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April 26, 2013

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## *Calendar*

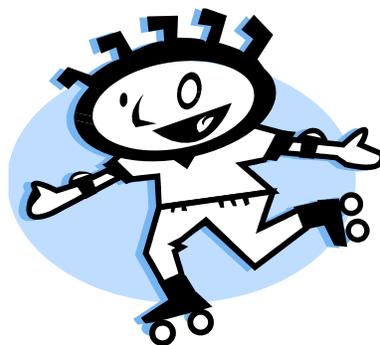
- Apr. 27 ~~“Freedom within Limits: A Discussion and Workshop with Primary Teacher Donyan Shadions”, 1p.m. – 3 p.m., RSVP~~  
Cancelled due to low enrollment
- Apr. 29 Snack Week for Joonho Park, Andrea Martinez & Niccolo Barseghyan
- Apr. 29 No Dryden & Trumansburg Buses
- Apr. 29 Art Show 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (see details inside!)
- May 1 Play Announcement
- May 2 **2013 Spring Concert**  
Featuring: Beginning Band, Junior Band, Big Band,  
Chamber Players, Concert Band, and Percussion Ensemble.  
Hangar Theatre, Ithaca 7:00 p.m.
- May 3 Dawn & Katri’s Class Field Trip  
to Cornell Plantations 12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- May 6 Upper Level Boston Trip Chaperone Meeting, Annex, 7 p.m.
- May 6 – 10 Disabilities Awareness Week
- May 6 - 10 Upper Level Test Preparation Days
- May 7 – 10 Junior Level Test Preparation Days
- May 8 Play Auditions 3:30 Mini-Gym
- May 8 No Afternoon Dryden Bus
- May 8 Board Meeting 4:15 p.m.
- May 10 Elizabeth Ann Clune Day
- May 10 – 11 NYSSMA Festival for Upper Level and Middle School Students
- May 13- 16 Upper Level Testing
- May 13 - 16 Junior Level Test Preparation Days
- May 13 – 17 Middle School Marine Ecology Trip to New Hampshire Coast
- May 20 – 23 Upper Level Trip to Boston
- May 20 - 23 Junior Level Testing
- May 22 Scott and Deb’s Class Field Trip  
to Cornell Plantations 12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- May 22-23 Middle School Second Year Students Mentorships
- May 23 Coffee Shop 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in Mini-Gym
- May 24 & 27 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Recess**
- May 29 Ithaca Festival Parade (details to follow)
- May 30 Upper Level Research Fair 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- May 31 EAC Montessori Big Band performance  
Ithaca Festival, noon, (details to follow)

## *PE News from Gary*

April is moving along at a swift pace, as are our students, as they prepare for their May mile runs. Every week, each class runs an additional lap (1/8 mile) to condition for the repeat of their autumn running experience. Running is a fun and easy way to stay healthy and the kids love it. Spring is a great time to be outdoors and enjoy cardiovascular movement together. The classes have also been playing group tag games and basketball related activities. Whenever weather permits, all classes are held outdoors. Please help your children remember to bring an outdoor pair of sneakers they can leave at school in order to be able to participate.

“Streets Alive!”, a fun filled movement experience is coming soon to downtown Ithaca! The event will be held Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> between 1-4 pm at the corner of Cayuga St. & Court St. For three hours, a region of the downtown area will be closed to cars and *only* open to people. The main focus will be making space to ride a bike, take a stroll or a roll (roller blade) and move without the restriction of cars. “Streets Alive!” is an event held throughout the world and it is just getting started here in Ithaca. So come on down and experience the fun of a street that is safe to roll and stroll on!

For more information: [www.streetsaliveithaca.com/](http://www.streetsaliveithaca.com/)



Announcing  
2013 School Art Show  
Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 to 7:30

**Parents, Please Note:**

*As there will be art exhibits in Primary and Junior Level classrooms this year, it is especially important to supervise your children as they view the Art Show. Please remind your children that classroom materials may not be touched and running in the school building is never allowed. Thank you.*

Suggested Attendance Times:

5:30 to 6:30 –Primary and Extended Day

6:00 to 7:00 –Junior Level and Upper Level

6:30 to 7:30 – Upper Level and Middle School

Volunteers are still needed for hanging the show, set up and clean up.  
If you can help, please contact Maya Donenfeld at [mayaluna@yahoo.com](mailto:mayaluna@yahoo.com)

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**GOT PHOTOS?**



**We need your photos!**

This year's EACMSI 2012-2013 yearbook staff is looking for photos from the EAC community -- If you have photos from 2012-2013 school events, field trips, special classroom projects throughout the school year, please e-mail and let me know -- I will send you a link to upload your photo(s) for possible use in the yearbook!

Send an e-mail to: [vmclafferty@palisade.com](mailto:vmclafferty@palisade.com) with “**YEARBOOK**” in the subject line – thank you!

## Full Day Primary Second Annual May Day Celebration

On Wednesday May 1, children in Leah, Meridith, Virginia and Donyan's afternoon classes will celebrate the coming of warmer days by caroling around the school. We ask that children in our afternoon classes dress in yellow and/or green on May Day. Thank you!

### The Flower Carol

(From the "Rise Up Singing" songbook, sung to the tune of "Good King Wenceslas")

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers  
Day is fast reviving  
Life and all her growing powers  
Toward the light is striving.  
Gone the iron touch of cold  
Winter time and frost time  
Seedlings breaking through the mold  
Now make up for lost time.



# The Spring Art Show is almost here!

## Monday, April 29th

### Your help needed!

The annual EACMSI Spring Art Show is a festive and popular event that provides a wonderful opportunity to gather with new and old friends while viewing amazing artwork.

What a wonderful way for our children to share their artistic accomplishments with the entire EACMSI community! Marjorie and Jeff, our dedicated art teachers, put forth tremendous energy to offer this show each year. It is too big an endeavor to do on their own, and they count on the support of parent volunteers.

How can you help?

"Hang the Show" volunteers are needed to set up and take down the show. Our installation times are: Saturday, April 27th 1-5 p.m., Sunday, April 28th 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Monday, April 29th from early afternoon to 5 p.m. This is a fantastic way to give to our school and have some fun. Spend a few hours under the direction of the Art Staff hanging and displaying art with a bonus of sneak peeks and an opportunity to spend time with other parents. No special skills are needed, just your willingness to lend a hand. We will also need parents to help take down the show on Monday evening. If you are able to contribute even a few hours during one of those times please contact: Maya Donenfeld at [mayaluna@yahoo.com](mailto:mayaluna@yahoo.com) or 220-3925.

THANK YOU we can't do this without you!



## *The EAC Musical*

It is our practice at EAC to continuously examine and refine our curricula. As our numbers have grown, we have been looking at additional ways for children to participate meaningfully in our musical theater experience. Our original model was created when the school had only a handful of elementary students. Now with 120 students, it is practically impossible to find an appropriate production for so many students to perform. As a result, this year we are going to change the format of the EAC Musical. We will offer the opportunity to audition for the cast of the Musical to Upper Level and 2nd and 3rd year Junior Level students only. First year Junior Level students will participate in "Playmania" with their Junior and Upper Level peers.

We have created "Playmania" as a great way to develop connection to the play and each other through being in mini-courses together. These "playminis" will relate to the chosen musical, thus intensifying students' knowledge of historical events, traditions, games, the lives of the characters, even the food they might have eaten. This year our first week of mini-courses will provide ways to get everyone (children and staff) involved in topics related to this year's play. In the afternoons, our First year Junior Level students and those Tigers who do not audition, will participate in games and activities while the other students are rehearsing, working as stage crew or playing a role in a multi-media production team.

Then with the play in full fever pitch, the second week of mini-courses will offer the traditional year-end "Switching Gears", full of sports, food, music, games and art; maybe even some Science, Latin or Math!

We are excited to announce the play on Wednesday, May 1. Auditions will take place on the following Wednesday, May 8.

## **Attention All Talented & Creative Parents**

# ***WE NEED YOU!!***

At the beginning of June, standard Montessori curriculum comes to an end and we begin two weeks of exciting mini-courses in the mornings and play rehearsals and other activities in the afternoons. It is a wonderful way to bring our year to a close.

This year, Junior and Upper Level students will spend the first mini-course week, starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, engaged in "Playmania". Mornings will involve play related mini-courses led by EAC teachers and staff. Afternoons will have play rehearsal, production activities, or games and other seasonal programming.

The week of June 10<sup>th</sup>, Extended Day, Junior Level and Upper Level students will participate in non-play related mini-courses. **We would like to extend an invitation to all parents (and friends) to join us by offering to teach or co-teach a mini-course this year.** Many offerings will give our students the opportunity for small group classes. Some past courses have included Massage, Rocket Making, French Cooking, Robotics, Still Life Oil Painting – the sky is the limit! Be creative!

**This year parent-led mini-courses will be offered only the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Courses are offered Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. and again from 10:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Extended Day students will participate during the 1<sup>st</sup> session, 9:30 – 10:40 a. m., only. If you would like more information about offering a course, please call the office, or complete the attached descriptions of the mini-course(s) you would like to offer. Please submit these descriptions to the office by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please include which time slot(s) you would prefer!

## MINI COURSE DESCRIPTION FORM

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

Time: Session I 9:30 - 10:40 Enrollment Maximum \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Session II 10:45 - 11:55

If your course requires transporting students off campus, you must arrange for that prior to your commitment to teach.

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please fill out and turn in to the office by Friday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

*Dawn & Katri's Class Field Trip to  
Cornell Plantations*



**Friday, May 3  
12 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

We are going on a field trip to the Cornell Plantations. Students should dress for the weather.

We are using the school vans, but parents are welcome to join us.

# The Birds Are Back!

Join us

**Saturday, May 11, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.**

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Noon

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bird walks

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Nest-  
monitoring  
walks

1:00 P.M.  
2:00 P.M.

[www.birds.cornell.edu/birdday](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/birdday)

Dear Upper Level Families,

The big trip to Boston is coming up!

Our school nurses need you to fill out and return the attached ICSD Field Trip Medical Information Form as soon as possible, **whether or not** your child takes medications.

If your child does take any medications, you will also need to submit a physician's order (also attached).

These forms can be mailed (120 E. King Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850), scanned and emailed ([kseaman@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:kseaman@icsd.k12.ny.us)) or faxed at 607-277-0251.

Please submit these forms by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1** so that we can follow up appropriately.

All medications must be in original containers and given to the nurses or Terry before the trip. If we have medications at school already we will send these with one of the Upper Level teachers.

Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns.

Thanks so much for your help!

Kelly Seaman & Nancy Kaproth, your school nurses

ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**FIELD TRIP MEDICAL INFORMATION**

**IMPORTANT - THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND COMPLETED FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS OUT-OF-TOWN AND/OR OVERNIGHT.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Lives with: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Trip \_\_\_\_\_

*Names of two friends, relatives or neighbors that can be contacted if parents are not available during an emergency.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1) As the child's parent/guardian, I attest that the only major illness, injury, surgery or allergy including chronic conditions sustained by my child are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) I will inform the medical office **in writing** of any changes or concerns in my child's health status prior to the trip.

**NO MEDICATION, INCLUDING ALL OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS MAY BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD ON A FIELD TRIP WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND A PHYSICIAN'S SIGNED MEDICATION ORDER.**

If your child has a current medical order on file in the Medical Office, this will be attached to the field trip form. Any new medicine will require a written and signed order from a doctor and a signed permission form from a parent or guardian. You must indicate if the student can self medicate. Medication order forms are available in the Medical Office. Medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle and brought to the Medical Office by an adult.

3) Medications my child will need to take on this trip are as follows:

- Medicine \_\_\_\_\_ dose \_\_\_\_\_ frequency \_\_\_\_\_
- Medicine \_\_\_\_\_ dose \_\_\_\_\_ frequency \_\_\_\_\_

Medication order complete and on file in the Medical Office: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If emergency treatment is necessary, your child will be transported by the staff or ambulance to the nearest hospital. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible in case of sickness or accident.

*I give permission for the attending physician to give emergency treatment to my child.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

Reviewed and approved for travel by the school nurse \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) 5/2002

PHYSICIAN'S ORDER FOR GIVING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Physician and parents of children requiring medication in school: You are requested to complete this form so that required medication may be administered in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NYS Education Department.

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Drug \_\_\_\_\_

Dosage & Times To Be Given \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Effect \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Side Effects \_\_\_\_\_

Time Duration of Order: Months \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_

Date Order Is Effective \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS

Parent Request To School: I hereby request that my child, \_\_\_\_\_ be given the medication above as prescribed by the physician.

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

SELF-MEDICATION RELEASE FORM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 ONLY

Date \_\_\_\_\_

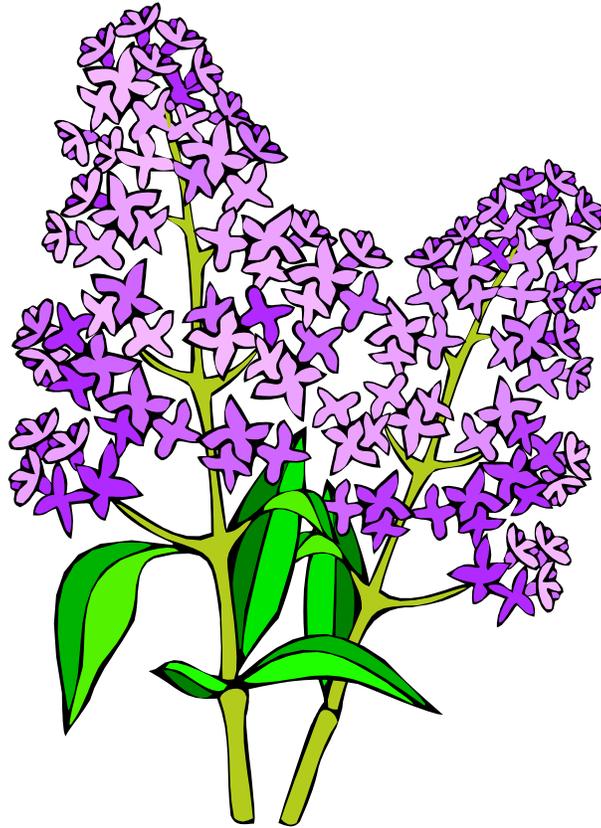
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ has been instructed in the proper use of the following medication procedures:

Physician signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

We request that (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ be permitted to carry the medication on his/her person or to keep same in his/her locker or PE locker, as we consider him/her responsible. He/She has been instructed in and understands the purpose and appropriate method and frequency of use.

# *Scott and Deb's Class Field Trip to Cornell Plantations*



**Wednesday, May 22  
12 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

We are going on a field trip to the Cornell Plantations. Students should dress for the weather.

We are using the school vans, but parents are welcome to join us.



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