encourage you to take the time and visit the Greenbird 2 room to see all that is going on. Keep up the good work, Greenbird 2!

## PRE-SCHOOL BUZZ

May is finally here and we are going to have a blast! Get ready to enjoy this springy month! Tuckaway Varina is super excited about this month. We are going to begin the month with celebrating "National Dance Day" All the classes will dance and create their own classroom beat! I can't wait to see everyone's cool dance moves I know Tuckaway Varina children have the best moves! Just get up and dance all day! We, also, will be celebrating Mother Goose's nursery rhymes and your teacher will be sharing the class' favorite nursery rhymes. The Babybirds will be creating glitter bugs to share with their parents. The Orangebirdss, Greenbird, and Yellowbirds will be creating special gifts for their mommies for "Mothers Day". Lastly, we will be having Muffins for our special Mommies on Friday, May 11. Mother's day is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We wish all of our Moms at Tuckaway Varina a very Happy Mothers Day!

## SCHOOL-AGE SHOUT OUT

Goes to...Sparrows! Way to go Ms. Bernadette you have done an excellent job with the Sparrows. The Sparrows have been involved in a number of various activities all month long. There is never a dull moment in this classroom. Ms. Bernadette makes sure to provide this class with activities that help them grow both socially and academically. This past week they enjoyed making step-by-step jell-o with all of their friends. They were able to eat their own jell-o during afternoon snack, and discuss the colors, shapes, textures, taste, contrasts, etc. Also, the Sparrows enjoy putting on skits in class, planning them together and organizing plays together, taking turns to show off what they have practiced! They really have been doing a great job working as a team! Keep up the good work, Ms. Bernadette! You rock!

## SCHOOL-AGE BUZZ

May is the month for "Fun in the Sun!" We plan to have a lot of fun this month. We will begin the month dancing for "Nation Dance Day." Each class will have their very own dance contest. I wonder which class will have the best dancers. The Sparrows will be making shake paper plate maracas and dancing with their friends. The Cardinals will be making bracelets and making scrapbooks for their mommies for Mothers Day! We also will enjoy having some new and fun Spirit Days like "Cinco De Mayo." We will be celebrating "Cinco De Mayo" with our friends, and I know everyone will enjoy the games and all the festivities! Lastly the Hawks and the Eagles will play Big Foot Relays with their teachers. This month is truly going to be filled with a lot of new and improves activities!

Parents, this time of year the weather is refreshingly warm with (finally) lower pollen, low humidity and a cool, brisk breeze-a-blowing. We think about all of the outdoor fun to come when spring has sprung! This time of year makes all of us at Tuckaway want to get up and get outside to play and have fun; and during the month of May that is exactly what we are going to do!

This month we will have many exciting games and activities outside that we can play and learn with our classmates. To start the month our preschoolers will be going on an Ant March all around the playground, just like the song! The schoolagers also have a lot of outdoor fun in which to look forward. For example, to start the month they will enjoy a dance party outside on the hardtop for National Dance Day. Then, the schoolagers as well as the preschoolers, will play "Mother May I?" outside and take turns following and giving directions, just like our moms! In week three our preschoolers will talk about a bug's story and the life cycle of a bug outside under the Tuckaway tree. They will go exploring on a bug safari to count and try to catch bugs in our homemade bug catchers, too!

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our first annual Sporty Spring Fling and enjoy family sports related games and activities outside together! In the fourth week our preschoolers will search for sea turtles in the sand and paint the hard top with water colors to work out those fine motor skills.

The schoolagers will work out their gross motor skills with the Shoe Box, Big Foot Races. In the last week our preschoolers will play flag tag where we all try to help our teammates collect the other team's pocket flags! The schoolagers will end the month with some healthy competition of capture the flag! This month is all about getting outside and enjoying the weather, getting exercise and having good-ole fashion fun in the sun! It will be a month filled with fit fun for everyone!