

“Stories of Home” Creates a School – Home Connection

Submitted by Melissa Dirr, parent

Thank you so much for the exposure to the Stories of Home Art exhibit with the preschool classes. Our son turned into an art critic and artist after his visit to view the art pieces. His most memorable was the blue dog and was very interested if I had an opinion about the other pieces on display. Because I did not attend the exhibit I could only comment on his descriptions of the different items he remembered.

We continue to talk about the sculpture and art objects on display as well as view



the many art pieces around town. We added to our art and craft box (at home) with three-dimensional objects to create our own sculptures. As I write this he is walking around with a pipe cleaner “bird” wrapped around his finger like a ring.

Some of our favorite items added to our art box were various plastic eyeballs from the craft store. Our little artist can create many things that resemble the images and shapes he saw at the exhibit with glitter glue, pipe cleaners, plastic eyeballs and newspaper cut into strips with his zig-zag scissors.

His out-of-classroom exposure sparked in him not only the interest to view things differently, but the responsibility to absorb that information outside of the classroom setting. He is currently highly energetic about three-dimensional objects to add to his “colors” like pine cones, sticks, small rocks, and leaves. We can spend the



good part of an afternoon walking to the park to collect things on a scavenger hunt and then bringing them home to create sculptures.

We are so happy the Dimensions program and the Stories of Home exhibit have had such a great impact. We really love to hear about the new “blue dogs” that he discovers every time he visits his preschool room.

Family Night, a night full of good food, great fun and baskets!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Family Night a fun-filled evening...from the delicious desserts families brought...to the great activities...and to the many baskets that found a new home!

Preschool children were asked what their families meant to them. Their quotes were displayed on the tables during the spaghetti feed.

Cassandra Brown *“I love them. They cook me macaroni and cheese.”*



Jagger Amend *“They put me to bed. They tuck me in and read me a book.”*

Katryna Morton *“I love my grandma, we make chicken noodle soup.”*

Atticus Woodhead *“My mom is really my friend.”*



Anika James *“They kiss me goodnight.”*

Maisie Morrow *“I love my family. We eat macaroni and cheese. We play sleep. We play tag.”*

Parents, thanks for all the great donations you have been bringing in. Unfortunately we don't have storage space for larger items like pop bottles, large juice bottles, large boxes, and large plastic containers. What we really could use are more orf are tubes, small boxes, fabric scraps, straws, etc. Thank You!

Donation Requests:

Kindergarten

- ⊙ Ziplock Baggies, (in all sizes)
- ⊙ Pipe Cleaners
- ⊙ Band-aids
- ⊙ Craft Sticks
- ⊙ Masking Tape
- ⊙ Cotton Balls

Infant & Toddler

- ⊙ Ziplock Baggies (in all sizes)
- ⊙ Kleenex
- ⊙ Band-aids
- ⊙ Masking Tape
- ⊙ Stickers

Staff Birthdays:

Cindy HeinzmanMarch 2
 Heather Guess.....March 12
 Joy Ritchie.....March 12
 Michelle ZimmerMarch 23

Family Night Thanks To:

ADM/Gooch FoodsSpaghetti
 Lincoln PoultryPaper Products & Salad
 IdealSpaghetti Sauce
 Macaroni GrillBread & Cheese
 Burger King.....Beverages
 SAM'SGift Cards
 Wal-Mart.....Gift Cards

To learn more, visit...

dimensionsfoundation.org/products
 to find a variety of products available "to inspire children, families and educators to connect more deeply with the world around them." Two new products are the "Hearts" Nature Image Poster™ and the "Learning With Nature Idea Book."

Thoughts and Dates for Parents

Mark Your Calendars for March 30

Dimensions Early Education Programs and Lincoln Action Program are pleased to present "Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz," an interactive jazz concert featuring Hayes Greenfield and his ensemble live from New York City. Come early; be a part of all the activities like the Heartland Choo-Choo Train! If your family would like to help with this great opportunity as a concert supporter please contact the office. (For more information see the attached concert flyer.)

Parent-Teacher Conferences are Coming on March 21 and 22

Have you signed up for a conference with your child's teacher? We love having the chance to fill you in on all the wonderful learning your child is experiencing, and we love hearing more about your child's experiences at home.

Safety First

Please be aware of the dangers of leaving children and valuables in vehicles when picking up and dropping off children. Leaving children alone is against the law, and it only takes a second for disaster to strike.

Cubbie Reminders...

Check your child/ren's cubbie each day. There is often important information as well as very special creations by your child/ren! Make sure anyone picking up your child/ren is aware of this, too.

Request

We are looking for a parent willing to donate services to help build some shelves in the Preschool Office basement. Please contact Tina Reeble, 476-8304, for more information or to express interest.

Registration Reminders...

Registration forms for the '07-'08 school year were put in children's cubbies February 15 and 16. Have you turned yours in yet?

Registration for our Summer Programs will go out in cubbies on March 20 and 21. These are the dates and themes:

About the Artist... June 11-15
 From the Greenhouse to the Garden... June 18-22
 Art Adventures... June 25-29
 Let's Celebrate!... (closed July 4th) July 2-6
 Imagine That!... July 9-13
 Dream It, Construct It, Create It!... July 16-20
 Nature Explore... July 23-27
 Games Galore... August 6-10

Mark Your Calendars... Upcoming Events & Important Dates!

March 12-13

No School (Spring Break)

Friday, March 30

Community-Wide Family Event featuring Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz with Hayes Greenfield and his ensemble LIVE from New York City (note date change)

NOTE... We will NOT follow Lincoln Public School's Calendar, but most vacation days and ALL EMERGENCY weather closings of LPS announced on the radio will be observed by our program.

If LPS is not in session we will follow the Catholic School weather closing announcements.