June 2018

CPS & ECC Gazette

Director’s Corner

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the 2018 Graduates and children of Binghamton University! I have always admired how families (particularly the students) balance college, work and being a parent(s) actively involved in their children’s lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We would love to see you all again whenever you can!

Here are a few fun learning activities for the summer:
Count the seeds while you eat watermelon • Count the stairs as you walk up and down • Read stories outside under a tree • Go to the library story hour • Have a play date and invite one of your child’s friends over to play • Make play dough with your child • Sing familiar songs in the car • Do cooking activities together (cookies, pizza) • Hidden Letters—Build observation skills by asking your child to look for letters of the alphabet on boxes, cans of food and household supplies • Disappearing Letters—Promote creativity and build muscle control with a pail of water and a brush • On a warm day, take your child outside to the sidewalk and encourage them to write the alphabet or letters of their name.

Most of all...HAVE FUN together!

Have a wonderful summer and thanks for sharing your children with us!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director

Thank you to Miss Kristina for compiling the end of year DVD’s!
SPARROWS

We are loving the warm weather. Great job on the sturdy footwear with toes covered and straps on heels. We will be doing water play, so please bring in swim wear and water shoes. We will be visiting the frog pond and having a picnic. At the end of June we will say goodbye to Zaki, Cloud, and Ms. Louise for the summer. We will welcome Roshini as a new friend in July.

We had a wonderful school year and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching each child grow into interesting little people.

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise, & Ms. Rebecca

CHICKADEES

The Chickadees teachers want to thank all of our wonderful families for a very successful teacher appreciation week, especially for the very thoughtful gift cards to the Spa at Traditions. You may not recognize us when we are done using it! Thanks again for your generosity!

In June we will begin our summer themes and of course working on special gifts for Father's Day.

We have been spending a lot of time outdoors, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Sun hats and good sturdy shoes are important! If your child chooses to wear sandals to school, please be sure they have closed front and backs. We take a lot of walks and sturdy shoes are much more comfortable.

At the end of May we said good-bye to Max, who is moving to North Carolina with his family, and to Razau who will be staying home with her family.

Finally, we would like to wish Tomja a Happy Birthday on June 16th. She will be turning 5. Happy Birthday to you!

Ms. Chris, Ms. Emily, & Ms. Kaitlyn

SWANS

Here we are nearing the end of another school year with summer just around the corner! At the end of May we said farewell to Ipek and at the end of June we will be saying our goodbyes to Yi, Adrian, and Ms. Michelle. We wish them all the best and we will certainly miss them this summer!

Throughout the month of June we will be covering farm, things that go, the 5 senses, and finishing with red, white and blue. We will continue to get outside as much as possible. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear for the playground.

We look forward to the coming month and all that’s in store!

Ms. Sarah, Ms. Michelle, & Ms. Keeshia

DOVES

Hello Dove families!

We hope you enjoyed your May and are ready to jump into June!

We had a wonderful time learning about flowers and plants, as well as turtles and frogs. Two of our favorite themes were rainforests and Hawaii. We had our trip to the greenhouse during rainforest week and a hula dancer came in during Hawaii week. The kids really enjoyed these activities.

We are headed right into June with learning about birds. We will be learning about the different body parts birds have and where they live.

Next, we will be moving into learning about nocturnal animals. There are so many to talk about and many adorable games and projects.

Following nocturnal animals will be superheroes. We have many stories to choose from. We are interested to learn what qualities the children see in superheroes and in themselves.

Beach and summertime will be next. Everyone will love the fun and fresh summertime activities we have planned!

To wrap up June we will learn about the Fourth of July. We will be learning about a famous person from folklore that week as well. We will celebrate Paul Bunyan Day!

We said good-bye to Ms. Christina for the month of June! She will be away visiting family and will be back for Summer Session! Ms. Patty and Ms. Heather will be here helping us while she is away.

We hope you have a wonderful month!

Ms. Sara, Ms. Tammy, & Ms. Christina
**HUMMINGBIRDS**

Wow! We can't believe it's the end of the year already. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children. It is so exciting to see how much they have grown and matured throughout the year. We would like to thank all of you for your help and support throughout the year. Working together benefits all of the children.

Thank you to all who have donated books for our classroom! We love them and we are very grateful!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we wish you the best to all of you in your future adventures!

In June we will be doing some planting and end of the year projects.

We would like to wish Alison a Happy Birthday in July!

Have a great summer!

Ms. Gabe, Ms. Michele, & Ms. Janet

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**PUFFINS**

The end of the school year is fast approaching! Can you believe it? The time we have spent getting to know you and your children has been great fun. It is amazing how much they have grown and matured throughout the year.

We would like to thank all of you for your help and support through the year. Your input has helped us to be more successful working with the children. We wish you a safe and wonderful summer.

The Puffins will be preparing for Father’s Day, June 17th.

Happy 4th Birthday to Austin (20th).

Happy summer!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Lynda & Ms. Vicky

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**FLAMINGOS**

Our year has been full of fun, laughter and hard work. Together we made new friends and experienced the love of learning through new experiences, thematic units, hands on activities, socialization, and loving and caring for one another.

The closing of one door end the opening of another...

We want to thank each child for all the warmth, memories and the learning that we have shared this school year.

To our students, we say, “Thank You” for when we teach, we also learn. This past year we have grown together. A little bit of each of you will always be with us. Always strive to be the BEST that you can be. Ms. Phyllis and I are so very proud of all of you!

To the parents, we say, “Thank You”, for allowing us to be your child’s teachers. We appreciate your help and guidance this year. We couldn’t have done it without you.

It has been a wonderful, rewarding year for us. We will love your child always. Good Luck in Kindergarten Flamingos!

Happy Birthday to Darren (4th), Thomas (7/9th), Katherine (7/15th), Jooy (8/5th) and Julia (8/9th)!

Love,

Ms. Miranda & Ms. Phyllis

Important Event: Graduation ceremony is Friday, June 15th. There will be a letter in your mailbox with further information.

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**PEACOCKS**

May was a fun and busy month. We celebrated Mothers, planted vegetables in our garden, learned about insects, and practiced acts of kindness. Students worked hard on their readiness skills and we discuss the transition into Kindergarten. It was a pleasure to meet with all of you during family/teacher conferences and share the progress that your children have made during the school year. We feel confident that they will be prepared for the challenges of Kindergarten.

In June, our themes are fathers and the beach. We have a fun week planned of student activities. We are all looking forward to our Graduation day which is scheduled for Friday, June 15th at 3pm in our gym.

This has been a wonderful class and we have truly enjoyed working with your children.

We hope you all have a great summer!

Happy Birthday to Beatrix (12th)!

Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn
STUDENTS
For students applying for Block Grant Funding for Fall 2018, please let us know what your Summer address will be so we can contact you when the new applications are available. Changes in funding and eligibility requirements have yet to be announced.

CPS will be CLOSED
July 2nd-6th In observance of July 4th

Summer Session will be July 9th through August 10th.
Spring Tuition must be paid in full before your child can start Summer Session

PREPARE FOR THE OUTDOORS:
As we begin to take full advantage of the outdoors, we suggest as a courtesy that you take time to prepare for what you might encounter during your outings.

1. Sunshine hat, sunscreen & drinking water
2. Mosquitoes & gnats bug spray When your family’s and pet’s activities commonly include playing, walking and hiking in brushy, wooded areas, or tall grassy fields, ticks can be a factor.
3. Ticks you may want to conduct daily tick checks (they look like freckles). Remember to keep an eye on your pets too!

Thank you for making our Teacher Appreciation Week so special! We enjoyed being pampered throughout the week!
Thank you to all who contributed in making our week special, especially our parents who share their children with us every day.
From: C.P.S. TEACHERS

Here are some Summer snack ideas.... frozen yogurt/juice pops, seasonal fruits, berries, melons, and veggies.

Reminder
The last day of the Spring Semester for the 10 month calendar is June 29th, 2018.
If your child will not be joining us for the Summer Session the Fall Holding Fee of $150 if due by Friday, June 22nd.

Shelter in Place Drill
Shelter in Place Drill will be held on Tuesday, June 19th beginning at 10:30 am. The drill will last for 20 mins. During this time, no one will be allowed to enter/leave the building. Door codes will not work during the drill. If you are in the building during this time, you will have to remain in the building until the drill is over. Please plan drop off accordingly.