



January News

"New Day, New Year, New Opportunities"

Welcome 2021 – I think we would all agree that we are looking for some normalcy with the start of a new year, but it seems that we are still in the survival mode of getting from one day to the next and sometimes getting from the morning to the afternoon seems to be an overwhelming task. I have never checked the weather forecast as much as I have nor brought so many changes and layers of clothes to school with me.

One of my goals for this year has been to ask myself, “How can I make this a better day for the people around me?” As you know one of my highlights of the day is to participate in carpool. I love opening the car door and welcoming your children to another day of learning and adventure and then bidding them goodbye at the end of the day as they go home to their families asking them about their favorite part of the day. This January, I have especially liked “walking them across the Arctic tundra, waddling across the snow in Antarctica or looking closely at the shape of ice crystals on the ground” as I escort them to their learning space for the week. Imagination and wonder are at the root of discovery and your children are doing just that at school this year. I marvel at their questions, curiosity and resilience – they certainly make my day better! I also ask myself, “Is there more that I could be doing?” Please keep the lines of communion open – our village depends on unity, support and understanding.

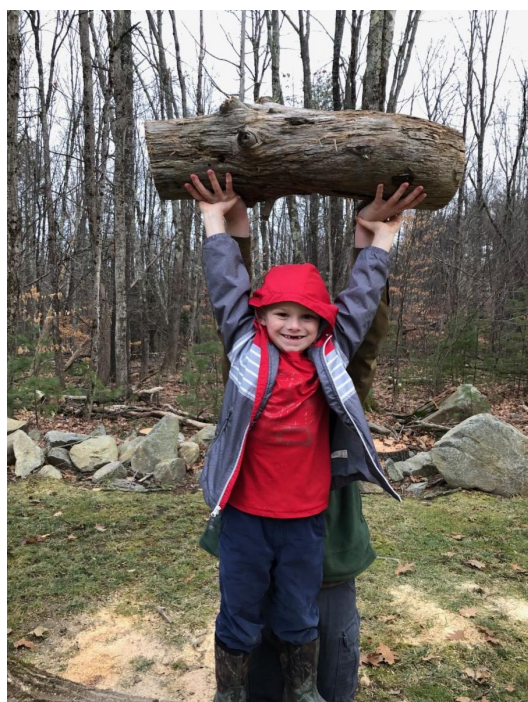
In closing, I want to express my gratitude as I feel continually blessed and reminded that there is so much love at Acorn. Birthday parades seem to be a thing right now and this time I was on the receiving end - your well wishes and honking horns on the 26 th of December will be remembered for years to come.

Thank you,

Sue Bendroth, Director

1000 Hours Outside and Acorn's FIRST Snow Day!

The kids have been having so much fun completing the 1000 hours outside and enjoyed their first snow day!





Classrooms Without Walls

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

-Angela Hanscom, TimberNook



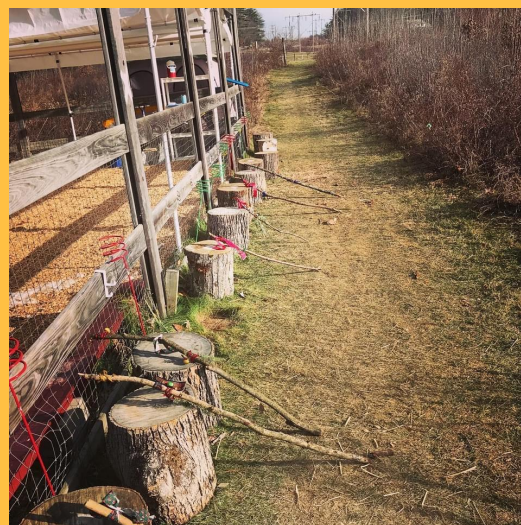
Preschool Tadpole class made a "Bear Noel" tree for the animals in our woods



Kindergarten Mighty Oaks enjoyed yoga in the open outdoors



Kindergarten Mighty Oaks are studying snowflake design explored designs in blocks of ice. Our next generation scientists.



Using creativity and expanding our imagination. Our preschools made jingle bell hiking sticks and went on exploring adventures.

Upcoming Acorn Community Valentine's Day Event



DO YOU ENJOY WINE & CHOCOLATE?

ACORN SCHOOL
VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE FOR A
FACEBOOK LIVE WINE TASTING

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Acorn School is
partnering with
Flag Hill Winery & The Chocolatier
for a Valentine's night from the
comfort of your home!

Registration details coming soon. Limited availability.
This event is open to past and current families.

Open Enrollment for Fall 2021



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Tours are underway...

To schedule a tour or for more information please
contact us:

info@acornschoolnh.com

(603) 778-8285

Open Registration begins January 2021 for
Preschool and Kindergarten

Staff Highlight: Kim Williams

Hi Everyone! My name is Kim Williams. I started out my adult life as a nurse, but then shifted gear to full-time Mom of 2 sons. They both attended Acorn....and then moved on...but I never did! My roles at Acorn have included: parent—Board member—Office/Girl Friday—Yoga teacher. I feel very fortunate to have found such a great organization to be associated with that shares many of my values. My interests include: reading, yoga, gardening, tennis-ing , skiing, spending time with family & hiking with my pup Chaps. I also love to travel, and have a trip to Spain on my near horizon!



6 Fun Facts About Kim W:

- **Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:** VANILLA!!
(Despite a lifetime of being made fun)
- **Hidden talents:** I have a neat card trick and I can (sometimes) stand on my head
- **Beach/Lake/ Pool:** Lake
- **Sweet or Savory:** Savory
- **Favorite Season:** Spring & Fall

- **Favorite Vacation:** A family trip (15 people!) to the Pacific Northwest and California coast...great memories!!

We Humbly Thank You For Your 2020 Donations to Acorn School

Acorn School opened its doors in 1972 and has been committed to being A School For Childhood ever since. Acorn relies on donations to close the gap between tuition and operating expenses, and we have not yet met this year's goal. Every dollar supports innovative teaching and hands-on learning for children in their most important years of growing.

If you still want to donate, it is not too late! Your tax-deductible gift, no matter the size, will have a direct impact on our children and help to ensure that we are able to keep our doors open for generations to come.



Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting Acorn School.

[Give the Gift of Acorn HERE](#)

Acorn Board: Join Us!



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 (currently on Zoom) to support the school.

Our door is open for new members to join and we're hoping you'll consider it! If interested in learning more about the Acorn board, send an email to Sarah Koff: sarahwkoff@gmail.com.

[More Information](#)

Amazon Smile

A great way to support our school is by selecting Acorn School (Stratham, NH) as your selected charity when shop on Amazon. Did you know it even works when you use the Amazon App on your smartphone? Prices for your items stay the same. The only difference is when you shop a portion of the money Amazon donates to Acorn School!

[CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL](#)

--->Select Acorn School in the upper left corner where it says "supporting"
You can also type "Amazon Smile" into the Amazon search box.

Acorn School is a 501(c)(3) non profit, and every penny makes a difference. We are so thankful for our community support!

Parents of Acorn

Are you looking for a way to get involved with Acorn School in various ways? Join the "Parents of Acorn!" It's a great way to meet more families and support Acorn School. If interested in joining send an email to parentsofacorn@gmail.com.

Important Dates

January 2021

Open Enrollment for Fall 2021

Monday, January 18th

No School- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Saturday evening, February 13th

Acorn School's Valentine's Day Event

From the comfort of your home

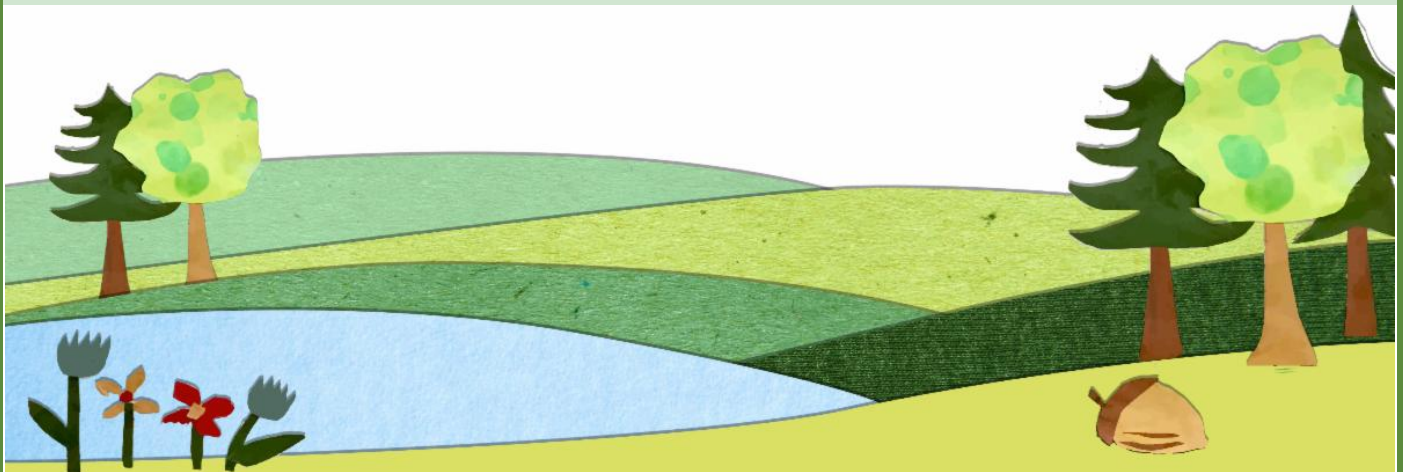
Details to Follow

February 22nd-26th

Winter Vacation

March 1st

School Resumes



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