## FAIR ACRES NEWS

Official newsletter of Fair Acres Country Day School & Summer Camp



#### Bike Days Are Back!

We are so excited to announce that "Bike Days" will start up again after April Vacation! Pre-K Class: Tuesday and Wednesdays, 5 Day Pre K Class: Thursdays, Kindergarten Class: Fridays.

#### Gross Motor & Cooperative Play

Beginning this month, every Monday our two Pre-K classrooms will join each other on the field to participate in organized outdoor sports and games from 11:00 – 11:45. Each class will include a yoga warm-up and wind-down, as well as several other favorite games and sports, such as: Soccer, T-Ball, Obstacle Courses and more. Our children like to call this period, "gym class!" Be sure to have your children wear their sneakers and wish for sunny weather on Mondays. Focusing on developing gross motor skills is a very important part of our daily program along with learning to be good team players, who are respectful and cooperative with one another.

#### Celebration, 2018

Each year Fair Acres concludes the school year with a family "celebration." This is an opportunity for the children to celebrate their successful school year, to say goodbye to our graduating Kindergarten class, and for us to say "thank you" to our Fair Acres families for their commitment to us over the year. This event consists of a trolley ride from the parking area at Marstons Mills, West Villages Elementary School, music performances by each class, a formal dedication of diplomas to our kindergarten students, and a cook out for all to enjoy after the show. You won't want to miss this year's unforgettable performance.... "There Is No Place Like Space..." Mark the date on your calendars, Wednesday, June 20th. The show will begin at 6:30pm and will end at 8:00pm Details will be sent out as the date approaches. We will end school at 3:30 on this Wednesday to give the children and teachers a short rest before the show!



### Summer Fun

Summer camp registration is in full swing at Fair Acres. The camp program is for all Fair Acres children up to the age of 11. New this summer, is our gigantic water slide that will be added to our water games. Our camp days are filled with energized camp-wide circle, field games, court sports, arts & crafts, swimming lessons, free swim, music and theater and a favorite "camp fire night." Specialty days at camp are being planned! Our 2017 Carnival Day was a huge hit with the fried dough truck and of course. Color Wars is an annual favorite. Your child will talk about their great summer camp experience at Fair Acres for years to come! Many of our staff are summer camp alumni! Sessions fill up very quickly, so be sure to get your application in as soon as possible. Camp applications can be completed online and are also located in the lobby of both buildings. See Jodi or Kathleen if you have any questions.



## Moms' Night Out

At Fair Acres, we appreciate our moms! Fair Acres 2nd Annual Moms' night out is on us! Join us along with Judy Fligg, owner of All About Flowers, for a class in fresh flower arrangement. You will be able to take your arrangement with you.

Wednesday, May 2nd, at Fair Acres, from 7 - 9:00 pm Beer, Wine and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by April 25th.

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#### Pre-K Class: Miss Tracy & Miss Gina

Who doesn't love Dr. Seuss, Theodore Seuss Geissel that is? After reading aloud the book, Bartholomew, we made Oobleck ourselves. The children thought it was very interesting as they watched the Oobleck transform from a solid to a liquid. Through his books the children were able to learn opposites, rhyming and many nonsense words. As a class and individually we had a STEM challenge stacking mini solos cups and index card together. It was fun to see how tall we could make them and the patterns we created. We hope you enjoyed the Dr. Seuss projects we made as the children continue to work very hard on their fine motor skills. Looking forward to spring and observing nature in its growth mode!



#### Pre-K Class: Miss Julie & Miss Tracy

We have been excited to work with our students on the concept of "bucket filling". This is the realization that kind words and actions help others to feel happy and "fill their buckets". The opposite is also true: unkind words or acts can hurt feelings and "dip buckets". Our class has set a goal to fill as many buckets as possible and will celebrate with a class party at the end. We are excited for spring and look forward to spending more time outside and especially looking forward to our picnic lunches outdoors!



We are very excited to announce this year's recipients 2018 - Keely Fravel and Derek Rockwell. Each will be awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship. These outstanding students are Fair Acres Alumni. Great job!



# Upcoming Events: Pre-K Classes

May 11th: Mother's Day Breakfast, "Parfait for Mother's Day"

June 15th: Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, "Pancakes with Pop."

#### 3-Year-Old Class: Miss Erika & Miss Judy

We have been busy in our 3-year-old classroom. Eric Carle is a favorite among our children. Did you know Eric Carle is both an author and an illustrator? Many of his books include animals. We spent time learning about animals who live in the jungle. We even tried eating like monkeys! Blowing bubbles was a lot of fun. We blew bubbles inside and outside. We watched as they always came down. We discovered gravity! We love our class time together and have enjoyed working in pairs. Helping a friend always makes us feel happy!



#### Upcoming Events, Miss Erica's & Miss Judy's Class:

- May 11th: 10-11 AM,
   Mother's Day Tea
- June 15th: 10-11 AM,
   Donuts for Dads



We have limited availability remaining in our 2018-2019 classes! Visit fairacrescapecod.com for more information and to register!

#### 3-Year-Old Class: Miss Jen & Miss Joyce

Miss Jen loves art and enjoys sharing her knowledge with the children. Some of the artists they focused on were Degas, Monet, da Vinci and van Gogh. It was such a wonderful two weeks that Miss Jen and the children held an art exhibit for families, friends, and our other classrooms! Moving on...the children observed the weather like real meteorologist! They caught meteors on the tennis courts while learning about space. With Spring right around the corner, they will be focusing on the world outside, learning about the signs of spring, gardening and the birds.





## Upcoming Events, Miss Jen's & Miss Joyce's Class:

 June 15th: Bubble Picnic Lunch, 12-1 PM

#### Kindergarten Class: Miss Linda

It has been a busy couple of months in our Kindergarten Class. The children have been busy reading, writing, working on math skills, playing cooperatively together and absorbing all themes presented. As spring approaches we will move forward to our studies around Earth day. We will begin our Recycle program and focus on plant life. We will be extending this theme to include another community service project in which the children will plant and create lower containers to be delivered to a local nursing Home. If you know a local place or know someone that would appreciate this small act of kindness, please let me know. We have planned some special events you will want to mark on your calendar. Look out for new learning centers in our Kindergarten as Miss Linda will be attending the SEEPP conference where she is hoping to return with some new and exciting ideas to support our outdoor learning environment!



## Upcoming Events: Kindergarten Class

- May 25th: 12 PM,
   Kindergarten Family Event to include a story walk, picnic lunch and craft. (Rain or shine)
- June 7th: field trip to the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, bus to leave Fair Acres at 8:45 and return at 3:00 pm. This will include the butterfly house.

# Fair Acres Family Testimonial

We love Fair Acres!I can't say it enough. The three year old program was the first time our son attended a school away from us. Not only was he learning amazing things, he was also greatly cared for by the teachers and staff. He had some anxiety issues and the teaching staff worked with us, in a variety of ways, to overcome his fears. This year he attends the Kindergarten program and has blossomed! He comes home teaching us all kinds of new thingsabout other cultures, science, nature, art, etc. He has really taken ownership of his learning. It is especially great to have him in an educational environment where the teachers value outdoor play and learning. He goes outside every day, even if there is snow on the ground. The teachers go out of their way to teach about the environment we live in, so that the children get an appreciation for nature. One of the first days of pickup this year in Kindergarten, the students were outside having a dance party on the field. The children were having such a great time! And really, that is what every day is like! There is learning in every activity they do, but the kids don't know itthey think they are playing. What we love the most though, is he is learning to be a good friend, citizen and person, as well.

The development of social skills is a huge piece that we, as parents, cannot teach alone. Fair Acres has been incredible with teaching good values, interpersonal skills and kindness. Our child refers to all his classmates as his friends, not as "kids in his class". All of this wouldn't be possible without the guidance and support of the owners, Curt and Jodi Larson. They are always welcoming and open. Our son loves to say good morning to Miss Jodi and gives her a hug every time. These are the relationships we want him to develop with his classmates and teachers/administrators. He LOVES going to school. We really can't say enough wonderful things! ~Beth & Sean Anderson



# 2017-2018 Highlights

























