**Family Spotlight: Four 4 Four**

My husband John and I were first introduced to the Children’s School in 2005 when our oldest son, Jack, entered the Morning 3’s Program. Because Jack was our first child, we choose not to enroll him in the extended day program, fearing that it might be too much for him. We learned very quickly that it was mom and dad (actually, mom) that had the biggest separation issues and quickly rectified our mistake the following year when Jack enrolled in the Extended 4’s Program. Jack loved making new friends and exploring new territories, and John and I fell in love with how the School’s intellectually challenging environment is wrapped in warm and nurturing arms.

No surprise that our next son, Luke, couldn’t wait to enter the Extended 3’s and, subsequently, the Extended 4’s Programs. Jack continued on to “big-boy” Kindergarten. Next came Mark, who joined the Extended 4’s Program in 2010 and finally our fourth son, Clark, joined the Extended 3’s Program just this year while Mark is thoroughly enjoying himself in Kindergarten.

The thing that amazes me the most about having four boys is how different they all are. Jack is our quiet thinker. He enjoys reading, chess, golf and playing the cello. Luke is our energetic artist. Luke loves to draw with oil pastels, play the violin and lacrosse and to run! Mark is an inquisitive and joyful soul. Everyday is “awesome” and anything that has to do with nature and science is right up his alley. He was even nicknamed “Nature Mark” by his Children’s School friends last year. Lastly, Clark is our fourth blessing who is interested in whatever his three older brothers are doing!

Henne Jewelers in Shadyside is where you will find John six days a week. A former CPA, John is the fourth generation of Henne to carry on the family business. John especially enjoys his commute to work from our Fox Chapel home during the school year when he starts his day by taking the boys to school.

Lastly, I worked for a number of years as an attorney for Reed Smith LP before taking a “mommy sabbatical.” Little did I know how challenging my days would become. Even on the most difficult days, I would make the same decision over and over. All it takes is a big smile and sloppy kiss to remind me.

We are so thrilled to be a part of the Children’s School family. Walking through the School’s doors brings a feeling of homecoming for me that I’m sure will last long after Clark graduates from Kindergarten in 2014. See you in the car line!

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