



# The Express

SEPTEMBER  
2017

Dear NCNS Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I would like to welcome all our families 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 & science enrichment days with various hands on activities related to those areas of our curriculum. Certainly, all classes do explore math & science concepts daily however, our Pre-k designates a full day to allow both the children and their teachers extra time for these critical areas.

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 the 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 have received at your Hello Visit. They will also give you a phone number to best 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 of 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 please walk your child to his/her classroom or the playground the first couple weeks of school. For the first couple weeks your child's teachers will let you know whether your child's class is starting inside the classroom or outside on the playground. When the children are settled in we typically begin our day outside on our playground. I will let everyone know when our drop off car line will begin.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for our Parent Orientation. I will be speaking on several topics and answering any questions you have. You will also have an opportunity to speak with your child's teachers as we break into classrooms after the presentation.

I hope to see you all at our first family event, Fall Fest, on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7 pm. We have wonderful activities planned, food, playground fun and a DJ to keep you moving! It will be fun for the whole family and it is 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 all our NCNS families as we prepare for the new school year! I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer and is excited for the fun year ahead.

My name is Kelly Parikh, and I am President of the 2017-18 NCNS Board. In collaboration with the twenty board members, we volunteer our time to ensure that our children have a wonderful year at NCNS. Gail and the teachers work tirelessly to provide an enriching curriculum to our young learners, and we are here to support them regarding the needs of our school.

I would like to thank all the families who gave their time this summer participating in events such as the Farmer's Market, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Goldfish Booth at Northbrook Days. NCNS is truly a community school where we enjoy being active in local events.

The school year ahead is filled with many exciting events! Please see the school calendar that was distributed in the summer packet for all upcoming dates. Our first family event is Fall Fest hosted at school on Saturday, September 23 from 5:30-7pm. The board vice president, Kristin Ware, has been busy planning an evening of fun for our families. The event will include food, music, balloon art, face painting, and lots more! Our children also look forward to Halloween Hoopla where they parade in costume with classmates, and enjoy some kid focused entertainment. Hoopla is planned for Wednesday, October 25, 6-7pm.

Most importantly, please save the date for our annual gala which will take place on Saturday, February 24. As a not-for-profit preschool, the fundraising we do helps to keep tuition costs low. This event always proves to be a fun and exciting evening gathering together current and past NCNS families. There will be dinner and drinks, silent and live auctions, and music and dancing! The support we receive from local businesses is remarkable. Coming together to support our fantastic school creates an evening not to be forgotten!

I look forward to meeting everyone throughout the school year. If you are interested in serving the school or becoming part of the board, please contact me. I hope the year ahead is an exciting one for you and your children!

All the best,

Kelly Parikh

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# Welcome!



We are thrilled to introduce our new teacher, Lynn Leviton! Lynn joins us with 17 years of experience teaching preschool, plus a B.S. in elementary education from Arizona State University. A North Shore native and mother of three, Lynn recently relocated to Northbrook with her husband. This year, you'll find her engaging smile in the Turtles classroom with co-teacher Beth Lome. She'll also teach our youngest students in our Parent & Tot class. Welcome, Lynn!

## Dates to Remember

### September

- 1 2017/2018 Tuition Payment Due
- 4 No School- Labor Day
- 5 Staggered Visits start
- 6 Parent Orientation- 7pm at school
- 18 Lunch Bunch Session #1 begins this week
- 20 Parent/Tot Session #1 begins
- 21 No School- Rosh Hashanah
- 23 Fall Fest- 5:30-7pm at school

### October

- 9 No School- Columbus Day
- 11 Northbrook Farmers Market
- 20 No School- Professional Day
- 25 Halloween Hoopla- 6-7pm at school

### November

- 4 NCNS Open House
- 5 Daylight Saving- Fall Back
- 9 Holiday Bazaar
- 16 No School- Fall Conferences for Duckling, Turtle & Koala Classes
- 17 No School- Fall Conferences for Dolphin & Panda Classes
- 22-24 No School- Thanksgiving Break



# Save the Date



**Family Fall Fest @ NCNS**  
**Saturday, September 23rd, 5:30-7pm**

We hope you can join us for a fun Fall kickoff party for the entire family!

Our annual Fall Fest is a can't-miss event that includes a DJ, Balloon artist, Glitter Tattoo artist, raffle & more!

Please return your RSVPs into the envelope on Gail's door. NCNS will provide burgers & hot dogs. We welcome appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Please sign up for these on Gail's door as well. See the attached flyer for more details.

# Save the Date

**Wednesday, October 11th, 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



**Wednesday, October 25th, 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. Parade of costumes starts promptly at 6pm!

# It's a Girl!

Keaton Spaniak welcomed baby sister Ainsley Patricia, born on May 19!



## September Birthdays



Annie O'Brien

Lila Kivetz

Keira Ngo

Lucas Stankiewicz

Ethan Brown

Lucas Kray

Jack Gipperich

## 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 updates, activities, and tips! 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).



**SAVE THE DATE!  
BECAUSE NCNS HAS DISCO FEVER!**

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISING GALA ON  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 PM**

**MARCELLO'S , NORTHBROOK**

**LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME!**



## **Join the Gala Committee!**

Looking for a cure for your Disco Fever? Join us in planning the grooviest event of the year. The Gala Committee will help with key projects, solicitation calls and will meet four times prior to the event.

Contact Sarah Fink at [sarahbfink@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbfink@gmail.com) with your interest.



# The Heart of NCNS



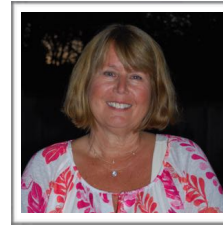
Gail Nemoy  
Director



Jennifer Brunzell  
Bunnies, Ducklings & Pandas



Julie Chandler  
Pandas



Julie Crowe  
Ducklings & Koalas



Mary Ann Diaz  
Dolphins



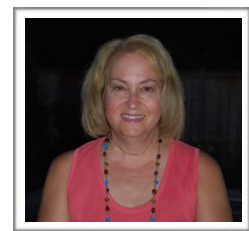
Rosemary Johnson  
Dolphins & Koalas



Lynn Leviton  
Parent/Tot & Turtles



Beth Lome  
Turtles



Helaine Schreiber  
Bunnies

## 2016 - 2017 Board of Directors

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
NORTHBROOK COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL'S  
ANNUAL

**FALL  
FEST**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
5:30 - 7<sup>PM</sup> AT NCNS**

**\$45 PER FAMILY**  

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**BALLOON ARTIST  
GLITTER TATTOOS  
DJ AND FAMILY GAMES**

**NCNS WILL PROVIDE  
HAMBURGERS  
AND HOT DOGS  
SIDE DISHES WELCOME  
BRING YOUR OWN COOLER**

**POPCORN WAGON PROVIDED BY **



# FALL FEST

## RAFFLE

Enter for a chance to win a \$200 tuition gift certificate!  
1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$25.

You don't need to be present to win the raffle.

## RSVP

Please return this form along with payment\* to NCNS  
by **Friday, Sept 15th**. RSVPs will be collected at Hello  
Visits as well as on Gail's door.

*\*Cash or checks payable to NCNS*



FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ # OF KIDS \_\_\_\_\_

COST PER FAMILY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **45** \_\_\_\_\_

# OF RAFFLE TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$5/EACH OR 6/\$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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