

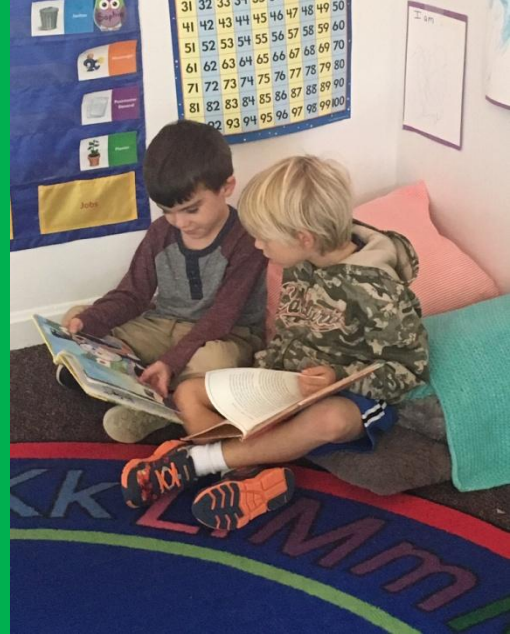
FAIR ACRES COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMP

FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

“CREATING POSITIVE EXPERIENCES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME”



School is in full swing here at Fair Acres. The children have settled into their classrooms and have been forming great relationships with their peers and teachers. They have been busy learning math skills, literacy/language skills, and cooperative play. The children have also been becoming scientists in their classroom by participating in a variety of science experiments. Our Monday gym class is loved not only by the children, but also by the teachers.



AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENTS

We just finished up a great session of our afterschool enrichments. The children enjoyed music and movement with Mr. Tim and cooking class with Ms Linda. The activities were very popular and the children had a blast. Stayed tuned for our winter session that will start in Mid-January.

COLD WEATHER HAS ARRIVED

Cold weather has arrived. Please be sure to dress your child in layers, send warm coats, mittens, and hats daily. Also, please check your child's extra clothes box to ensure it has winter clothes.

ICE SKATING HAS NEVER BEEN SO FUN!!



Fair Acres is happy to announce our “Learn to skate” program will take place this January at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. The Fair Building students will travel by bus once a week for 4 weeks and will enjoy the adventure of learning to skate. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come and watch, or even better... lace them up with us.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



Officer Fullam visited our school with his police canine Yvonne. The children learned what role a police canine plays in helping to protect us all. Each child was given the opportunity to pet Yvonne. The children also got to see Officer Fullam's police car. **Thank you Barnstable Police Department for keeping us safe and special thanks to Officer Fullam!**



COMM Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services came to visit our school to teach the children about fire Safety practices. They demonstrated for the children how they prepare for emergencies. Not only did the children get to explore the fire truck they also went into the ambulance. **Thank you COMM Fire Department and all the firemen who visited.**

KINDERGARTEN FOOD DRIVE



In November the Kindergarten held their annual food drive to benefit the Sandwich Food Pantry. The student's collected food from our generous Fair Acres families. **THANK YOU!** The children learned about community support and used their math skills by collecting, sorting, estimating, and counting. A total of 221 items were delivered to the food pantry.

Thank you Ms. Linda and her students for making this possible!!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

SHANNON NASUTI



Shannon joins us this year as our new co-director! She and her husband have lived in Mashpee for 19 years where they have raised three children. Shannon received her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Easter Nazarene College. She has been working in the Education field for 21 years teaching and the last two years as a director. Shannon likes to watch the Boston sports teams, hiking, going to the beach and skiing. She is very excited to be a part of the Fair Acres Team and is looking forward to working with the staff, children, and families.

MIKAELA COLAMECO



Mikaela graduated from Cape Cod Community College in 2015 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She worked as a Preschool lead teacher off Cape before joining Fair Acres Country Day School. Mikaela lives in Plymouth with her boyfriend Kyle and their dog Cooper. When she is not in the classroom teaching Mikaela loves to be outside engaging in a variety of activities from hiking, to walking her dog, going to the beach, and skiing. Mikaela also enjoys going shopping in her free time. Mikaela is very excited to be teaching alongside Ms. Erika in the younger 3's classroom.

GINGER O'DAY



I am excited to join Fair Acres this year, teaching in the older threes classroom with Ms. Jen. I recently graduated from Bridgewater State University and completed my student teaching experience in Brockton and Hong Kong. Some of my favorite themes to teach are music, languages, and endangered animals. I live in Osterville and enjoy playing the keyboard and spending time with my 3 dogs.

OUR WONDERFUL FAIR ACRES STAFF

Without a doubt our #1 asset here at Fair Acres!!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 14th: Parents night out 5:30-8:30 (sign up in the office)
- Holiday Recess: December 23rd-January 1st. We will re-open on January 2nd
- MLK Jr. Day-closed Monday January 21st.

HALLOWEEN PARTY



The annual Fair Acres Halloween party was a huge success as usual. The weather was kind to us and provided us with a warm sunny day. The children enjoyed all the yummy treats, fun games, and costume parade. Thank you to all the parents who sent in snacks and paper goods, or signed up to be a teacher's helper. We could not pull this event off without all of you. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING FEAST



The children enjoyed hearing the story of the Pilgrims and Native Americans first harvest told by the Kindergarteners. After the children learned about the first harvest they all joined together to enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast.



**LUCY WISHES YOU
ALL A SAFE AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!!**

EXPLORING NATURE

We believe at Fair Acres that outdoor time plays an integral part in a child's overall development. When children have the opportunity to play and explore their outside environment their cognitive skills are increased leading to more learning in the classroom. The children are given the chance to explore the Fair Acre's campus every day.



Our younger 3 classroom enjoyed jumping in the leaves.



The children have the opportunity to pick apples right outside their classrooms.



Amigo the horse enjoys when the children come and visit and bring special treats.



Children work on their gross motor skills by using our track for a variety of activities. Some of the activities include relay races and bike riding.



Biking is a Fair Acres favorite!

The children are given the opportunity to visit our goats Luna and Lola!!



CLASSROOM NEWS

YOUNGER THREES

It has been a busy fall in our classroom! The children have made great friendships in our classroom and forming bonds. They have been working hard on their counting, name recognition, and self help skills. We also have been working on our gross motor skills by building up our leg muscles with practicing peddling the bikes on our track. We had a really great show and tell in regards to what our parents do at their jobs. One of our parents is a shell fisherman, who brought in real life razor clams for us to observe. They were very entertaining when they came out of their shells! Thank you Shelley Gifford for sharing them with us. Also this fall we observed Monarch butterflies in their cocoon stage and then got to watch them emerge into butterflies. Once they butterflies reached maturity the children were able to gently hold them before releasing them into the wild. Thank you Liz Hanchuruk for sharing them. Our friend Aria welcomed a new baby brother Jesse! Congratulations to the entire family on the arrival of Jesse!



OLDER THREES

It's hard to believe it is already December. Along with Ms. Jen and Ms. Ginger the older threes have been very hard at work making friends, learning new skills, and going on adventures. We had a wonderful visit from officer Fullum and his K-9 Vonnie. We were scientists exploring pumpkins. Did you know a pumpkin can float in our pond? We also started a family tree with pictures of our families. Right now we are working very hard on learning how to put on our own coats and zip them up all by ourselves. We are so excited to see what winter will bring to Fair Aces.



Pre-k Classroom

Our Pre-K class is off to a great start. It has been fun getting to know each other. We have been busy reviewing old skills and introducing new skills through our weekly themes. We have had fun exploring our beautiful campus and the children especially enjoy our scavenger hunts. We are working on our gross motor skills during gym class and our fine motor skills when creating our projects. Each week we focus on a letter to advance our beginning sounds, letter recognition, and sign language. We did an apple volcano science experiment that the children loved. They watched all the different colors form and explode. As a class we did a "Pumpkin Workout" to work all the parts of the body and the muscles that the children thought was silly and fun. THANK YOU, to our class volunteer Joan McClatchey "Gamma" who has showed us extra support and is always helping in any way in the classroom.



5-Day Pre-k

The five day Pre-k embraces the Fair Ares philosophy of education the Whole Child. Throughout the fall, we have focused on developing strong social and emotional skills by building a sense of community within our classroom. We have worked to further build upon existing connections by adopting the phrase "how can I help" We use our emerging literacy skills to write a letter to the Kindergarten asking how we could help with their food drive. We practiced our developing math skills to "tally" how many helpful tasks we observed. STEM was incorporated into our classroom as we made cookie dough and baked cookies for our Thanksgiving Feast. Finally, we incorporated our physical skills by joining forces with the Pre-K to participate in a group gym class centered on team building. We look forward to continuing our learning, growing, and of course our FUN throughout the year.



THE FAIR ACRES KINDERGARTEN EXPERIENCE!



It is that time of the year when parents start to think about the kindergarten decision. Making the decision that will benefit both you and child can be a difficult one. Here at Fair Acres we want to help make this decision a little less stressful for you. Our Kindergarten program has been here for over 25 years and our students love the experience they have. After the children leave our Kindergarten program they are confident with their academic skills and social/emotional skills that they are ready to take on First Grade. Parents and future children are welcome to visit the classroom and see what a day in our Kindergarten program is all about. Please don't hesitate to call and speak with our Kindergarten teacher or Jodi with any questions you have about the program.

We pride ourselves in having a Kindergarten program that has only 15 children which leads to more one on one attention to help all children reach their full potential within the classroom. We have monthly curriculums that include math, language, literacy, science, and music and movement. All our curriculums are based on the MA Frameworks that are used in all Massachusetts schools. Fair Acres uses the "Reading Street" program along with Lively Letters. The children work on their fluency by using decodable readers. These allows for immersion with sentence structure, high frequency and sight words. All children are introduced and use journals to practice their writing skills. Our Math curriculum is based on "Math Their Way" and Everyday Math". On a daily basis the children work on number recognition, basic addition and subtraction. patterns, counting by 2's, 5's, 10's. Throughout the year there are special projects that the children work on their exploring and collecting data, counting ourselves, others and items, exploring geometry through shapes and block center.

The children are introduced to Spanish starting in the fall. Miss Maria comes in each week throughout the year and teaches the children words, phrases and songs. We feel that outdoor time plays a large role in the cognitive and gross motor development of a child. At Fair Acres the children are exposed to outside and nature on a daily basis. It can be from riding bikes, to a soccer game on the field, feeding Amigo our horse, running and climbing on our fabulous structure, releasing the butterflies the children watched hatch, or simply walking our campus exploring the signs of seasons changing.

Without a doubt the best investment you could possibly make (just ask any recent Fair Acres Kindergarten family).



Due to limited class size, we encourage you to enroll early to secure your spot.

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



It's hard to believe we're entering the holiday months! However, if you are measuring the progress we have made thus far you might think it is January already! The Kindergarten class is moving along at great speed accomplishing goals at every turn while forming friendships and bonding as a team.

In October we played host to the Fair Building as we participated in this year's Read for the Record sponsored by Jump Start. We prepared a special snack, shared a song and then enjoyed F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell's chosen book, *Maybe Something Beautiful*. The Pre-K children then took turns visiting the Kindergarten room participating in Free Choice activities while adding their hand print to our Read for the Record Mural. The following day, Miss Marie (our Spanish teacher) read the Spanish version to our class. We have added the number of participants to the Jump Start tally.

November marks the return of our Food Drive. We were very busy collecting, counting, estimating, and packing the items. We collected a total of 221 items that were delivered to the Sandwich food pantry. THANK YOU for all of your support in making this a success.

