



# The Express

**OCTOBER  
2013**



Dear Parents,

The school year has gotten off to a wonderful beginning! Our returning children are excited to be back with their friends and teachers. The children who are new to the school are settling in nicely and getting to know their friends at school. Our Creative Curriculum at NCNS encourages children to observe, explore, build, create and see what they can find out. This curriculum and our developmental philosophy along with the guidance of our experienced teachers help each child to reach their own potential.

I have been spending time with the children in the classrooms and am thoroughly enjoying getting to know them all. They are busy exploring the various activities in each classroom, getting to know all their classmates, and having so much fun playing outdoors on the playground. Many of you will be coming for you "Special Day" at school soon. The teachers and I encourage you to play with your child and enjoy your peek into what their day at school is like.

We recently began weekly music with our new music instructor Mary Bruninga. The children refer to her as "Miss Mary". She has a background in music education as well as music business and has worked with our ages of children for several years. Everyone is enjoying music with "Miss Mary". I hope you get a chance on your special day visit to sing with Miss Mary!

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Fall Family Fest this year. I think everyone had fun and enjoyed all the activities that were offered. I want to thank our Board Vice President Marie Junkmann for chairing this fantastic event as well as all the volunteers who helped in various capacities. A special shout out to all the volunteers who helped carry all the tables & chairs up and down the stairs.....THANK YOU!! Our next family event is our Halloween Hoopla which will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. Since the children DO NOT DRESS IN COSTUMES DURING CLASS TIME, this is the perfect opportunity for them to come in their costumes, parade around with their classmates, and enjoy some Halloween entertainment. Siblings are welcome to dress up and join in the fun!

I have attached a link to an article addressing the importance of a play based curriculum for Early Childhood Education and the benefit it has for later learning. It was written by Beth Engelman, a former NCNS parent, writer, kindergarten teacher and founder of the "Mommy on a Shoestring" column & website. I hope you find it helpful.

<http://www.ivillage.com/kindergarten-all-rigor-and-no-recess-what-happened-to-play-ivoices/8-a-385164>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns my door is always open!

Warmest Regards, Gail



## dates to remember

### October

9 Northbrook Farmer's Market

14 NO SHCOOL

18 NO SCHOOL

24 Halloween Hoopla

31 Halloween

### November

2 NCNS Open House

3 Daylight Savings

6 Marcello's for dinner

11 NO SCHOOL

21 Holiday Bazaar

21-22 NO SCHOOL

27-29 NO SCHOOL

# N e w f o r 2 ' s



NCNS is very excited to announce...

**A new 2 year old class for the 2014 - 2015 school year!**

This class will meet 2 mornings a week and children need to be 2 years old by September 1st, 2014 to qualify.  
More details to follow...

# O p e n H o u s e

Our Fall Open House is a wonderful opportunity for your friends, neighbors and community at large to learn about the great pre-school programs at NCNS and tour the school. Gail Nemoj and some of our teachers will be available in the classrooms to answer questions and provide a hands-on NCNS experience for the new families. Children are encouraged to come and explore!

Interested parties can contact Gail Nemoj 847-272-5430 or Molly Brown 847-272-8414 for additional information.



**Spread the Word to Friends & Neighbors!**

**Fall Open House  
Saturday, November 2nd  
10:00 am - 11:00 am**

# S a v e t h e D a t e



**Wednesday, October 9th**

**Northbrook Farmers Market 9am - 1pm**

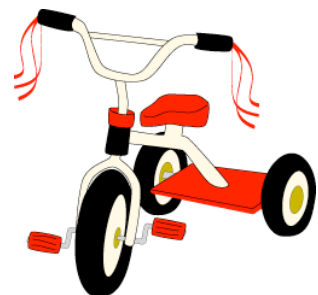
Mark your calendar for Northbrook Farmers Market Li'l Pumpkin Day! Stop by and visit us at the corner of Cherry & Meadow Lane for a fun craft as NCNS will host the pumpkin decorating booth.

# S a v e t h e D a t e

**November, TBD**

**NCNS 1st Annual Swap Meet**

Donate a few and get a few that are new to you!  
Time to make room for the new toys that will appear for the holidays. Donate your gently used tricycles, strollers, toys, baby carriers etc.. and pick up a few for you.  
More details to follow...



# S a v e t h e D a t e



Thursday, November 21st  
Holiday Bazaar 7:30 - 10:00 PM

This is a night that moms won't want to miss!  
A night out for appetizers, wine and an early start on your holiday shopping.

# S a v e t h e D a t e

Monday, December 30th  
Bowling at Brunswick Zone 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Need an activity to entertain the kids during the holiday break? Bowling, food, beverages, there is something for everyone. Grab your family and friends and we will see you there!



# SAVE THE DATE



NCNS PRESENTS | A ROARIN' 20'S GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014 6:30 PM | MARCELLO'S  
1911 CHERRY LN  
NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

# C o n g r a t u l a t i o n s !



Congratulations to Kim Pollak & Rivka Daar, winners of the September Car Magnet Contest!

Both won a \$10 gift card to Starbucks just for having their NCNS magnet on their car. Show your NCNS pride all year round, and keep those magnets in place for our next contest.

# R o o m P a r e n t s

Thank you to all the parents for volunteering!

Ducklings - Amy Piesert & Gina DeBoni  
Dolphins - Jennifer Diehl & Zoe Novak  
Koalas - Dara Owen & Aly Troutman  
Pandas - Kim Pollak & Andrea Smith  
Turtles - Lisa Buckley & Erika Fernstrom



# O c t o b e r B i r t h d a y s



**Brady Lyman**

**Colin Flad**

**Colin Hochschild**

**Ella Sadus**

**Evan Howard**

**Jayce Junkmann**

**Josh Raju**

**Julia Snyder**

**Justine Snyder**

**Kaitlyn Zima**

**Lauren Yang**

**Lyla Howard**

**Michael Radzienda**

**Tanina Torcolese**

**Taylor Panek**



# Mom's Night Off!

# marcello's

## A Father and Son Restaurant

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### FUNDRAISER

Come support NCNS! Bring this flyer into Marcello's and **15% of your order will be donated back to the school** - Dine In or Carry Out

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 6th

**WHERE:** 1911 Cherry Lane, Northbrook  
(in downtown area - near Starbucks)  
(847) 498-1500

**TIME:** 5pm - 9pm

If you would like to sit with other NCNS families, please arrive around 5:30/6pm so we can try and grab some tables together.



Thursday, October 24, 2013

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

# Halloween

# Hoopla



*Admission: **FREE!***

*Come right on time to get your little ones in line for the NCNS Halloween Parade!*

*Featuring Mister Kipley in a Trick-or-Treat Magic and Puppet Halloween Show!*

*P.S. The show is not scary!*



**Place: Fellowship Hall at NCNS**

**Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm**





# NCNS THANKS **YOU** FOR MAKING OUR 2013 FALL FEST A SUCCESS!

WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL DAY AND HAD  
OVER 200 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES  
WHO HELPED SET UP, CLEAN UP,  
COOK & BROUGHT FOOD, WE  
COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT  
YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO MARIE  
JUNKMANN FOR PUTTING ON A  
FABULOUS EVENT!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
PORTHAN FAMILY FOR WINNING  
THE RAFFLE FOR A FREE RUNAWAY  
CIRCUS LUNCH BUNCH!

