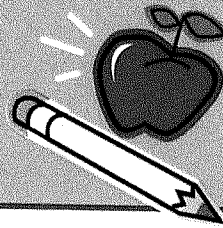


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Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Preschool

Director's News Letter:

Can you believe it is already our last month of school? We are so thankful to have enjoyed your children all year. We are also thankful for the dedicated teachers and staff and the wonderful environment they create at our school every day.

A big thank you goes out to the Parent Club for the many activities and support they provided for the school, children, families and community. Another word of thanks goes to our dedicated School Board members who continue to prayerfully guide our preschool forward. We also very much appreciate the SYV Presbyterian Church for our beautiful campus. We are blessed indeed. Thank you to all of you who participated in the Trike-a-Thon. The Parent Club set up an adorable obstacle course complete with a "car wash". The children had a great time riding their bikes, trikes and scooters and eating the yummy popcorn and celery race cars. The playground was busy celebrating Earth Day by making recycled art and learning about the importance of worms and insects to our environment. The dads and kids who were able to make Donuts for Dads had a great time too. The four-year old classes will walk to Adams Farm and be treated to a tour of the working farm by Judy Adams and Melissa Diggins. This long-standing tradition is a highlight every year. Mother's Day Tea is always delightful, and this year should be no exception. The children and teachers have been working hard getting this ready.

The Bear Picnics and chapel are a wonderful way to end the school year. We will meet in the sanctuary and begin with each class sharing a favorite song. Allison Firey, our website coordinator, has selected photos from all year to make a slideshow for us. The picnic on the playground will follow immediately after.

After seven years as co-directors, Melanie Barber and I thank you for your continued support from our "temporary" beginning through COVID until today. We welcome Jody Carmichael as the new preschool Director. Mrs. Barber will continue to teach and be a support to Jody.

Big Bear Hugs,
Melanie Barber and Rhonda Graef

Parent Club Note:

Dear Families,

The last Parent Club meeting of the year will be May 2nd @ 9:15am in Holy Grounds. We will end the year by showering our teachers with appreciation in observance of National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12.

As we approach the end of the school year, we are grateful for new friends, fun learning experiences, and positive memories. We look back fondly on events like the Harvest Festival, movie night, Spring Festival, Explore Your World, and Trike-A-Thon. What a wonderful year, and we couldn't have done it without you! We greatly appreciate your support of Parent Club. For those of you returning, we hope you consider joining us as part of the Parent Club next year!

Wishing you all the best,
Parent Club

Important Dates

5/1-5/2 Chapel

5/3 Adams Farm Field trip
(4 Year olds only)

5/10-5/12 Mother's Day Tea

5/15-5/16 Chapel

5/24-5/25 Bear Picnic/Last day of School