Dear CPS Families,

It won't be long before we see the tiny buds on the trees, the curly bumps of colorful crocuses peeking through the ground, and the sound of birds chirping as signs of spring surround us!

The first promising sign of Spring is Summer Registration which is just beginning! Fall registration will begin after Summer schedules and registration are complete. If you have any questions, please stop by the office.

Don’t miss the fun this year at 36th Annual Children’s Fair at SUNY Broome Community College! It is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016!

Remember to SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR the weekend of March 13th for Daylight Savings Time! And if I’m not mistaken, St. Patrick’s Day is a sure sign of SPRING with all that GREEN!

Smile...Spring officially starts March 20th but hopefully we see signs before that!

All the best,
Tonya Rivera
SPARROWS

Well, we did not enjoy much snow this Winter but we do enjoy being outside. (We still need that extra clothing).

March is going to be busy. We will be learning about the color green and shamrocks, beginning to bring Spring into our room and watching for those chipmunks to return. Everyone is very active, honing those body movement skills— a lot of jumping off things.

We are sad that we had to say goodbye to Isabelle, but we are excited that Amelia and Claire are with us everyday.

Think Spring!

Kelly, Louise, & Christina

CHICKADEES

In March we will be experimenting with the color green, watching for signs of Spring and of course celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We will continue to need all our winter clothing for outdoor play. The playground tends to stay very muddy for a while, so snow pants and boots are very helpful for keeping our clothes and everyday shoes clean. Please remember to have regular shoes for indoor play because boots are very clumsy for climbing and running indoors.

We will be celebrating two special birthdays in March, Lilianna on March 7th and Maxwell on March 27th. They will both be turning 3 years old. Happy Birthday to them!

Finally, more of the children are beginning to use the potty, so just as a helpful hint, remember to dress them in clothes that are easy for them to pull up and down. It makes them less frustrated and helps them become more independent in achieving this skill.

Chris, Jamie, & Faith

SWANS

In February, we welcomed a new girl to our class, Valeria. We are excited to get to know her and her family.

On the days warm enough to be on the playground, we have been going outside. As a reminder, please continue to bring in snow pants, mittens, hats and boots. Who knows what March weather will be like?

During the month of March we will be exploring the topics of Dr. Seuss, wind, green, St. Patrick’s Day, and a couple Spring holidays to end the month. On March 2nd, we will be dressing wacky for Wacky Wednesday. Be creative! On March 17th be sure to dress your child in green! We look forward to all the exciting things March has in store.

Sarah, Michelle, & Janet

DOVES

Spring is almost here and we are getting excited! We have so many wonderful things planned.

The Doves would like to thank Miss Sara for all her help to make our Valentine’s party so much fun.

The Doves would like to welcome our new friend, Haolin to our class. He is making new friends and getting used to our routine.

Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss! We will be celebrating his birthday the first week of March. We will be making crazy art and reading some funny stories. On Wednesday we will be celebrating Wacky Wednesday.

As always please make sure you are checking your child’s mailbox and art cubby daily. Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes in their cubby.

Nicole & Tammy
**HUMMINGBIRDS**

In March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday by doing a week of Dr. Seuss activities and stories. Check out the bulletin board in the front entrance. Your children did a wonderful job. We will be talking about how March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb and starting our dinosaur unit so “watch out” when you enter the Hummingbird room.

Happy Birthday to Rory and Haeun, they will turning 4 this month.

Gabe, Michele, & Renee

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**PUFFINS**

The Puffins would like to thank Arielle’s mom Shunwen and Lindsey’s mom Danya for sharing with us their traditions of the Chinese New Year. The children truly enjoyed experiencing the legends, lunar calendar, zodiac animals, and special gifts you showed for good luck in the new year.

March is a fun month for exploring colors, chasing rainbows, and graphing the weather. Will March be like a lion or a lamb? We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday on the 2nd, St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th, and the first day of Spring on the 20th.

Please continue bringing boots for the children's outdoor play. The playground does get muddy this time of year! Hats and gloves are still needed too!

Happy Spring!

Claire, Tara, & Sarah

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**FLAMINGOS**

Wow February was a busy month with many special days. The special days we learned about were Groundhog day, Valentine’s Day, Chinese New Year, President’s Day, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and finished our weather unit. We celebrated Valentine’s Day by reading books about caring, sharing and love. Thank you to all the parents for helping out with the Valentine party. The children had a blast.

This month our curriculum is “In the city, in the country”. We will be discussing the differences and similarities between the two. We will have a week celebrating Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, as well as creating Spring crafts. We will create a beautiful Van Gogh style masterpiece. As you can see, March is filled with many fun activities!

They have come a long way since September. Keep up the good work friends.

Miranda & Phyllis

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**PEACOCKS**

Happy March! The groundhog said Spring is on it’s way, and we are hopeful he was right!

Our classroom has been full of happy news lately with Miss Stacy’s pregnancy and Miss Carolyn’s engagement! I’m sure you’ll notice, as we have, that your child’s play themes have shifted to “I’m getting married” and “I’m having a baby”. As they have questions about these topics we will be referring them to you so you can answer them in whatever way you wish.

Our themes for March are Dr. Seuss, transportation, and construction.

The Peacocks would like to welcome our new friend, Kijin to our class. We are happy he has joined us! We would also like to thank the Stingu family for the generous donations of school supplies to our classroom!

Happy Birthday to Sophia Mahler on 3/23.

Stacy & Carolyn
REMINDER
Pick up times for:

Half Day Care:  12:50 pm
Full Day Care:  5:20 pm

Late fees are assessed after 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm
$5.00 within 5 minutes
$1.00/minute thereafter

BAEYC
36th Annual Children’s Fair
Will be scheduled for
Saturday, April 2
10AM—2PM

Staff Birthdays
Emily 12
Patty 17

Shamrock Shake Recipe
Ingredients:
2 cups vanilla ice cream  (or non-dairy alt.)
1 1/4 cups 2% milk (Or non-dairy alt.)
1/4 teaspoon mint extract
8 drops green food coloring

Directions:
1. Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend on high speed until smooth.
2. Stop blender to stir with a spoon if necessary to help blend ice cream.
3. Pour into 12-ounce cups and serve each with a straw.

Happy St Patrick's Day!

10 Tips for being a healthy role model!
1. Show by example- let your child see that you munch on raw veggies.
2. Go food shopping together- teach your child about food and nutrition, discuss where foods come from and make healthy choices.
3. Get creative in the kitchen- cut food into shapes, name the food made.
4. Offer the same foods to everyone- stop being a “short order cook!”
5. Reward with attention, not food- show love with hugs and kisses.
6. Focus on each other at the table- turn off the gadgets, talk about fun and happy things at mealtime- a stress-free time.
7. Listen to your child- if they are hungry and its not scheduled mealtime, offer small healthy choices that you determine.
8. Limit screen time- Allow no more than 2 hours of any screen time per day, TV and or computer. Move during commercials.
9. Encourage physical activity- Fun for the whole family, involve children in the planning. Set an example by being physically active and using safety gear.
10. Be a good role model- Try new foods, describe how it tastes and smells. Avoid lec-

Happy Birthday
Dr. Seuss!
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