



SCPENS Newsletter: April/May 2015

Upcoming dates

Saturday, May 2

3rd/Final Yard Day 9am – Noon

Monday, May 4

NO TUITION DUE, unless settling past due account

Wednesday May 6

Board Meeting 7-9pm

Friday, May 15

Final Program Fund Balance **DUE**

Thursday, May 28

End of Year Member & Alumni Picnic
5 – 7:30 pm Harvey West Club House

Thursday, June 4

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Access the [SCPENS 2014-15 Calendar](#)

A Great Big THANKS!

As I sit here and build our last BIG newsletter of the year, I can't help but be a little nostalgic and crazed all at once. Our "Up Coming Dates" section is miniscule. Our fundraising is done and it seems like the rest of the year is just taking care of "what's left." How did time fly so fast?

We all started our time with SCPENS as big balls of nerves. All of us selfishly worried about how our little Toddlers or smallish Preschoolers would navigate their own way in a classroom setting where sharing and empathy for others is a must. And as parents we all had to learn to let go of our own "ideas" of what parenting is/was and start accepting new tools and concepts that would help us blossom. Now that we have developed a rhythm and our kids have bonded – it's ending...Boo hoo hoo.

So even though this year is coming to an end and we are facing another transition, I still smile. I smile because SCPENS is a family we will never part with no matter where we go. I smile because my ENTIRE family has made lasting friendships with fellow parents and children. I smile because we are forever a special part of Santa Cruz history and cemented in a special community of people that have walked in the doors before us and will walk through the doors after us.

Before we walk through the door for our final time Toddler students, I want to say Thank You! Thank you to Teacher Wendy for guiding my family through three years of Toddler Class. Thank you to the parents that have trusted me this year as your class president. And thank you to all of the friends Georgia and I made this year! We look forward to seeing you all at the parks this summer and on the playground at SCPENS next year!

KEEP SMILING!

Shannon Blount

SCPENS (Co) President

Happy birthday to you!

Birthday wishes to our 2-year-olds!

Henry Erlewine 6/21/2013

Clair Dixon 6/30/2013

Birthday wishes to our 3-year-olds!

Isaac McGilvray 5/31/2012

Alexa Birch 6/05/2012

Georgia Mae Blount 6/15/2012

Congratulations to our 4-year-olds!

Ford Willingham 4/25/2011

You're a WHOLE Handful - 5!

Jack Taylor 5/02/2010

Vincent McDermott 6/08/2010

Happy Birthday to all our Summer Kids!



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Yard Day #3—Saturday, May 2

Yard day#3 is coming up! Come to the school **Saturday 5/2 from 9 a.m.-noon** to provide necessary maintenance and upgrades to the facilities. Look for the Yard Day Sign-Up binder with the list of tasks to be done and the tools needed. Contact Teacher Maggie with questions.

For safety reasons; alternate arrangements for children should be planned. Limited childcare is available with advance sign up.

To meet your parent participation requirements, you are expected to attend two of our three yard days.



Program fund—due Fri, 5/15

Your 2nd semester Program Fund is due **Friday, May 15th**

Look for an email from the Treasurer detailing the amount you owe (no more than \$100). A number of families offset this amount (\$100) with monies raised from the November Read-a-thon.

April Parent Meeting: *Let's Get Dirty* presented by Calypso Harmon, Nature & Science Educator

What are the benefits to young children of time spent in nature? Where are the best places to go locally with kids, and what are some great ideas for things to do there? Calypso will provide all kinds of tips for making nature time enjoyable for both kids and parents. She'll also bring examples of nature-themed books to read with children, and books for adults on the topic of sharing nature as a family.



Calypso Harmon has 17 years of experience working with children, with seven of those years teaching outdoor nature classes for preschoolers through her popular "Nature's Apprentice" program. She is passionate about education, learning, nature and science. Currently, she is teaching life science and physical science at Aptos Junior High. She is a native of Santa Cruz and the mother of two boys, ages 11 and 9.

When: Thursday, April 23rd from 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Where: SCPENS Toddler Room

Snack: Maggie's MWF Preschool class

The content of this meeting is adult-specific (babies in arms are okay.)

Want to be a BIGGER part of SCPENS?

2015 – 2016 Board Nominations and vote coming soon

Why join the board?

Get a chance to voice YOUR opinions about speakers, fundraisers and school future.

Build/Strengthen friendships with fellow SCPENS Parents

No additional support job required

Have an ADULT conversation & night out once per month with ZERO guilt!

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Thank you to all of the families that helped support our 2nd Annual Sip & Nibble Silent Auction Fundraiser! We couldn't have held such a successful event if it was not for the group of parents that worked hard to solicit so many amazing local businesses!

Thank you to Janet and Galt Herman for performing with their band "Dance Around Molly." It was a true pleasure to hear your love of Irish music. We were so honored to have you serenade us!

And last, but not least a VERY special thanks goes out to Erika and Oriana for being our fearless and sleepless Fundraising Co-Chairs this year! Without a doubt all of your hard work and dedication has REALLY shown all year! You two have certainly left some tough shoes to fill!

THANK YOU!

SCPENS Logo'd Merch – ON SALE NOW!



Want an SCPENS t-shirt or Wine Glass? On sale now and through the end of the school year while supplies last!

- **T-Shirts:** \$13 toddler/juvenile and \$15 adult/junior t-shirt. (*Colors and quantities limited*)
- **Wine Glasses:** \$5 each or \$15 for Four

Bring cash or check to SCPENS to purchase M-F.

Support SCPENS when you shop



Shop [Amazon](#) to earn money for SCPENS.

Bookmark our link & pass it on to friends and family: http://www.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&linkCode=ur2&tag=s09fd-20



[Artkive](#) allows you to take, tag, share, and store your kids' art and school work AND have it turned into products. Enter **SCPENS1** when you make a purchase and [Artkive](#) will donate 10% back to SCPENS.



Shop [pediped](#) for children's shoes. 10% of your purchase will be donated to SCPENS. Use our code at checkout: **SCHCYWH**



To place a dinner order for pick-up on your school day, go to [Fresh Prep Kitchens](#) and click on "Reserve Dinners." A percentage of your purchase will be donated to SCPENS.

Did you LOVE your Covello & Covello School Picture? It's not too late to order!!!

We are so excited to partner up with [Covello & Covello Photography](#) for a unique and special offer—in-studio portraiture session and one 8x10 print for \$75.

[Fill out the form](#) and SCPENS will send you an online invoice for payment. Once payment is received, SCPENS will send you a personalized \$75 gift certificate good for one in-studio session and one 8x10 print. Gift certificate must be activated within 30 days of purchase. To activate, phone Covello & Covello. You do not need to schedule your photo shoot at this time; just call and activate your certificate.

Learn more about Covello & Covello at <http://www.covellocovello.com> or call (831) 423-2922. Offer valid to SCPENS members and the wider community. **Share this offer with your friends and family and post to your social media sites!**

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End of Year Member & Alumni Picnic Potluck

*Thursday, May 28th 5 – 7:30pm
Harvey West Park: Club House*

Join SCPENS on Thursday, May 28th for the last “Parent Meeting” of the year!

We will party with fellow classmates

Welcome our Alumni back

Share yummy dishes & drinks

Play games

Music & Dancing

Raffle

Look for information in your classroom to sign up for potluck contributions. This event counts as your last “Parent Meeting,” so please make every effort to attend. Children and extended family WELCOMED!

