

Spring Break, April 10-17

School Resumes
Tuesday, April 18

Cowboy/Cowgirl Days:
Thursday, April 27- All
Classes, Friday, April 28th,
2' and 3'S.

Class Picture Day:
April 24th and 25th
Portraits are also available
Photos must be preordered/
prepaid

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PNS NEWS

Falls Road Edition

April 2017

Hello PNS families!

Can you believe it's April already? It seems the school year is going by quickly! Hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing spring break.

April Themes

Our units for April are farm and spring. As you run your errands or go for a little drive, you might want to point out to your children the field that has just been plowed, the little calf or colt standing near its mother, the nest in the shrub out back, the earthworm that has been watered out of its hole, and any of the other wonderful things that are happening this time of year.

Cowboy/Cowgirl Day!

All classes will have Cowboy/Cowgirl Days on Thursday, April 27th for all classes and Friday, April 28th for the 2's and 3's.. Children are welcomed to dress up as a Cowboy or Cowgirl!

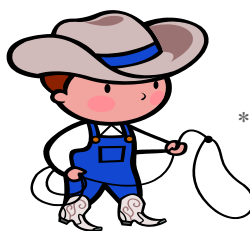
We will wrestle up some fun "chow" for the wranglers!



Tea Parties & Spring Programs

Our annual 2's Teas' and Spring Programs are coming up in June so please mark your calendars!

- * The Tuesday/Thursday 2's class will have a tea party on Thursday, June 8th at 9:00.
- * The Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2's will have their Tea Party on Friday, June, 9th at 9:00.
- * The 3's class will have their program on Wednesday, June 14th. All AM threes will come this day at 9:00a.m.
- * The 4's class will have their Spring Program / Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, June 15th at 9:00a.m.



Calendar for 2017-2018 School Year

The Montgomery County Board of Education approved the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. In general Potomac Nursery School follows the MCPS calendar. PNS will open on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 and the last day of school will be Thursday, June 14th, 2018 at noon. (No lunch, or after-care that day.) Please note that the MCPS calendar has a contingency plan to be used if school is disrupted by emergencies and schools are closed. Our calendar is not contingent on missed days. (Our last day is June 14th regardless.) Additionally, please note the PNS is open on all half and professional days. You will find a copy of the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

Opening & Closing Dates 2017-18.

The opening and closing dates for next year are as follows:

Opening: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Closing: Friday, June 14 2018.

Please Save

Please save your parmesan cheese jars for us as they are a nice size for our paint easels.

Spring Cleaning

If you would like to volunteer to help us do a bit of spring cleaning of our toys, please let us know! It would be very much appreciated!

Register Now for Summer Camp!

Registration is open for camp! We have a variety of weekly camp sessions, beginning June 19th-August 4th. We would greatly appreciate it if you would recommend us to your friends, relatives, and neighbors with pre-schoolers! Extra registration forms are available on the table near the front door and in the office.

Class Picture Day!

All classes will have Group Picture Day on Monday, April 24th and Tuesday, April 25th. The 3 year olds will begin at 9:30 a.m. The 2 year olds will have their pictures taken at 9:45. The 4's class will have their pictures done at 10:00 a.m. The photographer will also take an informal/individual portrait of those children who pre-ordered. **All pictures must be prepaid. This is different from the Fall, when the pictures were not prepaid.**

April News from the Classrooms



Mrs. Haas', Mrs. Halpern's, & Mrs. Geenen's Four Year Old Class - The Penguins

March came in like a lamb with some beautiful spring weather. Hopefully April will bring us many more warm and sunny days.

Our rain forest projects ended with each child bringing home a real rain forest in a cup that does NOT need to be opened and watered. Please put it in a sunny window and watch the condensation drip like rain.

We made sloths, lizards, eagles, and emerald snakes, just to name a few.

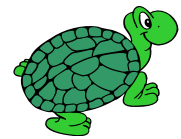
"Reptile's Alive" also came to PNS and brought along many exciting animals from the rainforest such as a Diamondback turtle, a Blue Tongue Skink from Australia, a very large frog and a large and a small snake.

We hope the children told you all about our important tropical rainforests. After spring break, we will learn about farm and spring animals.

Your child will be practicing for our Spring Program and Graduation Ceremony. They will be on Thursday, June 15th at 9:00-10:00a.m. Perhaps you will hear some of the songs at home!

Miss Monica's and Miss Jessie's Three Year Old Class - The Turtles

Dear Parents, Happy April to You! We hope that you will have a great spring break with children. This past month of March, we had a time learning about wild animals, reptiles and make believe lucky leprechauns!



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We are excited to continue our spring units, including the plant life cycle and farm animals. And Yahoooooo! We will be learning about the Wild West and all about cowboys/cowgirls. We will have two (dress-up) cowboy/cowgirl parties on Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th. You will receive more information about those parties very soon!

Our Spring Program will be held on June 14th...(9:00am). More information to follow.

We appreciate your efforts in helping your child find toys etc. for "Show and Tell" that begin with the letter for the week or month.

As always, I will continue to update you with weekly parent letters and pictures of your child., so please stay tuned! If you have a talent or springtime treasure you'd like to share with the class, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. We always love to have our amazing parents visit us! Miss Jesse and I wish you a happy and healthy spring season .

Mrs. Vera's and Mrs. Geenan and Miss Armani's Two Year Old Class - The Bumblebees



What a very fun month March was for our Bumblebees! We started out discovering different ways we could create art and ended the month doing a lot of cooking, learning how to add ingredients together to make delicious and healthy things to eat.

April will finally give us a chance to explore and learn about the long-awaited Spring! We will also be learning about the farm, so stay tuned for lots of great farm nursery rhymes and songs!

Looking ahead, we will be practicing during May for our special **Spring Tea Parties** coming up in June. Parents are invited to come in from 9:00am-10:00a.m. on either Thursday, June 8th for the Tuesday/ Thursday Bumblebees, or Friday, June 9th for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday Bumblebees to hear your children sing and enjoy a tea party with them.

5-Day Bumblebee parents: Please tell one of the teachers which day you will be coming so that the teachers can plan to have you that day.

Miss Nancy, Miss McKenzie and Miss Armani's Notes for the Afternoon Explorers!

Happy Spring!! It's Finally Here! It's hard to believe that it is April already. We all can't wait for the warmer weather to begin so we can spend more time on the playground. This month we will focus on planting seeds and learning about flowers. We will read the book *Planting A Rainbow* by Leon Ehlert, as we make our own flowers. Look for our bulletin board to begin to bloom.

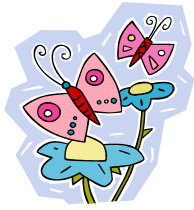


Special Children

Here is a poem that reminds us to slow down a bit and appreciate our children!

To My Grown-Up Son (Alice E. Chase)

*My hands were busy through the day,
I didn't have much time to play
The little games you asked me to.
I didn't have much time for you.
I'd wash your clothes, I'd sew and cook,
But when you'd bring your picture book
And ask me please to share your fun
I'd say: "A little later, son."
I'd tuck you in all safe at night
and hear your prayers, turn out the lights,
Then tip toe softly to the door...
I wish I'd stayed a minute more.
For life is short, the years rush past...
A little boy grows up so fast.
No longer is he at your side
His precious secrets to confide.
The picture books are put away,
There are no longer games to play,
No good-night kiss,
No prayers to hear...
That all belongs to yesteryear.
My hands, once busy, now are still,
The days are long and hard to fill,
I wish I could go back and do
The little things you asked me to.*



April Songs

Morning on the Farm

When sheep get up in the morning,
they always say, "Good Day."

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they always say "Good Day."

"Baa, baa, baa, baa," that is what they say they say,

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Barnyard Family

I have a little rooster by the barnyard gate,
And that little rooster is my playmate.

And that little rooster goes Cock-a-doo-dle-doo,
Dee-doo-dle, dee-doo-dle, dee-doo-dle-dee-doo.

Bale of Cotton

Gonna jump down, turn around pick a bale of cotton,
Gonna jump down, turn around pick a bale a day.

Gonna jump down, turn around pick a bale of cotton,
Gonna jump down, turn around pick a bale a day.

Oh Lawdy, pick a bale of cotton,
Oh Lawdy, pick a bale a day.

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Mrs. Caterpillar

Creep, Mrs. Caterpillar, creep,
Spin your cocoon and go to sleep.
Your wings will grow, till by and by,
You'll say, Look, oh, look I'm a butterfly.

Little Seed

A little seed is planted, the sun and raindrops fall,
The seed begins to grow and grow, until it's straight and tall.

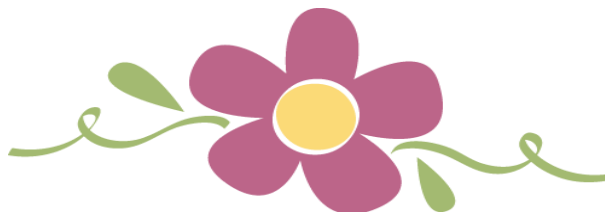
The breezes come ablowing, the flowers bend and sway,
The summer comes, the summer goes, the flowers fade away.

Hush, Little Baby

Hush, little baby, don't say a word,
Mama's gonna buy you a mocking bird.
If that mocking bird don't sing,
Mama's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
If that diamond ring gets broke,
Mama's gonna buy you a billy goat.
If that billy goat don't pull,
Mama's gonna buy you a car and bull.
If that car 'n bull turn over,
Mama's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
If that dog named Rover don't bark,
Mama's gonna buy you a horse 'n cart.
If that horse 'n cart fall down,
You'll be the sweetest baby in town.

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs, sitting on a speckled log,
Eating some most delicious bugs, yum, yum.
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool,
Then there were four green speckled frogs.



**PNS Student Calendar
2017/18**

**REVISED 3/28/2017–Please disregard all previous copies.*

September 5	First day of school for students
September 21	No School - Rosh Hashanah
November 23-24	Thanksgiving
December 25- January 1	No School -Winter Break
January 15	MLK Day
February 19	No School – Presidents’ Day
March 26- April 2	No School – Spring Break
May 28	No School – Memorial Day
June 14 (Thursday)	Last day of school (HALF DAY - Closing at noon, no aftercare)

*Summer Camp dates to be announced.

Please note that PNS will be open on the following dates when MCPS are closed

November 13	Professional Day for Teachers
January 29	Professional Day for Teachers
April 13	Professional Day for Teachers

*We are also open on all MCPS half days.

April 2017

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	3	4	5	6	7 MCPS Professional Day-We HAVE school	8
9	10 Spring Break this week	11 Spring Break	12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15
16 Easter	17 Spring Break	18 School Resumes	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24 Group Picture Day	25 Group Picture Day	26	27 Cowboy/Girl Day All classes	28 Cowboy/Girl Day 2's and 3's	29
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