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**APRIL/MAY SCHOOL
 CALENDAR**

APRIL

4/6 (Tues)
CLASSES RESUME

4/21 (Wed) **MANDATORY
 MEMBERSHIP MEETING,
 7:00 p.m. (last one!)**

4/30 (Fri) **FINANCIAL AID
 APPLICATIONS DUE**

MAY

5/5 (Wed) **BOARD MEETING**
 (everyone welcome), **7:00 p.m.**

5/28 (Fri) **LAST DAY OF
 SCHOOL for 2s, 2/3s, 3s, 4s,
 3/4s**

5/31 (Mon) **MEMORIAL DAY
 -NO SCHOOL**

FUN FAIR A BIG SUCCESS *BY NANCY GAVIN, FUN FAIR COORDINATOR*

Thanks, again, to everyone for the hard work on the Open House and Fun Fair held on March 6th. We had a fantastic event with an amazing turnout (I think the kids would still be lined up for the obstacle course if they could be). At the end of the day, this turned out to be one of the most successful open houses at CPNS&K. We made a real difference for the school, and it couldn't have happened without you.

Once again, a special thank you needs to go out to the Open House team members -- Daniel Burkholder, Aileen McChesney, Julia Martin, Lisa Smith, Becca Durbin, Sarah Cutler, Lauren Harrison, Amy Hemmer, and Ann Nelligan -- for all their tremendous work. The Open House was a success due to them.



**DON'T FORGET: COME TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON
 4/21 AND PICK YOUR JOB FOR 2010-2011!**

-- *Mary Durkin, Bookkeeper and Jobs Coordinator*

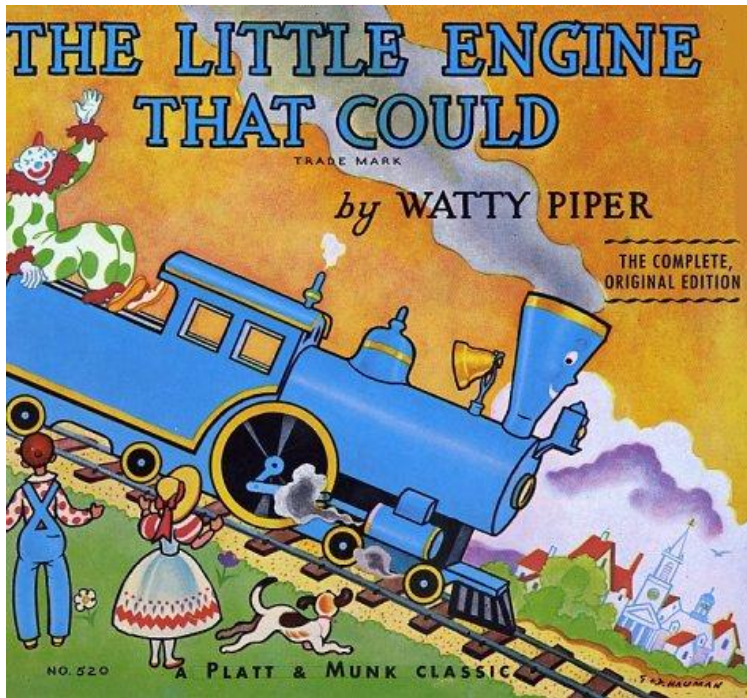
A reminder to all to attend the final Membership Meeting at the school on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00pm. At the meeting, you'll be asked to sign up for your jobs for next year. Please start thinking now about what job you may want for you and your family for the 2010-2011 school year. The Membership Meeting will be the perfect time to ask any questions you may have about jobs and what they entail. We'll also be asking for any feedback on the jobs you did this year; there's always room for improvement and we'd love your opinions. All jobs are open for next year and are filled on a first come, first served basis. And, we'll be voting on Board positions, too - so be sure to attend the meeting if you want to voice your support for those looking to be on the board next year! Babysitting will be available (sign up at school beforehand) so please make an effort to attend.

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WE THINK WE CAN, WE THINK WE CAN...



“Even if you’re very small, you can make a world of difference!” said the clown to the audience of preschoolers, elementary school children, and their parents and teachers during the March 11th performance of *The Little Engine that Could* by the Omaha Theatre Company at Cheverly’s Publick Playhouse. During this CPNS&K field trip, dozens of our children and their parents enjoyed the dramatization of this much loved tale of perseverance, optimism, and friendship. Audience participation, colorful trains, and life-sized toe-tapping teddy bears and toys had the kids laughing, clapping, and riveted to the story of the brave little train that helped a crew of stranded toys get to their rightful owners on the other side of the mountain.

A LOOK AT MEMBERSHIP

- Becky Widman/VP and Membership Coordinator

Classes are filling up quickly for next year and we have a wonderful combination of returning families and new additions to our community. The 3's, 3/4's and 4's are all full with waitlists; our 2/3's is almost full, too. The 2's class still has about 6 spaces, but based on past experience, we're confident those will fill up before summer. We had thought that the Kindergarten class was full, but with a few changes, we still have about 3 spaces available. As a co-op, we rely on our membership to help us find new families for our school. If you know anyone who is looking for a great half-day Kindergarten program, encourage them to visit Miss Joan's class. Miss Joan's approach to Kindergarten is both fun and educational. The play-based program allows your child to develop socially, while learning through play all the essentials of early education, such as science concepts, math, reading, writing, and art. Miss Joan, both as Director of our school and as an experienced and skilled teacher, sets the tone, encouraging independent thought, problem-solving skills, social and emotional growth, and fun and physical activity for her Kindergarten kids.

And, last but not least, please remember that September 2010 tuition is due May 1 in order to hold your child's spot for the 2010-2011 school year.

CPNS&K SUMMER CAMP 2010!

Grab your swim trunks, swim suit, and towel: the CPNS&K Summer Camp is just around the corner.

Outdoors! Songs! Sprinklers! Games! Crafts!
Stories! Water Table!
No-Cooping

Session ONE: June 14/15/16
June 21/22/23

Session TWO: July 12/13/14
July 19/20/21

Led by Miss Joan, Miss Terri, and Miss Ann. There are spots for 20 students per session. Both camp sessions are held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 12:00 (noon). Jason Wines Summer Scholarships are available for those requiring financial aid.

Individual session costs \$135; discounted rate for both sessions is \$250.

Please get your checks to CPNS by May 7th but registration is first come first serve, so get your checks in early for this popular CPNS&K activity!

ABOUT TOWN ...

- 3/4 *Easter Egg Hunt*, from 12:30 to 2:30, at the PG County Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, MD. Come for the arts, crafts, games and more. Have your child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny. And remember that it's BYOB – Bring Your Own Basket!
- 3/4 *Cherry Blossom Festival Fireworks*, beginning at 8:30 pm, at the Southwest Waterfront in Washington, DC, for all those who can't wait until July 4th for some loud and colorful fun with pyrotechnics.
<http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/cms/index.php?id=390>
- 3/10 *Cherry Blossom Parade* concludes our nation's capital's premiere tourist event, held on Constitution Avenue NW beginning at 10:00 am and concluding around noon. The route goes from Seventh Street to 17th Street.
<http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/cms/index.php?id=390>
- 3/11 *Musical Instrument Petting Zoo*, at 3:00 at the Old Parish House, where University of Maryland Music Education Students will guide children through hands-on play and exploration of different musical instruments. Part of the College Park Arts Exchange Cultural Connections for Kids.
<http://www.cpae.org/node/157>
- 3/17 *9th Annual University Park Azalea Class 5k Run*. Get your running mojo on and join your neighbors in University Park for 5k Run, 1 Mile Challenge Run, 1K Family Fun Run, or Non-Competitive Dog Walk.
<http://azaleaclassic.com/preview/>
- 3/27 *Aesop's Fables*, at 10:15 am and noon, at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly, performed by the popular Jim West Puppets. Tickets are \$6 person.
http://www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/Arts/Publick_Playhouse.htm

BOOKS OF THE SEASON

If your child is at all like ours, he has been asking lots of questions recently about the changing seasons, the historic snowfalls of this winter, spring showers, and longer and brighter days. Here are some books to help guide your discussion on weather and the seasons.

All the Colors of the Rainbow (Rookie Read-About Science), by Allan Fowler. Find out how rainbows are formed after a rainstorm and how to recreate one in your own backyard. A fun and educational way to reinforce your child's recognition of different colors, too. Ages 3 to 5.

Oh, Say, Can You Say, What's the Weather Today?: All About Weather, by Tish Rabe. Written and illustrated in a Seussian style, the Cat in the Hat and company travel by hot air balloon up and into various weather phenomena including rain, snow, thunder, tornadoes, and even hurricanes! Along the way they learn about thermometers, anemometers, wind vanes, cloud formations, humidity, fog, smog, weather folklore, and how to stay safe in lightning. Ages 3 to 7.

The Cloud Book, by Tomie dePaola. Best known for his award-winning picture book *Strega Nona* and for the *26 Fairmount Avenue* series of chapter books, dePaola helps children learn the ten most common types of clouds, the myths that have been inspired by their shapes, and what they can tell about coming weather changes. Ages 4 to 8.

Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll, by Franklyn Branley. Part of the popular Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Series (Stage 2), the author explains that storms can be scary, but not if you know what causes them. The book is full of lots of practical advice and easy to follow scientific explanations. Ages 3 to 6.

The Reasons for Seasons, by Gail Gibbons. With simple graphics and well-researched, but brief sentences, Gibbons describes the astronomical phenomena that create night, day, and the seasons of the year on our planet. Ages 4 to 8.

Rain Came Down, by David Shannon. This Caldecott-Award winner tells the story of how raindrops set off a chain reaction of temper tantrums and mishaps in a small community, but a sudden break in the clouds makes the bad moods melt. Ages 3 to 5.

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suggestions for the
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Items for submission?

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