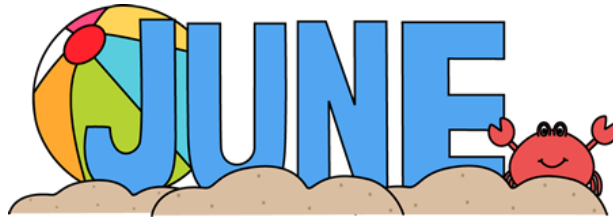


# Kennedy Longfellow Preschool Newsletter



It is hard to believe that this will be our last newsletter this academic school year. In June and July we will say goodbye to Mary-Kate, Baylen, Ian, Elina, and Mason as they head off for family vacations and summer camps and then Kindergarten. In August, we will say good-bye to Apple and Jakob as they will move on to Kindergarten. We will miss Brandon, Carolyn, and Mark while they take the summer off and spend time with their families. We are excited to have many new children joining us for our fun-filled summer programming! *Stay tuned for fun details about all our summer plans!*

This school year has been a wonderful experience for us, and we have truly enjoyed the time we spent teaching your child/children. We thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of them.

The children have all made so much progress in terms of their physical, social, emotional and cognitive development since September. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our families and send you our best wishes. Thank you for sharing the joys of your child's growth process with us!

**To celebrate our wonderful Class of 2015, we are excited to announce our Preschool Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in the activity room!**

## Please Mark Your Calendars for these Important Dates:

### June

2<sup>nd</sup>: Spy Pond Field Trip

4<sup>th</sup>: **Family Day- come during pickup for a fun family activity!**

9<sup>th</sup>: Franklin Park Zoo Field Trip

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: **3<sup>rd</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences**

23<sup>rd</sup>: Castle Island Field Trip

24<sup>th</sup>: **Class of 2015 Preschool Graduation 4:00-5:30**

### July

3<sup>rd</sup>: No School, closed in observance of Independence Day

### August 31<sup>st</sup>- September 4<sup>th</sup> (Tentative Dates)

School Closed for Teacher Trainings and Orientation

### September

7<sup>th</sup>: Closed for Labor Day

8<sup>th</sup>: Start of the 2015-2016 academic school year

## Star of the Week



Carolyn June 1-5th  
Alivea June 8-12th  
Jakob June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
Malia June 22-26th

## Happy Birthday



Carolyn June 3rd  
Malia June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Alivea June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Finn July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mason August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jane August 30th

### Important Reminders

#### Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to your child EVERY morning. We will have their sunscreen out for you above the cubbies. We reapply before going outside again in the afternoon.

#### Water Bottles

Please bring in a water bottle to **keep at school** each day for playing outside on these hot days. We will wash them and refill them each night.

#### Summer Clothes for Cubby

- Please make sure your child has extra clothing in their cubby that is weather appropriate. For example, t-shirts, shorts, and extra underwear and socks.
- Hats and sunglasses are a great idea for your child.
- Please also make sure your child has **closed toed shoes everyday** that are comfortable for walking, running, and playing outside!

#### Sign in and out

Please remember to sign your children in for the day and then sign out when picking up in the afternoon! Thank you!

### Pick Ups

Most afternoons we will be outside on the field or in the small park for pick-up or in the gym if it is raining. We will have a sign on our front door saying where we are. We will bring your child's items with us for a smoother transition. We ask that when you arrive for pick-up while outside you take responsibility of your child so that the teachers can take care of the children who have not been picked up yet. Thank you for understanding!

### Summer Plans

Please let us know if you are planning a summer vacation so that we can finalize our teachers' schedules for the months of July and August. Thank you!

We want to thank you for our wonderful teacher appreciation week!



We feel so lucky to have such wonderful children and families who support us so much!

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Our third conferences will take place June 15<sup>th</sup>-June 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a signup sheet above the cubbies.

### Family Day



Activity Room during pickup time (anytime between 3-5:00pm)

Come celebrate your unique and wonderful families with us!  
We will have a fun activity that you can do together as a family!

Light refreshments will be served.

**\*\*Please sign up if you are able to make it to ensure we have enough supplies.\*\***

### Fundraiser Funds Update

We decided not to use the funds to have the traveling animal farm visit and instead decided to use the money to enhance our curriculum and environment. We are in the process of searching for educational materials. We will let you know what we decided to purchase for our classroom!

### Family Survey Results Are in!

Thank you to everyone for completing our annual NAEYC Family Survey. Family input is a valuable component in the continued success of our program. We appreciate the time you took to provide us with feedback and your involvement in helping our program to continue on its journey towards excellence. The results were excellent and we're thrilled you are pleased with our teaching staff and program over all. Again, if you have any suggestions, concerns, etc. please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the teachers.

### Class of 2015 Graduation

Mark your calendar now for our annual

### Preschool Graduation Program!

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-530pm in the activity room

Preschool students are all practicing their songs to sing on stage at this event, and each preschool student will be invited on stage to receive a diploma and award. Be sure to invite family and friends to come enjoy the event!



We will be having a **Potluck Dinner** and ask families to bring a favorite dish from their culture, family traditions, etc. Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet!

### Staff Update

We are currently in the process of hiring a lead teacher. Paula decided to stay in her current position as teacher to be able to focus more on her family. We will keep you updated.



## Classroom Wish List

If you are able to or have extras at home and would like to donate, here is a list of current items we need in our classroom:

- Gently used summer clothes (size 4 & 5 shorts, t-shirts, water shoes, bathing suits, socks) for extra clothes bin
- Plastic reusable water bottles
- Wipes
- Tissues
- Glue Sticks
- Scrap Paper

Thank you!



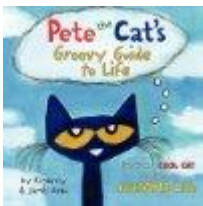
Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Don't forget about ordering books through Scholastic Book Club to earn points for our classroom library! New catalogs were sent home this week. Next order is due June 26th!

Shop Online: [scholastic.com/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.com/readingclub)

Class Code to use to help earn points for the classroom: **NCH7Q**

Teacher Recommendation



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[Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Life](#)

by James Dean , Kimberly Dean

Hardcover Book | Picture Book

Upcoming  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**



### **Family Fun Day!**

*Saturday, July 18, 10:00-1:30, Rindge Field (behind the Peabody School), 70 Rindge Ave.* Children ages 0-8 and their families are invited to join the Center for Families for a fun morning of arts & crafts, moon bounces, face painting, book giveaways, a light lunch, and more! *Rain location is*

*Peabody School Gym. Contact the Center for Families at 617-349-6385 for more information.*

### **River Festival – June 6 , Noon – 6:00 PM**

- A one day free event along Mass. Ave., in the cultural district of Central Square, featuring dance, music, storytelling, specialty food, arts and crafts. Usually held along the Charles River, the venue has been moved this year to Central Sq. Hopefully by next year it will return to the river banks.

### **Hoops ‘N’ Health – Sat., June 20, 10 AM – 8 PM, Rain Date, Sat. June 27**

- Hoyt Field, Gilmore St. & Western Ave., Cambridge
- Health fair from 12 PM – 5 PM
- Sports tournaments, health screenings, music, free books, food, prizes, and more
- For more information, contact Richard Harding, 617-665-3769 or [rharding@challiance.org](mailto:rharding@challiance.org)

**Free Fun Fridays throughout the state June 26-August 28, 2015**

- Every Friday 7 attractions are free to the public and include Tanglewood, the Children’s Museum, Franklin Park Zoo, Hancock Shaker Village, Museum of Fine Arts and others
- Offered by Highland Street Foundation
- <http://www.highlandstreet.org/special-programs/free-fun-fridays.html>

Passes from the library for museums and zoos can be reserved up to a month ahead

- [www.cambridgema.gov/cpl](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl)
- 617-349-4041

**Classroom Pictures**



Apple was our Star!





- **Creating Bug books**
- **Watching our butterflies fly away!**
- **Bug creations with playdough**



Tessa was  
our Star!



Nature  
Collection  
&  
Recycled  
Bugs



- Outside fun
- Swan boats field trip








**Memorial Day Fun**  
We learned the song "You're a Grand Old Flag" and made American Flags!





**Elina was our  
Star!**



  
**JUNE**