



June 2015

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, June 9	End of the Year Potluck
Wednesday, June 1	Last Day of School
Monday, June 29	First Week of Summer Camp

End of Year Potluck

****Tuesday, June 9****
****Squalicum Creek Park****
1001 Squalicum Way, Bellingham
****5pm – 7pm****

This year the end of the year potluck will be at the [Squalicum Creek Park](#) in Bellingham. The address is 1001 Squalicum Way. This park is phenomenal!!!!

We will have a short “graduation” ceremony for the children who are moving on to new schools this fall at around 5:45 pm.

To keep food and drinks a bit better distributed, please try to follow the guide below.

If your student is... please bring...

a Sprouts... a salad or side dish

a Bean (last name A through H)...main dish a Bean (last name I through M)...salad or side

dish a Bean (last name N through Z)...dessert and/or drink

Gardenview will provide all the utensils, plates, napkins and cups.

Last Day of School

The schedule for the last day of school will be different from a normal school day. On Wednesday, June 10 all of the 3-6 class can come to school from 9am until 1pm, and all of the Sprout class can come from 9:15am - 12:45pm. Every child should bring a lunch on this day. We will spend some time as a school wrapping things up and giving the children a chance to say goodbye to one another. If you would like to join us for the last day, please try to park somewhere besides the school parking lot and come hang out. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with our fun, relaxing, outdoor plans. ☺

Tuition

Remember that tuition is paid on a 10 month schedule which began in either August or September and ends after the 10th payment is made. This means that the same amount is due during each of these months. We have spread it out this way to make bookkeeping easier for everyone. Thanks for understanding.

Come on Board!

We are looking for parents to join us in putting together our annual Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction. A good portion of our current “board” is graduating this year, and we need some fresh people to help make it happen. This is a pretty major fundraiser for us each year, raising anywhere from \$3,000 up to \$6,000. The Holiday Bazaar helps to fund scholarships, and it also keeps us from having to make severe increases in tuition each year. If you are interested, please get in touch with Kate Ferry at kate@sacredbee.net as soon as possible. We would like to schedule a meeting soon to get us on the right path for the fall.

Summer in the Garden We still have some room in the summer program, but it is quickly filling up. If you are interested in having your child come for one week, or all six, please return the enrollment form and the \$30 deposit as soon as possible. We have some really exciting and enriching activities planned for the summer and can't wait to share them with the children. For more information see Kelda.

Animal care

If you did not get a chance to complete your commitment hours and would like to spread them out over the summer, we could use some help with animal care. Feeding the chickens and making sure they have water and feeding the fish. If you are interested in helping with any or all of these projects, please see Kelda or John.

Garage Sale

The annual Gardenview Montessori garage sale will be held here at the school on Saturday, June 27 from 8am – 3 pm. I am looking for some volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the sale. This is a great opportunity to do some major Spring cleaning without having to worry about what to do with the stuff. You can bring it here, and you can start bringing items on Friday, June 12. We have always earned between \$600 and \$1100 from the sale, so this is a helpful source of income that gets us through each summer. If you have some large items that need to be picked up, please let me know as soon as possible so I can make those arrangements with Mr. John. We will need to spend time organizing, pricing, and setting everything up the week before the sale. If you have any tables we can borrow, that is also helpful. When the sale is complete, we will need some volunteers to help load up my pickup truck and drop stuff off to Value Village or the Salvation Army. Please let Kate know soon if you are able to offer some kind of support.

Staff changes

We are sad to see some of our staff members moving on for the 2015–2016 school year. Georgette and her family will be returning to San Diego for Dan's job with the Border Patrol. Alyssa is almost finished with her schooling at Western Washington University and needs to take this year to complete her remaining courses. Amy is going back to school to finish out her nursing degree this fall as well. We will miss them all terribly as they have all 3 been a very important part of our school for many years. We wish you all the best in your endeavors!!!

We would like to welcome Candyce Kirbyson (Brooklyn's mom) as the newest official member of our staff for the upcoming school year. She will be the new assistant in the Sprout class this fall. We are still searching for the right person to fill the role of lead teacher in that class and have ads out with all the Montessori organizations in the area. Keeley Pollock will be expanding her schedule and working in the morning class with Kelda in the fall.

Change can be difficult, but we are happy for everyone and all the adventures that are in store for them. Have a great summer everyone!

Tuition Discount...

Just a quick reminder that if you pay the full tuition amount for the upcoming school year prior to July 15, you will receive a 5% discount!! Contracts will be going home soon with the tuition amounts for the upcoming school year.