



# *The Express*

**SEPTEMBER  
2016**

Dear NCNS Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I would like to welcome all our families both new to NCNS as well as our returning families back to school. The teachers and I have been working hard this past month to prepare for our classes. We are looking forward to another fantastic year! As a reminder to those of you who have a child in our Pre-K classes, Mondays are our math and science enrichment days with various hands on activities related to those areas of curriculum. Certainly, all classes do explore math and science concepts daily however, our 5 day a week class designates a full day to allow both the children and their teachers extra time for these critical areas. If your child is not signed up for Pre-K five days a week you can add this day at any time during the school year.

We know transition to school can be unsettling for some children and for this reason we begin our classes slowly so the children have some time to acclimate to their teachers, new friends, and school schedule. We try our hardest to help make this transition as smooth and easy for all our children (and parents!). Should you have any particular concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teachers or myself so we can work together to make this a very positive experience.

At NCNS we feel communication between parents and teachers is essential. Each teacher has a school email address which you should receive at your Hello Visit. They will also give you a phone number to reach them at. Please feel free to contact them with any concerns or questions you have throughout the year. Of course, you can always contact me as well either at our school phone number 847-272-5430, or by email @ [gail.nemoy@ncnskids.org](mailto:gail.nemoy@ncnskids.org). You will receive a weekly email from your child's teachers updating you on their activities with highlights from the week. Each child's tote bag has a clear plastic sleeve which we refer to as the "communication sleeve". Please check it daily for notes and notices from the school and feel free to put any notes for your child's teachers in it as well. The teachers check them daily when they greet each child for school. Also, remember to read the white board outside your child's classroom for daily information.

We ask that you walk your child to his classroom or playground the first couple weeks of school. Your child's teachers will let you know whether your child's class is starting inside the classroom or outside on the playground. We will begin our drop off car line in a few weeks after the children are settled in. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 7th at 7 pm for our New Parent Orientation. I will be speaking on several topics and answering any questions you have. A few board members will also be present to discuss the role of the board as well as highlight some of our upcoming events we have planned. Our teachers will be on hand to answer any questions you have as well.

I hope to see you all at our first family event, Family Fall Fest, on Saturday, September 10th from 3-6 pm here at our school. We have wonderful activities planned and will have a delicious barbecue for all to enjoy. It is always a fun gathering and a nice way to meet other NCNS families! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open to you. Please do not hesitate to call, email or just drop in! I am looking forward to a great year!

Warmest Regards,  
~Gail





# *From the board room*

Welcome to the new school year at NCNS! We are so happy to have your family as part of our community.

My name is Janelle Duthie, and I am president of the 2016-2017 NCNS board. Along with the nineteen other board members, I'm looking forward to a fabulous 65th year for the school! Throughout the year, our board will work closely with the staff and teachers to continue NCNS's legacy of learning together through play.

As we bid summer farewell, we would like to thank all of the families who joined us for local activities this July and August. It was wonderful seeing many of you marching in Northbrook's Fourth of July Parade. We also gave back to the community by staffing the kids' train rides at the Northbrook Sidewalk Sale and volunteering to run the Goldfish Booth at Northbrook Days. Thank you for your support.

With school starting, we have exciting events planned! We've detailed the full year in the 2016-2017 calendar, which is printed on gold paper in your packet and is also available online. The first event will be our annual Fall Fest, held at school from 3-6pm on Saturday, September 10th. Board vice president Kelly Parikh has been planning an afternoon of fun for all ages. We hope that your whole family will join us for food, music, face painting, balloon art, and more! If you haven't turned in your RSVP yet, please bring it to your child's first staggered visit.

As you're marking dates on your calendar, please be sure to save Saturday, March 11th, for our annual gala evening. Gala is our primary fundraiser, featuring live and silent auctions, dinner, drinks, and dancing. All of the proceeds directly benefit the school, supplementing tuition to cover the cost of our children's education. It's a great night for a great cause, and it's a lot of fun! We'll be sharing more details in the coming months, and hope to see you there.

I look forward to spending the year with your family! If you're interested in getting involved in the school, please let me know. I'm also here to help with any comments, questions, or concerns. I hope that you'll enjoy your time at NCNS as much as my family has.

Best wishes for the year ahead!

Janelle Duthie  
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# Dates to Remember

## September

5 No School - Labor Day  
6 Start of Staggered Visits  
7 New Parent Orientation- 7pm at school  
10 Family Fall Fest, 3-6pm at school  
19 Lunch Bunch begins this week  
21 Parent/Tot Session Begins  
29 Fundraiser at Juniper Boutique, 5-9pm

## October

3 No School- Rosh Hashanah  
10 No School- Columbus Day  
12 No School- Yom Kippur  
19 Northbrook Farmers Market, 9-1pm  
27 Halloween Hoopla, 6-7pm



# Welcome!



We are excited to introduce you to NCNS's new music teacher, Linda Lubell! Linda has been delighting audiences for 20 years. She is on the staff at Old Town School of Folk Music in their Early Childhood Program, and has offered many classes for children at different venues over the years. In addition to teaching classes for young children, Linda is a singer/songwriter with a CD of original songs that she performs at different venues throughout Chicago. She also performs a variety of concerts for seniors at assisted living facilities. She holds a B.F.A. in acting from the Theatre School at DePaul University and an M.Ed. from UIC. Welcome, Linda! Our children look forward to experiencing music with you!



# Save the Date



**Saturday, September 10th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Family Fall Fest at NCNS**

An afternoon outing for the whole family! Join us at NCNS for a fun event that includes food, a DJ, face painting, a balloon artist, a raffle & more!

Turn your RSVP in to the envelope on Gail's door. We welcome appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. Please sign up for these on Gail's door as well. See the attached flyer for details.

# Save the Date

**Wednesday, October 19th, 9am-1pm**  
**Lil Pumpkin Day at the Northbrook Farmers Market**

Come celebrate Fall with NCNS and the Northbrook Farmers Market for "Lil Pumpkin Day". NCNS will host the pumpkin decorating booth. Bring along friends and family as we enjoy Northbrook's last Farmers Market of the season!



# Save the Date



**Thursday, October 27th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Halloween Hoopla at NCNS**

Calling all ghosts, cowboys and princesses! Join us at NCNS for an evening of fun, wearing whatever costume your children desire.

# Car Magnet Contest

Show your family's NCNS pride with your car magnet!  
Display your magnet during drop-off for a chance to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card!

Missing your magnet, or need an additional one?  
Please contact Gail for a new magnet.



# Connect with us on Facebook



Did you know that NCNS is on Facebook?

Like our page to access great tips, activities, and contests! You can also help to grow our community by clicking "share" when you see a post that your friends might like.

Join us today at [www.facebook.com/NorthbrookCommunityNurserySchool](http://www.facebook.com/NorthbrookCommunityNurserySchool).

# NCNS Presents Gala 2017

**SOZS** LIVE! FROM THE  
**RED**  
**CARPET**

SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2017  
MARCELLO'S NORTHBROOK

Walk the Red Carpet, Pose for the Paparazzi & Support our

## Join the Gala Committee!

Looking for more red carpet action? Join us in planning the most fabulous event of the year! Get creative, cultivate new friendships and have some fun! The Gala Committee will help with key **Live! from the Red Carpet** projects and will meet 4 times prior to the event. Contact Alex Delger, [czarkows@yahoo.com](mailto:czarkows@yahoo.com) for more information.





# It's a Boy!

Aubrey, Logan and Brooklyn  
Denes welcomed baby brother,  
Hunter Ryan on August 24th!



## September Birthdays



Hayley Harris  
Lucas Stankiewicz  
Elsa Loiacano

Lila Kivetz  
Ethan Brown  
Keira Ngo





# *The Heart of NCNS*



Gail Nemoy  
Director



Jennifer Brunzell  
Turtles & Pandas



Julie Chandler  
Pandas



Julie Crowe  
Koalas & Parent/Tot



Mary Ann Diaz  
Dolphins



Rosemary Johnson  
Dolphins & Koalas



Beth Lome  
Turtles



Linda Peters  
Bunnies & Ducklings



Helaine Schreiber  
Bunnies & Ducklings

## **2016 - 2017 Board of Directors**

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# FALL FEST

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES, FOOD, AND FUN

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**SAT | SEPT 10 | 3-6PM**

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**HELD AT SCHOOL, RAIN OR SHINE**

**HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS PROVIDED BY SCHOOL,  
SIDE DISHES WELCOME - SIGN UP ON GAIL'S DOOR - BRING YOUR OWN COOLER**



**\$45 PER FAMILY**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**BALLOON ARTIST**  
**FIRE TRUCK**  
**DJ & RAFFLE**





# Raffle

Feeling lucky? Enter for a chance to win a \$200 tuition gift certificate!

1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$25  
You do not need to be present to win the raffle.



# RSVP

Please return this form along with cash or check payable to NCNS by **Friday, September 2nd**.  
RSVPs will be collected at Hello Visits and on Gail's door.



Name of Family \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per Family: \$45                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \$5 each (or 6 for \$25)                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# JUNIPER

NORTHBROOK, IL



## NCNS

### Mom's Night Out Fundraiser

Swing by to enjoy some drinks and appetizers, catch up with friends & check out the new fall arrivals. Guests are welcome to attend

Thursday, September 29th

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

1346 Shermer Road, Northbrook

◆ 15 % of Sales to NCNS ◆

