Welcome to Anne O’Neill, morning older 3’s teacher, and Lin Zhu, educational intern.

Welcome to two student teachers, both Pitt Seniors training in early childhood and special education (Lindsay Wilson in the Green Room, Madeline Bondi in the Kindergarten).

Whole School Theatre Unit
Inquiry Learning / Make Shop / Outdoor Classroom (e.g., Mud Kitchen)
NAEYC Accreditation Renewal
Pittsburgh Alliance of University Schools (PAUS)

~60 Responses – all overwhelmingly positive, so parents want continued excellence, especially with more use of the Make Shop, outdoor opportunities, campus connections, etc.

Some Immediate Improvements
- Clarity re: Administrative Roles & Access Options
- Diversity of Healthy Snacks

One request we cannot honor – for confidentiality reasons - is for individual results of research experiments. We only get group data, and usually only after the experiment is run at multiple sites.

Emails will come from cmuchsch@andrew.cmu.edu

Plan now to participate in Parent/Teacher Conferences and Family Events – Open House, Family Festival, and Celebration Picnic (see whole school calendar for dates and times / interactive calendar on the web site).

Attend an Open Question & Answer Session.
- Thursday, September 29 at 8:30am or 12:30pm
- Wednesday, February 15 at 8:30am or 12:30pm

Join a Staff / Parent Discussion.
- Wednesday, November 2 at 4:30pm re: School Choice
- Friday, November 4 at 9:30am re: School Choice
- Friday, February 3 at 9:30am re: Whole School Theatre Unit

Share a talent (especially related to a theme).
Volunteer your time and / or join a committee.

FSO Co-Chairs Sara Toretti & Jay Miller

Join the committee to help plan Adult Only Events and Whole Family Events.
Fitness Center Memberships

- Limited number of memberships are being sold for the new CMU fitness center
- Pool, racquetball, squash, tennis, badminton, volleyball, basketball, locker rooms, etc.
- Contact Sara Gauntner (sarap@andrew.cmu.edu)

New Research Technique

- Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS)
  - Lights and detectors are worn under a neoprene cap
  - Light emitted is comparable to the light we get on a sunny walk (without the risk of sunburn!)
  - The amount of light that is reflected back differs depending on how much oxygen is in the blood
  - Higher levels of oxygen are indicative of brain activity, therefore the light that’s reflected can tell us what brain areas are active during different thinking games
  - Can be worn comfortably and allows children to move around freely
  - Games vary from board games, those presented on a computer screen, and free play form

Important Reminders

- Attention
  - Family Handbook & Class Information
  - Forms (esp. Health Assessment & Allergy Forms)
  - NIRS Permission Form
- Timeliness
  - Be on time for greeting so children don’t feel left out of classroom community.
  - Be on time for dismissal so children don’t feel left behind when others go home.
- Questions??
  - Call Ms. Drash & she’ll direct you.
  - See Mrs. Rosenblum re: phasing-in and health assessment questions.

Security Code

- ADULTS ONLY!!
- Code Clue ...
- Press each number clearly and firmly, then *
- Ignore colored lights.
- You have only 30 seconds to enter / exit and then close the door.
- Do not let an unaccompanied child exit with you.

Children’s School Family

- Feel free to ask questions, raise concerns, or share your ideas.
- Together we can create and support an exceptional learning opportunity for everyone!