



March News

Greetings from the Director's Corner

Director's Letter for March Newsletter

Happy Spring Acorn Community!

March 15th was a wonderful day at school – the Acorn staff received their first round of the COVID vaccine. We are so appreciative and grateful to SAU 16 for opening their vaccination program to us.

It is very exciting to see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel as we are into the last quarter of our school year. Our 4's and 5's are looking at celebrating Earth Day at Stratham Hill Park on Friday, April 23rd, weather permitting. We are planning a modified version of our long-standing May Day celebration (Acorn students only) by dancing around the May Pole, singing, flower arranging and playing lots of games for each separate cohort. Lastly, we are hoping to host an end-of-year gathering for each class which will celebrate our perseverance, resilience and appreciation for the Acorn community that came together to make this year a success. These all of course are all dependent upon keeping our community free of COVID-19. I encourage each and every one of you to continue to be vigilant in making smart choices in keeping all safe.

In closing, I spent some of my February vacation time by beginning to clean my attic and amongst the many "treasures" I found was a graduation card that my husband gave to our son upon completion of college. In the card my husband wrote, "Now Sam that you are venturing out into the adult world find yourself a job that you love, and you will never work another day in your life." I am frequently reminded that I obviously took that card to heart thirty-four years ago. Even though it was not meant for me, I recently received a card from an Acorn student's grandparents who live in Indiana. Enclosed in the card was a check with a note that read, "As a retired teacher, I know this past year has been especially challenging to all schools. We would like you to use this money for something FUN whether it be something on your "wish" list of equipment or supplies or a project that otherwise could not have been accomplished. Enjoy!" My gratitude abounds daily for the opportunity to be part of such a loving and appreciative community.

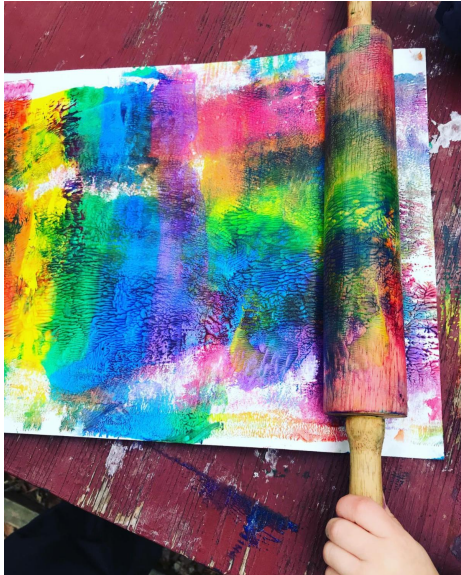
With many thanks,

Sue
Acorn School Director

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



The 3 year old Chipmunks explored with rainbow rolling process art!



The 4 year old preschoolers are deep into their rainforest habitat learning unit! Last week they engaged in a TimberNook invitation to Jungle Jumanji!



It's mud season! Here at Acorn we say BRING IT ON! Here are some of our afternoon preschool Woolly Bears just watching the water under the bridge.



The great Kapok tree puppets by the Chickadees.



Before winter break, Miss Chris's Mighty Oaks (K) learned about the artist Claude Monet. They painted water lilies, his gardens at his home in Giverny and the Japanese footbridge.



Water Lillies!



Miss Maggie's Mighty Oaks (K) playing in the Nook outdoor learning space!



Mighty Oaks engaged in TimberNook in The 100 Acorn Woods last week!

The Acorn Teachers Received Their First Vaccine!

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



Upcoming Events:
Seacoast Moms x Acorn School



SAVE THE DATE: Acorn School Plant Sale

Saturday, May 8th

at

Barker's Farm

Look No Further For a Gift for Mom This Mother's Day!

Acorn School is excited to announce a Mother's Day weekend plant sale at Barker's Farm in Stratham on Saturday, May 8th! More details to come...Stay tuned!



WOW! Items

Do you have a WOW! Item to donate for Acorn's raffle or silent auction?

Ideas from past years:

Sports Tickets

House/Condo Getaway

Ski Lift Tickets

Kids Party Packages

Paddle Board

Camping Equipment
Art/Museum Passes
Hotel Nights
Spa Packages
Gift Certificates for Evening Out

If you have a business or personal contacts for such items, **please let us know!**
Every little bit helps Acorn School grow.

Community Engagement



During the Arctic habitat learning unit the **Tadpoles, Chickadees, and Woolly Bears** performed helping activities at home to earn coins for **Polar Bears International**. They collectively donated \$182.15, which will go towards helping continue to work towards a lasting future for polar bears throughout the Arctic. Their generosity and hard work makes a difference for polar bears and their future!



The kindergarten **Mighty Oaks** celebrated their 100th day of school by collecting 100 food items to donate to **End 68 Hours of Hunger - Exeter**. 20 students exceeded their goal to 137 items and worked on sorting and counting by 10s. So great, Mighty Oaks!

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:

Only a Few Spots Left for Fall 2021!

Most Classes Are Full



"Hannaford Helps Schools Program"

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 13th

No School

April 2nd

No School- Teacher Professional Development Day

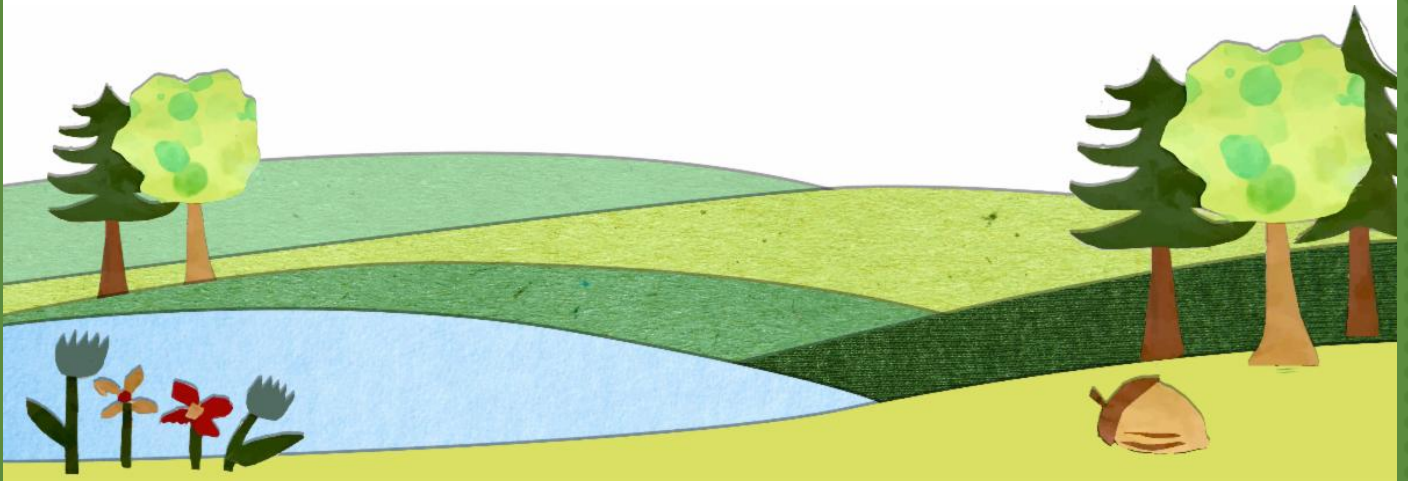
April 26th-30th

Spring Vacation

Saturday May 8th

Acorn School's Plant Sale @ Barker's Farm

Exciting details coming soon!



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