



The Express

September 2019

Dear 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 these past few weeks to prepare for our classes. We are looking forward to another fantastic 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 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. Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. Of course, you can always contact me as well at our school phone number of 847-272-5430 or by email @ 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, please remember to read the white board outside your child's classroom for daily information.

We ask that you walk your child into school (we generally start our day on the playground) for the first week of school. We will begin our drop off at the front circle drive on Monday, September 9th. All classes are welcome to participate in our drop off system however if you prefer to walk your child in that is absolutely fine.

Our lunch bunch classes begin on Monday, September 16th and Parent/tot classes begin on Wednesday, September 18th. We still have a few openings in these programs so please let me know if you are interested in signing up.

I hope you have marked your calendar for Thursday, September 5th at 7 pm for our Parent Orientation. We will have a short information session and then an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. You will then have an opportunity to explore your child's classroom and chat with the teachers.

I want to take a moment to touch on our "Special Days" in your child's classroom. Hopefully you have signed up for those during your Hello Visit but please know that if you should have a conflict with the dates they can always be changed throughout the year. A reminder calendar will go home to everyone each month. This day is a special time for you to see all that happens during your child's day at school and for you to be an active participant in class with your child. We do ask that you put your cell phone on silent and focus on your child when here. We hope you enjoy this very special time at school.

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 68th year of NCNS! On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are excited for a wonderful year ahead with all of our families and hope you find the transition into the school year an easy one.

My name is Betsy Kivetz, 2019-2020 NCNS Board President. Our volunteer Board, consisting of current NCNS parents, works hand-in-hand with the staff and teachers to bring our mission to life: Meeting the needs of each child in a nurturing environment, so that he or she may meet their full potential.

Part of what makes the NCNS experience so special is the number of fun family events and enriching community outreach. This summer was no exception. Thank you to all the families who participated in the 4th of July Parade or volunteered at the Sidewalk Sale and the Northbrook Days Goldfish Booth.

In the weeks ahead, be on the lookout for an invite for a class get-together. This is a great chance to get to know each other outside the school's walls. And our first official family event is Halloween Hoopla on Thursday, October 24th. Our Board Vice President, Carreen Morrison, has put together a festive evening (you'll find more details in this newsletter)! For the dates of all our 2019-2020 school events, please see the calendar found in your packet or on nenskids.org.

Also, save the date for our annual NCNS Gala on March 7th. We are shaking things up this year with a slightly different format and a new venue - Jolane's in Glenview. You can still expect fun costumes, the live and silent auction, drinks and dancing! The proceeds from the Gala go directly to benefit our school, supplementing tuition to cover the costs of our children's education. Hope to see you there!

Personally, I look forward to sharing an incredible year ahead with your family! My daughter, Lila, just started Kindergarten after 3 joyful years at NCNS, and another daughter, Marlowe, is a Turtle this year.

If you are interested in getting involved at NCNS, just let me know. Also, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any comments or questions. You will often see me pushing my stroller through the halls of NCNS – feel free to say hello! And I look forward to seeing many of you at Parent Orientation on Sep. 5th!

Here's to an incredible 2019-2020 school year!

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Dates to Remember

September

- 1 2019/2020 Payment Due
- 2 No School - Labor Day
- 3 Staggered Visits Begin for Bunnies & Turtles/1st Full Day for Pandas & Koalas
- 4 Staggered Visits Begin for Ducklings & Dolphins
- 5 Parent Orientation - 7pm @ School
- 5 1st Full Day for Turtles
- 6 1st Full Day for Dolphins
- 16 Lunch Bunch Session #1 Begins/1st Full Day for Ducklings
- 17 1st Full Day for Bunnies
- 18 Parent/Tot Session #1 Begins
- 30 No School - Rosh Hashanah

October

- 9 No School - Yom Kippur / Northbrook Farmers' Market Lil' Pumpkin Event
- 18 No School - Professional Day
- 21 NCNS Individual & Class Photos (Dolphins, Ducklings, Koalas, Pandas)
- 22 NCNS Individual & Class Photos (Bunnies, Turtles)
- 24 Halloween Hoopla Family Party - 6-7:30pm @ School

November

- 9 NCNS Open House - 10-11am @ School
- 21 No School - Fall Conferences (Koalas, Pandas)
- 22 No School - Fall Conferences (Bunnies, Ducklings, Dolphins, Turtles)
- 27-29 No School - Thanksgiving Break



September Birthdays

Raegan O'Malley

Lucas Kray

Annie O'Brien

Sai Filippello



It's a Boy!

Big brother, Ben, and big sister, Coraline Ware, welcomed a new baby brother, Finley.

Congratulations, Ware Family!



Big sister, Charlotte Pike, welcomed a new baby brother, Charlie.

Congratulations, Pike Family!



Big brother, Leo LaPlante, welcomed a new baby brother, Louie.

Congratulations, LaPlante Family!

Save the Date for
Halloween
Hoopla



A not-so-scary evening, enhanced
with all new tricks and treats!

Kids' Costume Parade
and a performance by
Miss Jamie on the Farm!



Thursday October 24th
6 – 7:30 pm
Westminster Hall at NCNS

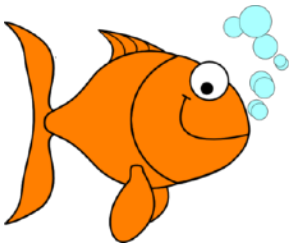
Save the Date!

Wednesday, October 9, 9:00am-1:00pm
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 table. Bring along friends and family as we enjoy Northbrook's last Farmers Market of the season!



Thank you!



Thank you to all of the NCNS families and friends who volunteered at and supported the Goldfish Booth at this summer's Northbrook Days!

Car Magnet Contest

Who LOVES coffee???
Who LOVES a good contest???
NCNS does!!!

Show your family's NCNS pride by displaying your car 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 Nemoy for a magnet.



#NCNSFirstDay Photo Contest

Let's see those adorable, smiling faces! Tag your photos with #NCNSFirstDay on Facebook and/or Instagram between 9/3-9/5 - and all families that use the hashtag will be entered into a blind drawing for a free NCNS child's t-shirt!



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!

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Wild, Wild West



Saturday, March 7, 2020

Evening cocktails and appetizers at Jolane's in Glenview

Calling all parents! Grab your finest flannel and cowboy hats and join us for an evening filled with dancing, live and silent auctions, and much more!

Join the Gala Committee!

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Wild, Wild West



The Gala Committee will help with key projects, solicitation calls, decorations, and will meet four times prior to the event. Plus, you will meet lots of new friends in the process!

Email Andrea Hogan at AndreaNicoleHogan@gmail.com if you would like to join the committee or have questions.



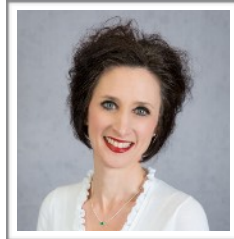
The Heart of NCNS



Gail Nemoy
Director



Arlene Bretts
Dolphins



Jennifer Brunzell
Pandas, Bunnies &
Ducklings



Julie Chandler
Pandas



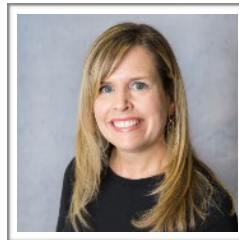
Julie Crowe
Koalas



Mary Ann Diaz
Bunnies & Ducklings



Lynn Leviton
Turtles & Koalas



Beth Lome
Parent/Tot & Turtles



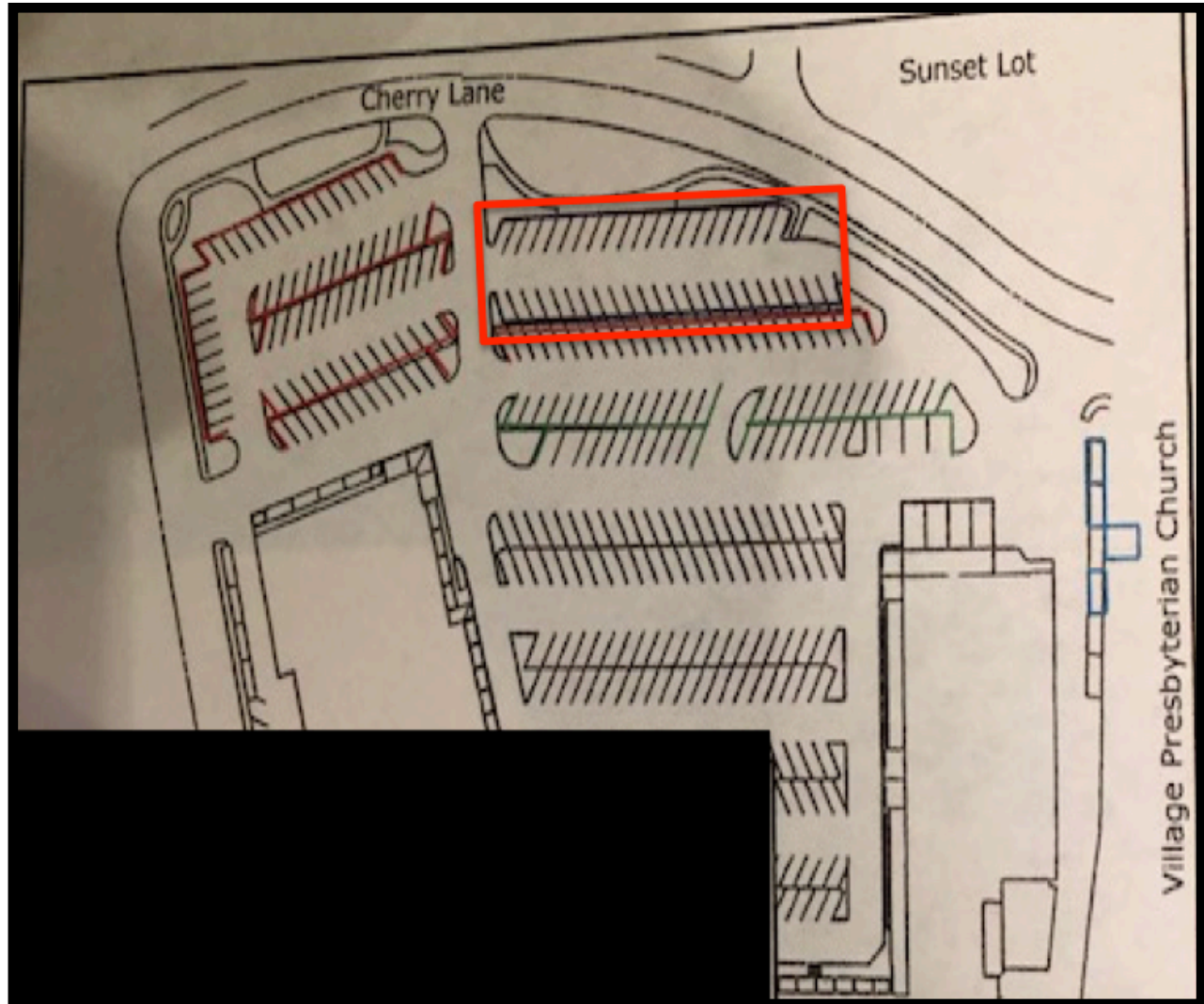
Jodi Oldani
Dolphins

NCNS warmly welcomes new Dolphins' teachers, Arlene Bretts and Jodi Oldani. We are so excited to have you on board!

2019-2020 Board of Directors

Gail Nemoy	Director
Betsy Kivetz	President
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Andrea Hogan	Fundraising
Katherine Crowe	Classroom Coordinator

NCNS Designated Parking at Meadow Shopping Plaza



As tenants of The Village Green Presbyterian Church, we have been designated a specific parking area to be used exclusively for NCNS pickup, drop-off, and school events (Monday-Friday). Please use **ONLY** the designated parking area — as highlighted red in the above map (1st rows in from Cherry Street) — for any and all NCNS related events to avoid parking overspill and disruption to local business.

Thank you, we appreciate your cooperation!

