



April News

Greetings from the Director's Corner

Spring has sprung – the daffodils are in full bloom, the trees have leaf buds, and the peepers are out. We are looking at the final stretch of this school year and are incorporating some long standing Acorn traditions. We will be taking the Woolly Bears, Chickadees, Tadpoles and Mighty Oaks to Stratham Hill Park this week to celebrate Earth Day and next month we will be observing May Day – granted both celebrations will be limited to students only but nonetheless special and memorable.

It is exciting to share that our entire staff is totally vaccinated! We also recently completed our training in Image Writing with Beth Olshansky during our recent in-service day. Each student will work on collaging a book that will be shared with their families over the next month. This is something new for us at Acorn – a big undertaking but also inspiring.

As we close out this year, I would be remiss in not extending my appreciation and gratitude to our Acorn Community. This year has had its challenges but the amount of support and encouragement that has been extended to us is much appreciated. Thank you for assisting and contributing to our new innovative fundraising endeavors – hats off to the steering committees. I am grateful and humbled.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us and embracing our outdoor learning spaces where the sky is our ceiling, the ground is our floor and the trees are our walls.

Sue
Acorn School Director

The Acorn Teachers Received Their SECOND Vaccine!

*Thank you to the SAU 16 School District for including
Acorn School in their vaccination program*

Exciting News!!!

On Monday, April 12th, the Acorn teachers received their second

vaccine!



Thank you to the incredibly supportive families who provided a recovery day so our amazing teachers could return to school rested and healthy!

ACORN SCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER

April Showers,
In May
Acorn School
Brings Flowers
(And Plants!)

All Proceeds Benefit the Becky Shepard Scholarship Fund & Acorn School Annual Operations



PLANT SALE

The Perfect Place to Get Your Plants and Flowers for Mother's Day while supporting a great cause. We will have house plants, fruit and vegetable plants, perennials, hanging baskets and more!

MAY 8TH

10-1PM

BARKER'S FARM

216 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham

Raffle! Raffle! Raffle!

*We have 8 INCREDIBLE Raffle Baskets! **Tickets on sale now!***

[Click HERE for Basket Details!](#)

Two Ways To Enter:

Send in raffle tickets received at carpool

~OR~

Purchase via VENMO (@Acorn-School)

The winning tickets will be drawn at:

Acorn School Plant Sale

Barker's Farm

Saturday May 8th

@ 1pm

You do not need to be present for the drawing. WINNERS will be notified on May 8th, and prizes can be picked up at Acorn School.

This raffle is open to EVERYONE! Acorn families, alumni, grandparents, friends, relatives, community members, you get the idea! Spread the word!

Thank you for your continued support of the Acorn School!

SILENT AUCTION

Online auction will be held **May 1st through the evening of May 8th** with more details to come!

Sneak peeks include:

Class gifts that are being lovingly crafted by the students and their teachers

Baseball date night with Red Sox tickets

NEMO camping equipment

Ride to school in the Stratham firetruck (definitely a memory to last a lifetime!)

Fast pass to skip the carpool line next year

Hand crafted picnic table

and much more!

Stay tuned for details!

FILL OUR WAGONS



In addition to the Annual Fundraising Auction, you can help us meet our fundraising goals by participating in the "Fill Our Wagons" Campaign. During this unprecedented year, this is a chance to support Acorn School's wish list. Parents, grandparents, alumni and friends may consider these opportunities to make a direct impact during this particularly challenging year. Stay tuned for details!

**Special Thank You to the Spring Fundraiser
Sponsors and Donors:**

Title Sponsor:

Seacoast United

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Meandering Path
Misa' Clean Kitchen
Murray Academy of Irish Dance
NEMO Equipment
Pace's Tree Service
Port City Nissan
Rivet Collective
Rolling Green Nursery
Steam House Hot Yoga & Pilates
Stratham Circle Nursery

Classrooms Without Walls Spring Has Sprung At Acorn School

"Time, space, and outdoor play are essential to children's health. In fact, they need this more than ever before."

-Angela Hanscom, TimberNook



Planting seeds and watching them grow under warming lights!



Preschool rainbow art



Mighty Oaks wrapping up their artist study on Russian abstract artist; Wassily Kandinsky. Some of his work involved concentric circles to practice color mixing!



Preschool magic in The Garden outdoor learning space!



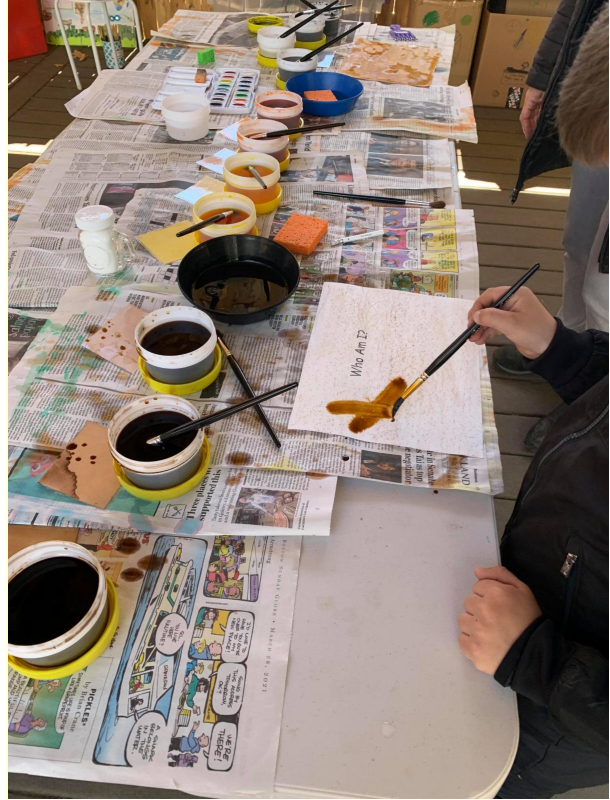
Bunny yoga with Miss Kim in The Theater learning space



Outdoor school essentials



Classes started seedlings for our upcoming Spring Fundraiser plant sale. It's exciting to learn about plant life cycles and watch them grow!



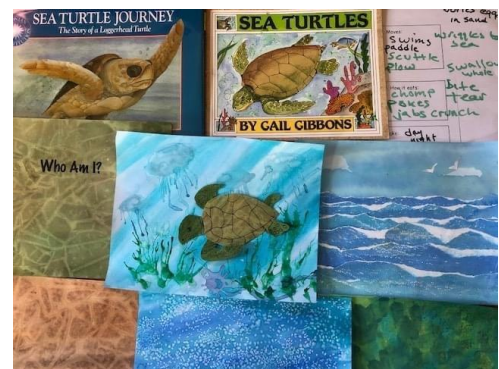
Mighty Oaks prepping their image writing paper for their African animal project.

Teacher Professional Development: Picturing Writing: Fostering Literacy Through Art

On April 2nd, the Acorn School teachers had an amazing opportunity to learn about an "dynamic **evidence-based** approach to teaching writing that uses simple crayon resist art techniques and the study of quality picture books to teach the art of writing."

The teachers are eager to implement with the fantastic Acorn students!

To learn more, check out [Picturing Writing: Fostering Literacy Through Art website](#)



Seacoast Moms Easter Bunny Event Sponsored By Acorn School

*Some Little Bunnies had
a great time with a
personal Easter Bunny
visit on March 27th and*



28th!
Huge thank you to
Seacoast Moms for
organizing a fantastic
event! There were lots of
smiles!



Goodbye Snow, Hello Rain

It is time to think all things rain and mud and we couldn't be more excited! Friendly reminder to make sure you little one is prepared for the fun they are about to have at Acorn School. Key items are: rain boots, socks (extra in bookbag), rain pants, rain jacket. Layer for chilly mornings.

Not sure what to get or where to look. Here are some items we love:

Tuffo Unisex Muddy Buddy Coverall
Hatley Splash Pants
OAKI Rain & Trail Suit
Waterproof Mitten Cuffs
Reima Waterproof Pants

*Some Pants/Suits have stirrups at the bottom of the pant legs – these go **OUTSIDE** and **OVER** the bottom of your kids' boots. This will help keep all the water out and their feet/legs nice and dry!

Dear Acorn Parents, Come Join The Acorn Board!



Would you like to connect with the Acorn community and help run the school you love so much?

Learn how a nonprofit preschool is run and help make positive change lasting for years to come! We are a group of Acorn past and present parents who come together monthly during the school year (currently on Zoom) to support Acorn School.

DON'T MISS OUT!
IT IS A BUNCH OF FUN, FANTASTIC, KIND, WELCOMING PEOPLE!

If interested in learning more about the Acorn board, send an email to Sarah Koff:
sarahwkoff@gmail.com.

Reminder: "Hannaford Helps Schools Program" is STILL Going!

Sunday, March 14th through Saturday, May 29th

When shopping at Hannaford Supermarket look for participating items. For every 4 participating products, Acorn receives 3 dollars. You need to ask the cashier for the coupons and then you put coupons in the collection tower at the store under "Acorn School."

Important Dates

April 23rd

Earth Day Celebration

Students Only

Chickadees, Woolly Bears, Tadpoles, and Mighty Oak Classes

April 26th-30th

Spring Vacation

Saturday May 8th

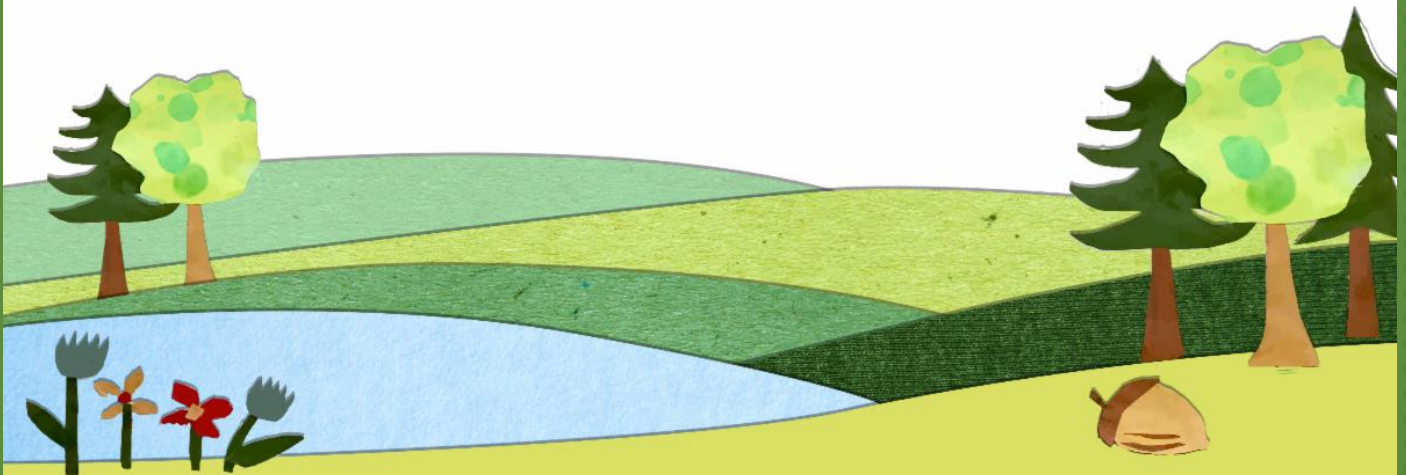
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