



Giving Nest April 2018 Newsletter

North Plainfield Location

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR SPECIAL APRIL EVENT
GIVING NEST ART GALLERY, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE BASKETS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!**

PLEASE READ ON...

Giving Nest Art Gallery Hours & Canvas Silent Auction

Since September the children have been busy making amazing artwork for our April Art Gallery. Our theme this year is "Wonderful Me & We Are Bucket Fillers"! Your artistic and bucket filling children have created all the artwork that you will see! In April you, family and friends are invited to this very special event! Imagine your journey!!! Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Presley will greet you as you enter the double doors (the doors we never use). They will give you a Gallery Map and the children will be given a ticket and a scavenger hunt sheet! With every step you will see Artwork and our Family Photo Display! **Every Class has made a CLASSROOM CANVAS (these will be on display in hallway by the bathrooms) and we will have a *Silent Auction for these amazing canvas masterpieces!** Look below for the dates, times and special events that will take place:

Friday, April 13, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AND

Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Our School Building (You will enter the building using the Front Double Doors)

***What is a Silent Auction?** On Friday evening and Saturday morning during the gallery hours you can place a silent bid for the Classroom Canvas of your choice – **there is a minimum starting bid of \$10.00.** On Saturday at 10:15 a.m. we will ring a bell and say "Last Call". At 10:25 a.m. the bidding sheets will be taken down. At 11:00 a.m. in the Bingo Hall, we will announce the person who placed the highest bid for each canvas. Once we receive your check or cash, you will be given the canvas to take home!



Did you send in your Family Photo?
If you have not sent in your Family Photo for the Art Gallery – please bring it in & give it to your child's teacher! We always have a Family Photo display during the Art Gallery (staff also) and the children absolutely love to look at their family & their friend's families!



Ice Cream Social...

On **Saturday, April 14th** (after the Art Gallery) from 10:30 to 11:30 we will have an Ice Cream Social in the Church Hall! At 11:00 a.m. we will be pulling the Raffle Tickets, Announce the Winners of the Classroom Canvas and Announce the Winner of 4 Rounds of Golf and Golf Cart Rental at Trump National Golf Club! **Please Note:** You do not have to be present to win – we will call you after the event AND you will be given your canvas, your basket and/or golf certificate once we have payment!

From Monday, April 9th to Saturday, April 14th (Until 10:25 a.m.) you can...



#1 - Participate in 'Another' Silent Auction!
Golf Foursome & Carts at the Extraordinary
TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
In Bedminster, NJ
(Valued at \$2,500)
(There is a minimum starting bid of \$400)

#2 - Raffle Baskets...

(The price of the Raffle Tickets will vary depending on the contents of the Basket)
Below are just SOME of the Basket's that you could win...

Kiehl's Gift Basket

Hover Board

Big Bag of Cosmetics from Revlon

A Smart Plug

Mr. Assante's Italian Restaurant

Tickets to Patriots Stadium

Giving Nest Basket

Kalahari Indoor Waterpark in the Poconos

The Golf Silent Auction and the Raffle Baskets will be set up in the office from April 9th to April 13th – you can place a bid for the day of golf and/or purchase tickets for the raffle baskets. During the gallery hours these things will be on display in the Large Meeting Room. On Saturday, April 14th at 10:15 – will be 'Last Call' and 10:25 the baskets & bid sheet will moved to the office. At 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall we will have an 'Ice Cream Social' and at 11:00 a.m. we will pull the Raffle Tickets for the Baskets and Announce the Winners of the Classroom Canvas' & the Trump Golf Outing for Four!



Important April Dates – Mark Your Calendar...

- March 30th to April 6th – No School – Spring Break!
- April 13th – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Art Gallery, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets!
- April 14th - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Art Gallery, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets & 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social & Announcement of Silent Auction Winners & Raffle Basket Winners
- April 17th, 18th & 19th – School Show! Look below for more information!
- April 19th – Let’s Celebrate Earth Day – Wear Blue Jeans (Pants, Skirt or Overalls)! Classes A, C, D, F, H, J, L, O, P & Q
- April 20th – Let’s Celebrate Earth Day – Wear Blue Jeans (Pants, Skirt, or Overalls)! Classes B, C, E, G, H, I, K, L, M & N
- April 23rd & April 24th – Nest Network Bake Sale at the 1:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Dismissal Times (After Care Children can bring money & a staff member will take them to the sale)! Bakers and Volunteers to help at the sale are needed – please look for an email from Melissa Byleckie and/or Kiley Squier.



OUR **RESCHEDULED** SCHOOL SHOW!!

The children have been having a Blast getting ready for our Big Show! During Morning Sing Time, the children have been practicing their show songs and dances! You will be entertained on April 17, 18 or 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. by your very talented children. Look below for the date of your child’s show...

April 17th – Show for Classes D, E, J, K, L & Q

April 18th – Show for Classes F, G, H, I, & M

April 19th – Show for Classes A, B, C, N, O & P

Children should wear Blue Jeans, Solid White T-Shirt & Sneakers!



April ‘Sing-a-Ding’

In April we will focus on our “Beautiful Earth” and Spring Time!

We will...

- Celebrate Earth Day (Wear Blue Jeans – look at the important dates above).
- Hear a story about Caring for Our Earth.
- Learn about recycling.
- Sing Earth Day Songs.
- Think of how we can make the earth a better place!



STEM + Art STEAM

In April the children will participate in the following STEAM activities...

Chickadees...

Discovering Spring: The teacher will talk with children about how things begin to change in the spring, explaining that the grass turns green, flowers begin to bloom, birds begin to build nests etc. With magnifying glasses in hand the children will look for signs of spring – so many things to see and discover!

Build a Nest: The teacher will explain that some birds build nests in the spring. If possible she will bring in an actual bird's nest for the children to examine. She will talk about what birds use to build the nest. Afterwards the children will make bird's nest.

Ducklings...

Learning about Flowers, Plants and Trees:

Experiment Time—The class will conduct a series of experiments to determine what plants need to grow – water, sun and soil.

Labeling Plants—The children will dissect and label a plant noting these parts – flowers, leaves, stem and roots.

Sprouting Seeds – So that the children have the opportunity to actually witness a seed sprouting, the class will line a round glass jar with blotting paper and slip large seeds (either lima beans, pumpkin or nasturtiums) between the glass and paper and add ½ inch of water. The children will discuss their observations over the next few weeks.

Bluebirds...

Let's Make a 'Volcano' – The children will make their very own volcano with Lava Spewing Out! The teacher will send home directions so you can do it at home!

Exploring Matter – Through a variety of experiments the children will learn that matter is anything that takes up space, that there are 3 "states" of matter – solid, liquid, and gas, that solids have a shape, liquids do not have a shape but can take the shape of whatever they are poured into and most gases cannot be seen. The children will do the following experiments: Crayon Cookies and "Fan"-tastic Fun.

Cardinals...

Celebrate "Earth Day" and our Wonderful Earth!

Earth Pledge: The teachers will tell the story of how Earth Day was first celebrated in the United States on April 22, 1970 to promote preservation of the environment. Afterward the class will make a pledge to be EARTH-FRIENDLY!

Conservation: The children will brainstorm and think of ways to conserve electricity, water, and paper. The teacher will write down their thoughts and ideas and then the class will follow through on their ideas throughout the day!

Recycling or Garbage?: The children will play the "What Am I" game. The teacher will bring in several items and the children will determine if it goes in the "Recycle Bin" or the "Garbage Can".

Make an Earth-Friendly Book & Plant Flowers!

Kindergarten...

Ocean Study: Throughout the month the children will be studying the ocean! They will learn, explore, create and discover so many things about the ocean. They will end their unit by having 'Beach Day'!