



The Express



Dear Parents,

We have been relatively lucky so far this winter as most days we have been able to take the children outside to play on our playground. As long as the temperature is above 20 degrees and the children are dressed appropriately, playing outside in the winter is both beneficial and fun for the children. It gives them a chance to really move their bodies, run with their friends, and on days we have snow they can shovel, pull friends on sleds and receive rides, and build snowmen. Your children have become so good at taking off all their winter gear and properly hang it all up. It makes them so proud to be able to do these tasks themselves and is wonderful for their self-help skills and self-confidence.

With Valentine's Day approaching, please know that each class will handle the celebration a little differently based on the age group. The teachers will give details for each class in their weekly newsletter so please make sure to read them. **We do not allow the passing out of any candy or food items due to allergy concerns.**

We will be celebrating "Spirit Week" at school the week of February 22nd-26th. The week will kick off the morning of the 22nd with an all school breakfast which will be held upstairs in the social hall. I hope everyone will be able to stop in and have breakfast with their friends (all students welcome regardless if they attend in the morning or afternoon). We have several other activities that week to showcase our school spirit such as pajama day, school spirit wear day (or wear blue & red-NCNS colors), all school art projects, storytelling by Becky Weiner from the Northbrook Library, and collecting food items to help stock the Northfield Food Pantry's shelves. The teachers will also have special activities planned for all classes. Please make note of our painted tree in our entryway as it will transform to our "NCNS Acts of Kindness Tree" with examples of the acts of kindness your children do daily posted on it. We are always so proud of them!

Spring conferences will be held in April. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss how they are doing in school as well as hear about their developmental progress. Here is the conference schedule:

Wednesday, April 20th- conferences for Bunnies class only. Bunnies do not have school this day however ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL MEET THIS DAY

Thursday, April 21st- conferences for Ducklings & Panda classes

Friday, April 22nd- conferences for Dolphin, Turtle & Koala classes

****Please note that there are NO regular classes or lunch bunch classes on conference days and that all conferences are held in the morning.**

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming Gala on Saturday, March 5th at Marcello's. It is always a fun night for all and all proceeds from this event go directly back to our school. In years past, we have been able to purchase new playground equipment, classroom items, and teachers "wish list" items. I thank you for your support of NCNS!

Warmest Regards,
~Gail



Gala Gossip: NCNS



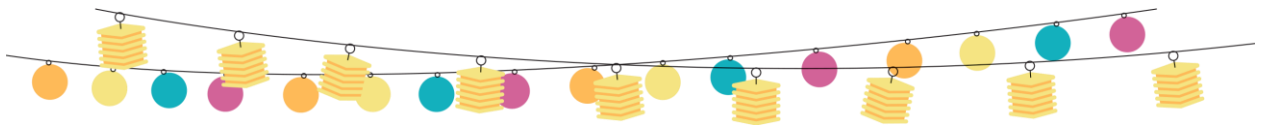
Escapes to Paradise

There's just one month left until the NCNS Escapes to Paradise Gala on March 5th at Marcello's! If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please mail the response card or drop it in the folder on Gail's door at school. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate!

Silent Auction Preview

- Amazing tickets to Bulls, Cubs, Sox, Packers and college football games
- Autographed sports memorabilia from your favorite teams
- Beautiful jewelry pieces, accessories and gift certificates for spa services
- Beer for a Year
- 4 Disney Park Hopper Passes
- Professional teeth whitening
- One-of-a-kind artwork crafted by your child's class
- AM and PM parking spots at NCNS
- Private Pilates sessions
- The Dailey Method 10-pack of classes
- Date-night gift cards: House 406, Wildfire, Ruth's Chris, Francesco's Hole in the Wall, Coopers Hawk Winery & Restaurant, Ron of Japan, RAM Restaurant & Brewery, Landmark Inn, Ravinia, Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre, Arclight Movie Theater and *many* more!
- A few new donors include: Timber Ridge Lodge and Waterpark, Westin Chicago Northshore, Sky Deck Chicago, Towne & Reese, Hot Ground Gym, Lil' Kickers, Graeter's Ice Cream, Northbrook Pet Nannies, Waterway Car Wash and *many* more!

Trivia question: According to Jimmy Buffett, what is the best food to eat in paradise?



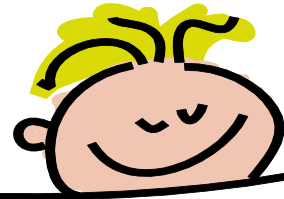
Live Auction Preview

- Dinner at Your Doorstep – Tired of cooking? For ten Wednesdays, you'll have a home-cooked dinner delivered for your family to enjoy.
- Best Babysitter – Enjoy an evening out while your kids have fun at home! School Director Gail Nemoj will provide an arsenal of fun and educational activities for a night your children won't forget!
- Atlantis Bahamas – Relax and have fun in the Bahamian sun with a 3-night stay at The Cove. It's easy to get there with a \$400 airfare credit, included!
- Blackhawks Tickets – Here's your chance to get close to the action with 6 tickets to the April 5th Blackhawks game. Seats are located in section 122, row 8, seats 15-20. Begin the night with a \$200 gift card to West End!
- Aria Selene Diamond Necklace – Add a signature touch and a little sparkle with Dana Rebecca's modern take on a classic triangle. Courtesy of Cy Fredrics Jewelers, this white-gold necklace shines bright with brilliant diamonds!
- Meet Me in St. Louis – Enjoy a fun-filled family weekend in downtown St. Louis with a two-night stay at the Four Seasons, a \$200.00 resort credit, and 4 passes to the Magic House Children's Museum.
- Chicago Staycation – Spend a night at one of Chicago's most stunning architectural buildings in the heart of downtown, Blu Aqua Hotel. Dine at one of the hottest restaurants Monteverde and explore downtown with Absolutely Chicago Segway tours.
- Stock the Cellar – Add to your wine collection with NCNS families' favorite vintages. Cheers!
- Kohler Getaway – Take a trip to Wisconsin's premier resort with a one-night stay at the American Club and a \$500 resort credit for restaurants, golf or spa!
- Private Chef – Celebrity chef Rich Mancini will come to your home to prepare an inspired 4-course meal for up to 6 people.
- Meira T Bracelet – Elevate your evening look with a dazzling rose-gold bracelet showcasing a white druzy gemstone with diamond accents. Courtesy of Shellé Jewelers, this feminine yet modern piece is sure to make a statement.

February Birthdays

Ainsley Honegger
Dylan Kray
Amelia Porthan
Dominic Rubin
Marin Smith

★HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!



Dates to Remember

February

- 1 2015/2016 Tuition Payment Due
- 3 Parent/Tot Session #2 begins
- 12 No School - Professional Day
- 15 No School - President's Day
- 16-17 Vision & Hearing Screening

March

- 5 NCNS Escapes to Paradise Gala at Marcello's
- 7 No School - Professional Day
- 13 Daylight Savings - Spring Ahead!
- 25 No School - Good Friday
- 28 Start of Spring Break (3/28-4/3)

Kindergarten Enrollment Reminder

Just a reminder that Kindergarten Enrollment is currently underway. Please contact your local elementary school district office for more details.

Kindergarten! ... here I come!



NCNS Art on Display at the Northbrook Library



Be sure to check out all the amazing artwork by NCNS students currently on display at the Northbrook Public Library the next time you are there. It will remain on display through the month of February.

NCNS Spirit Week

February 22nd - February 26th



Kick off our 2nd Annual Spirit Week with an All School Breakfast on Monday, February 22nd between 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. in the social hall. Drop in when you can (even if you don't have school that day) and enjoy breakfast with friends and NCNS families!

Stay tuned for more exciting Spirit Week details in your class newsletters, including Pajama Day and School Spirit Wear Day!

Pre-K Enrollment Opportunities!

We still have some availability in our Pre-K Classes! Help share the word with friends and neighbors about NCNS. Interested families should contact Gail Nemoy at (847) 272-5430 or Molly Brown at (847) 272-8414 for additional information.



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Our Pre-K Curriculum includes:

- Handwriting without Tears
- Kindergarten Readiness Skills
- Math & Science Enrichment
- Dramatic Play
- Small & Large Group Activities
- Creative Art
- Storytelling & Literature
- Outdoor Play
- Creative Art
- Field Trips
- Music & Movement



2016 PAJAMARAMA at The *Athletico Center*



Thank you to everyone who came to the Pajamarama at The Athletico Center! Everyone had a "ball" playing sports together in their pajamas!

A special Thank You to Sarah Fink for organizing such a fun event!

