

# Child's View News

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## Dear Parents,

This is it, folks! We have arrived at the final days of our term! Spring is quickly blossoming into summer and though we are quite astonished at the rapid pace this year has maintained, we are excited for what lies ahead! For now we are enjoying the benefits of seeing the sunshine more

frequently, including the growth of our newly planted garden and the ability to go outside *without* the production of donning all our rain gear!

As we wrap up the school year, we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you. It has been such a privilege to get to know all of you and

to work together throughout the year toward the development of these great, young minds (and bodies)! For those who are moving on, we wish you all the best—know that you will be missed here! For everyone else, here's to a spectacular summer and fantastic fall!

*It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses, When pleasant sights salute the eyes  
And pleasant scents the noses.*

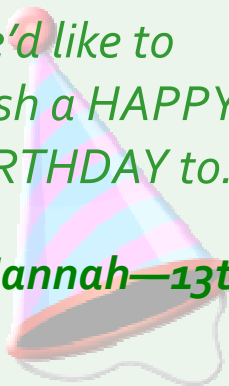
*Nathaniel Parker Willis*

## Dates to Remember (June 2009)

- **2nd:** *Ice Cream Social* (5–7pm). Who wouldn't want to come to *that?!* (see pg 2)
- **10th:** *Last day of the term!*  
*End of Year Presentation/celebration* – 6–8pm. (see pg 2)
- **11th—12th:** *NO SCHOOL* These are staff in-service days.
- **15th:** Summer programs begin (Montessori Summer Term & Elementary Summer Camp)

This month we'd like to wish a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to...

• **Hannah—13th**



*Happiness is life served up with a scoop of acceptance, a topping of tolerance and sprinkles of hope, although chocolate sprinkles also work.*

*~Robert Braault~*

## Ice Cream Social!

*My advice to you is not to inquire why or whither, but just enjoy your ice cream while it's on your plate that's my philosophy.*

**Thornton Wilder**

Tuesday, June 2nd (5-7pm) was our annual Ice Cream Social and Open House. We had a great time meeting some new families and getting to show off our school. It was also wonderful to see some of our Summer Camp families after all these chilly months! It's not too late to tell your friends about us! Remember that there's a little something in it for you, too!

*Ice cream is the original soul food.*

*~Lexie Saiger~*



*Ice cream is happiness condensed.*

*~Jessi Lane Adams~*

## End of Year Celebration!



**WHO:** You!

**WHAT:** A wonderful celebration of this school year

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 10th, 2009; 6:00—8:00pm

All of the children will be participating in our End of the Year School Presentation! This will take place on Wednesday, June 10th. It is a wonderful opportunity to not only celebrate all the children's accomplishments throughout the year, but also to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

Following the presentations we will all share in what promises to be a delicious meal (we'll provide sandwich fixings, potato salad and vegetable trays). If you haven't sent in your RSVP (and \$5 per person), you have until Friday, June 5th! If you are available, we're still in need of some volunteers for that evening.

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*



### Green Tip

During spring and summer potlucks and picnics and such, bring washable dishes! Plates and silverware can be selected by each member of the family attending or use camping dishes, designed to be easily transported.

Designing washable keepsake plastic plates could even be a family summer project!



## Crane Room News

The end of the school year is just days away! The month has been filled with sun, sun block, rain gear, and storms. Still, the classroom remains a calm place where the children have been enjoying their work as individuals and growing as a community each day. The children were hard at work during May, preparing homemade pots and planting sweet peas. Hopefully, some of the seedlings that had not quite sprouted are flourishing now.

As we near the end of the school year, we are preparing several special songs and poems for our end of year celebration. We had Jessica from the Dove Room come over to teach one of the songs to us. It is always a lovely treat to learn something new from

a special guest. We are practicing making our eyes sparkle as we sing these songs, and I know that we are all very excited to share the End of Year Celebration with you. Singing has been taken to a new level this year. More than previous years, we have been practicing tempo changes, dynamics, and articulation. We've even touched on rhythm notation and several children have been very interested in the names of the different pitches. I can't wait to do even more music with the children next year!

Our student teacher, Mary finished her work in the classroom during the second week of May. Her presence in the classroom was much appreciated by the children, who enjoyed

receiving lessons from her, and playing fresh games. She left a beautiful red velvet underlay for the Addition Snake Game. Of course, that work has been extra popular since the arrival of this accessory.

In my preparation for Spring Parent Conferences, I was struck by how much each and every child has grown this year. Everyone has reached their own milestones, and it has been a treat to have the opportunity to get to know each child as an individual and member of the classroom community. I send the best wishes to those children who are moving on in the fall, and look forward to getting to work with those who are staying in the Crane Room.



## Welcome to the World!

*In May, we had two new additions to our Child's View family! The Steeles welcomed Ezra, and the Castillos welcomed Glory. All are well and healthy, while their "big" siblings are adjusting and enjoying their new roles (though, according to Elijah, Glory is "nocturnal!")*



## Dove Room News

As we look back on the school year it's amazing to remember how far each child has come in such a short time, and imagine where each of them will be one year from now! I will be saying goodbye at the conclusion of the school year, and have promised to return for a visit (with baby, of course) in the first part of the new school year. The children are already speculating about whether or not the baby is *really* a boy, or if we will be surprised.

Although the weather has been unpredictable (at best!) we have been able to hike more frequently. So far we have been able to find banana slugs, black slugs, snails, different colored insects, and pink-blossomed trees. We will continue to spend more time hiking and gardening as weather permits. To allow for a smooth transition with Jessica Mallett as the new Dove Room guide, in addition to the children's visits to the office (to see Shadow), Jessica will be coming to visit us in the classroom to observe and have tea.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an amazing summer, and I hope to see you when we return for our visit.



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## Happy Father's Day!

We would like to take a few minutes to wish all you Dads out there a very HAPPY Father's Day from all of us here at Child's View!

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<b>MAY</b> (31)	1	2 <i>Ice Cream Social 5-7pm</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Last Day of the term; all-school Presentation</i>	11 <i>Staff Inservice Days</i> <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>	12	13
14	15 <i>1st day of Summer Terms</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	J (1)	U (2)	L (3)	Y (4)

*"Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."*  
**Hans-Christian Andersen**

**Upcoming Events**  
**(July 2009)**  
Friday, July 3rd, we will be closed in observance of Independence Day

