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# The Smile

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## Letter from the Director

Val Shlimbaum



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Due to popular demand and our dedication to communicating well with our parents, The Smile has been reinstated to a monthly newsletter.

I hope you and your families enjoyed your time together at home during our winter break and will have a healthy and happy new year.

The teachers and I are looking forward to 2012. The snowy winter months offer lots of great preschool teaching opportunities in language, math, science and social studies. A list of our exciting topics and themes is located in the monthly recap section of this newsletter.

We have been closely watching your children over the last few months, getting to know them and their particular learning styles. During the next couple of months we will concentrate on assessing their growth and development, both emotionally and intellectually.

In March, we will hold parent/teacher conferences for the 3, 4, and 5 year olds to discuss their individual development. Look for sign-up sheets in the beginning of February. If 2 ½ parents would like to meet with their teacher, please feel free to schedule a meeting.

Make sure to pack hats and mittens in you school bags for chilly outdoor play. We will go out as much as possible.

I'll see you at our Sing-A-Longs on January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that school is closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.

Keep Smiling,  
Val



## Updates from the Board of Trustees 11/9/11 Meeting

Please attend our  
next board meeting  
Thursday, January  
5, 2012 @ 7:30 PM  
In the Conference  
Room @ Happy Face  
Nursery School

**All are  
Welcome!**

- 2011-2012 Budget was approved
- Make Up Days - We will be holding off make up days until / if we reach 5 days and will be revisiting in March.
- Delayed openings are being considered. Children will go to school at 11:00 am and be picked up 12:30 pm. Parents will be asked to pack a "hardy" snack / light lunch. PREP-E Kids will stay until 1:30 pm.

**Our Sincerest Gratitude to  
all the parents who  
attended board meetings,  
volunteered for  
committees, spent time in  
the classrooms, and  
worked on school  
maintenance!**

**We had a Great  
Year in 2011**

**Happy New Year  
and Cheers for  
2012!**

**Special Note! The January  
5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting will start  
at 7:30 pm!**

## Letter about the Tricky Tray Fundraiser

Dear Happy Face Community,

Fundraising is essential to our school and we are asking for your help to make it a successful year. If you have any "NEW" unused items that you don't know what to do with consider donating it to our April 20<sup>th</sup> Tricky Tray event. Maybe you have a "re-gifting" drawer that needs cleaning out.

If you yourself or someone you know works for a corporation that can donate services/items we would greatly welcome and appreciate it. We'd appreciate it if all donations are received by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Also, if you have any ideas for baskets/items but aren't sure how to gather them, let Phyllis or Brandy know and they will gladly help.

Lastly, we will need baskets to use for all the items. If you have any baskets or decorative boxes that you don't need please drop them off at the school and we will put them to good use.

Thanks,

Brandy and Phyllis Co VP's

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## 2012-2013 Enrollment

It is time to begin thinking about the 2012–2013 school year. In mid - January 2012, a package will be sent to you with information about our registration procedures and tuition policies as well as an Application for Enrollment. Happy Face registration will take place in three phases:

**Phase 1: Registration - currently enrolled students and their siblings**

Accepting Applications Monday, January 23 – Friday, January 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Phase 2: Registration of Happy Face**

**Alumni Siblings**

Accepting Applications Tuesday, January 31 – Thursday, February 9, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Phase 3: Open Registration**

Accepting Applications Beginning Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Please spread the word about our registration dates to those who may be interested in our school, but do not receive our newsletter or mailings.

## Happy Start Scholarship

Happy Face offers a financial-needs-based scholarship for a 4-year-old student interested in attending Happy Face.

The Scholarship will award:

**Tuition which covers full 3-day tuition for the 4 AMs program plus registration and incidental fees.**

The scholarship recipient may also enroll for the 4 PM or Fab 5s program upon teacher recommendation, however, any additional tuition or fees are not covered by the scholarship.

Applications plus 2011 1040 tax form must be received no later than April 13, 2012. Please telephone 908.832.7510 for more information.

## Thank You for Giving

The December Giving Tree in our front hallway was met with great success. Happy Face would like to thank all the wonderful parents who made the holidays brighter for local families in need.

Thanks to all the parents who donated socks to the needy. I'm sure they'll appreciate them, and will make their winter warmer.

**A Sincere Thank You from the Bottom of our Socks.**



***Let's Do Lunch Bunch!***

***Call Mrs. M  
908-832-7510***

**We need yogurt cups! Please send in rinsed out cups with your children. We use them to hold paint while the kids create their masterpieces!**

## Environmental Educator Visits Happy Face

On Wednesday December 14, students in the 4AM and 5AM classes enjoyed a special pre-holiday treat at Happy Face: A presentation sponsored by Califon's Clean Communities Organization, by Ms. Diana Dove, Environmental Educator. The 60-minute program, "New Jersey Winter Wildlife and Litter", instructed Happy Face students on how NJ wildlife survives the winter by discussing wild animals (such as raccoons, skunks, opossums, whitetail deer, snakes, and more) who sleep part-time, hibernate, migrate, and/or remain active during the winter months.

Throughout the program, Ms. Dove talked about how litter impacts wildlife in NJ's habitats (including forests, fields, freshwater wetlands, rivers, and lakes, all of which exist near Califon) and is harmful to wildlife and people. Ms. Dove thanked everyone for not littering! Her lively interactive program included teaching methods such as songs, musical motions, taxidermy animals, animal puppets and costumes, animal stories, and more! Happy Face students enjoyed the program and it's evident that environmental responsibility can never start too early! Many thanks to Ms. Diana Dove for entertaining and educating our littlest environmentalists and to Laura Eidsvaag and the Borough of Califon's Clean Communities Organization for fully funding this program; and to Jenny Sarubbi for the pictures.



## Room Mom Meeting

Please remember to attend this month's meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Conference Room. We will be discussing the second half of the year. See you there!





## Scholastic Book Club

Thank you for all your recent orders!  
We are now pleased to offer the option for ordering online.

Just visit the Scholastic website at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), click the "Parents" tab at the top of the page and use the Quick Links button labeled "Order Books from the Scholastic Book Club Flyer".

**Our school activation code is: HLWJV and you will need this when you register.** We hope you enjoy this new and convenient way to order books and, as always, any book order helps our school gain points to spend on books for the classroom!



## January In Review

Children will spend this month reading and investigating several themes including:

- ❖ the color brown
- ❖ rectangles
- ❖ Martin Luther King
- ❖ snow, ice
- ❖ winter animals/birds
- ❖ hibernation
- ❖ migration

The author of the month for the 4s is Jackie Urbanovic.

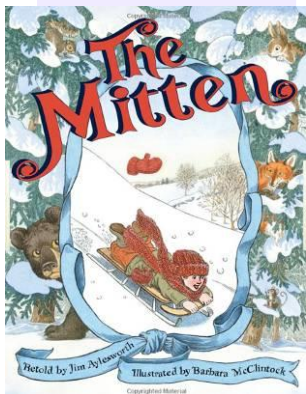
The nursery rhymes of the month for the 2 1/2s are:

*Three Little Kittens* and  
*Three Little Pigs*

To extend learning at home, you may wish to read books related to these themes such as the following:

*The Mitten* by Jim Aylesworth

*A Pal for Pugwug* by Susie Jenkins-Pearce and Tina Macnaughton



*"Once upon a time there was a happy little boy who loved to play  
Yes he did."*

School will be closed On Monday January 16th

