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## Calendar Notes

**May 3 & 4**

Parent Surveys Go Home

**May 17-21**

Used Uniform Sale

**May 18**

Staff Training

AM Hours: 10:45-12:45

PM Hours: 1:30-3:30

(Dress Down Days)

**May 27**

Last Day for 2 Day Classes

**May 28**

Last Day for 3 & 5 Day Classes

\*Kindergarten Ceremony\*

9:30 AM

**May 31**

Memorial Day Holiday

**June 3**

Sunshine Summer Program

Begins

10 AM - 2 PM

**Menu**

**May 3-7** Animal Crackers

Cheez -it Crackers

**May 10-14** Honey Grahams

Saltines

**May 17-21** Goldfish Crackers

Popcorn

**May 24-28** Ritz Crackers

Vanilla Wafers

**Units Of Study**

Butterflies & Insects

Seeds and Flowers

Transportation



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As another school year comes to an end, we look around and see all of our accomplishments in the classroom and beyond. Our teachers are professionals who take their responsibilities very seriously. Nothing is more important to them than your child's education, safety and well-being. They attend classes, workshops, conferences and meetings on their days off and in the evenings in order to stay abreast of changes and trends in the field of early childhood.

Your children are our future and their education is our primary focus. We want your child's years here at Accotink to be memorable and informative ones. Most of all, we want these first school experiences to be positive ones. No school is complete without a partnership between the staff and its parents. We are very fortunate to have such supportive and caring parents and we always welcome your comments and suggestions. We feel that we are a team working together to guide and nurture the growth of your children. We are lucky to have the motivated students you have sent us. We know as a parent, what a critical role you play in all areas of your child's development.

Thank you for trusting us with your children who are so special to all of us. Thank you for enriching our curriculum by bringing in special interest items. Thank you for your time in helping out with classroom parties and holding hands on field trips. You are all wonderful parents which is evident by the terrific children you send to us.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Parent Survey Forms

Parent Survey Forms will be sent home with your children on May 3rd and 4th. These surveys are used to help us plan for the following year and are a helpful tool which we use to make necessary changes to our program. We take your suggestions, concerns and recommendations very seriously and value your input as parents. **We would like to have these surveys returned to the office no later than Tuesday, May 11th.** If you have lost or misplaced your copy, you may stop by the office to get another one. We appreciate your help with returning these surveys as soon as possible.

### !!! REMINDER !!!

We would like to remind parents to return any resource materials such as private school information and reference books which may have been checked out or borrowed from the school. We are glad that we can provide you with this information and hope that you find it helpful.

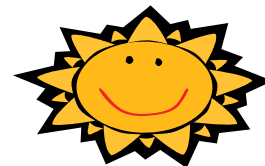
In addition, if your child has lost or misplaced any articles of clothing or other items during the school year, please be sure to check the lost and found box located next to the water fountain in the hallway beside Mrs. Brendmoen's and Mrs. Magalong's desk. We have many "lost" items in this box which will be donated to a local charity if they remain unclaimed by the last day of school.

### Recital Photographs

If you had your child photographed by Splendid Portraits at the recital, you will receive the portraits in the mail. These will be sent directly from the photographer to your home. You should receive the portraits in about 2-3 weeks. Should you have any questions, please contact Splendid Portraits directly at 703-237-8067. The children did a wonderful job at the recital and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did!

Plan now for your child to attend our

## Summer Sunshine Program



**When:** June 3—July 23, 2010  
**Where:** Accotink Academy Preschool

**Age:** 3 - 6 year olds  
(child must be 3 by April 1, 2010 and toilet trained. Child's 7th birthday must be after December 1, 2010).

Proof of age is required for children who have not previously attended Accotink Academy. Current immunization and TB screening records are also required on the Virginia State Health Form and dated after July 23, 2009. These forms can be obtained from the school office and must be turned in no later May 21, 2010.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. , Monday - Friday

<b>Classes:</b> 2-Day Program (T/Th)	\$60.00 per week
3-Day Program (M/W/F)	\$90.00 per week
3-Day Program (T/W/Th)	\$90.00 per week
5-Day Program (M-F)	\$150.00 per week



**Registration:** Ongoing through May 21, 2010. Registration forms and a non-refundable registration fee of \$45.00 may be returned to the office. **\*All tuition money is due by May 25, 2010.** Questions should be addressed to the director, Fran McBride at (703) 451-5797.

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We appreciate those parents who have referred friends and family to our school. Parents are our best form of advertisement. We have talked to and given many tours to prospective parents who learned about our school from you.

Summer is such a special time of year because the days grow longer, children are out of school, life slows down a little and families and friends gather for fun. Encourage lasting memories by providing safe places to play, sharing the games and toys you enjoyed as a child, and, most importantly, joining in the summer activities with a special picnic, campout or a trip to the beach or pool. We are lucky to live in an area with so many wonderful resources available which are free or cost very little. Museums, parks and nature centers all enhance and enrich our children's learning experiences.

Thanks again for all that you do to help make our job easier. Your support, generosity and caring is very much appreciated. We wish you and your family a safe, happy and restful summer. We expect great things of those leaving us and look forward to seeing those of you who will be returning in the fall..

Have a Wonderful Summer!



**Calling All Musicians!**

Mrs. Alexander , our music teacher, is looking for parents who would like to share their musical talents with our classes. If you have an instrument which you would be willing to play and share with our students during music class, please let us know. The children always love having parents or older siblings (who are also musically inclined) come in and give a demonstration while playing a song or two for the classes. Our music classes meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the morning from 9:10 –11:00 AM. Afternoon music classes are held on Wednesdays only and run from 12:40-1:45 PM. If you are interested in coming on any of the dates listed below, please contact the office or give us a call at 703-451-5797.

**Wednesday (AM & PM)**

May 12  
May 19

**Thursday (AM only)**

May 13  
May 20



***THANK YOU!***

We feel very fortunate to have so many wonderful parents who volunteer to help out where needed. We appreciate all of the help we have received this year from parent volunteers who helped us during the Fall Festival, the Book Fair, Dr. Suess celebrations, classroom parties, and, of course, holding hands and supervising the children during field trips. We would also like to thank those who generously gave their time to help with recital preparations as staging a production of this magnitude takes a lot of support and helping hands.

Thanks to Mrs. Cordiner (Lindsay's mom), for collecting and tallying our General Mills "Box Tops for Education" this year. She has done a wonderful job providing the children with activity sheets they can color and use to collect their box tops. **Please continue to save them over the summer and you can drop them off in the fall if your child is returning.** These are used to help us maintain and purchase equipment for the playground.

Thanks for being such wonderful, caring parents!

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### Used Uniform Sale This Month

During the week of May 17-21, we will hold a used uniform sale here at the school. This is a great opportunity for parents to clean out their closets and make it possible for another child to purchase a uniform. We plan to have parents bring in uniforms on Monday and Tuesday, May 17th & 18th. The items will then be sorted, priced, tagged and organized by size and article of clothing. We will be selling uniforms on Wednesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 20th. On Friday, May 21st, all unsold uniform items will be returned to the parents who brought them in. All sold uniform proceeds will be returned to parents who brought them in for sale. **We will only be able to accept cash during this sale so please come prepared if you plan to purchase any items.**



### Lunch Bunch Ends and Student Dress Down Days

Our Lunch Bunch program will end on Friday, May 21st. The last full week of school will be the week of May 24th. Classes will be holding their "End of the Year" celebrations and picnics during this week. Also, during the last week of school, children **will not be required** to wear uniforms as this will be "***dress down week***". Children should dress for the weather and wear comfortable play clothes since many classes will be at area parks, etc. during this week.



### Rescheduled Farm Trip For 3 Day Students



We were able to reschedule the farm trip for all of our 3 day morning and afternoon classes. On **Monday, May 10th**, the 3 AM and 3 PM classes will visit Kidwell Farm. **Both morning and afternoon students will need to be at school no later than 8:45 AM in order to allow time for boarding the buses.** All students will be dismissed at the normal 11:45 AM time. The children are all looking forward to this favorite field trip.



### Music Teacher Needed

Do you love to sing with preschoolers? If so, we are looking for a music teacher for the 2010-11 school year. If you think you might be interested in this position, please stop by the office or give us a call at 703-451-5797.

### Classroom Doors Decorated for Week Of the Young Child

We hope you all have enjoyed the wonderful and colorful classroom doors which the children and teachers decorated for the Week of the Young Child. The classes each chose a favorite book to represent their art work. The children had lots of fun with this project and enjoyed reading these stories and "making them come to life".