

# SCPENS February 2016 Newsletter

## Upcoming dates

### Tuesday, February 16

Program Fund Due

### Thursday, February 18

Parent Meeting 6:45-9pm  
Maggies MWF class brings snack

### Saturday, February 20

Yard Day #2 9am - Noon

### Thursday, March 3

Board Meeting 7pm – 9pm

### Tuesday, April 2 – 10th

NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

### Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sip N Nibble 2-5pm  
Bargetto Winery

### Thursday, May 5th

Board Meeting 7pm – 9pm

### Saturday, May 7th

Yard Day #3 9am - Noon

Access the [SCPENS 2015-16 Calendar](#)

## Program fund—due Feb 16th!

Your Program Fund balance is due **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Please ensure you have paid on time. If you should have questions, please reach out to Joanie White or Rebecca Dixon.

## Wait, What Season is it?

It's only just passed Valentine's Day, and it seems like we're in the middle of a mini spring. It should still be raining! We still haven't had a chance to visit the snow yet this year, will it be all melted before we get a chance? What will happen in the summer - will there be water rationing again? I'm not ready, I wasn't done with winter. What if **everything** is ruined **forever**?!?!?

I'm only semi-kidding about freaking out about the possible lack of rain in the future, but it had me thinking about how we handle the things that are out of our control as adults. Nothing is more uncontrollable than the weather. Considering this has made me want to try to be more thoughtful about the way I approach transitions with my family, so that I can hopefully guide my kid through gracefully rather than imposing my agenda like a human tornado. Here are some of the tools that I'd like to remember to use more often:

- **Predictability** - Routines for morning and evening.
- **Control** - Giving as many chances for kids to decide for themselves can give them a sense of power over a situation.
- **Transitional Objects** - These can act as something that is comforting or entertaining.
- **Making it Fun** - Instead of being the general barking orders, I'd rather be the entertainment & smile in the moment.
- **Extra Time** - Giving ourselves enough extra



Even with all the planning in the world sometimes things just aren't the way we want them. Having a kid has taught me a final tool about handling un-predictability - **Living in the Moment**. Yes it's winter, but not rainy, seems like a great day to get the morning paper wearing a tutu and snow boots. In fact, I think we'll go to the beach next week and enjoy the unseasonable warmth.

# SCPENS Newsletter: February 2016

## Fundraising Report

Thank you to all of the parents who have worked hard this year to raise fund for SCPENS! It really is hard to believe that we only have a few remaining Fundraisers before the year is over! With help, SCPENS has raised a WHOPPING \$6,641.32 so far! With March's Pizza night and April's Sip N Nibble - we are well on our way to breaking \$10K! Keep up the GREAT work!



## February Parent Meeting: Kinder Readiness Presented by Teachers Maggie & Wendy

Our beloved teachers Maggie and Wendy will be leading the February Parent Meeting on Thursday, 2/18. The topic for discussion is Kindergarten readiness. If time allows, they will also provide information on healthy brain development and guideline for the use of media with Young Children.

If you have a particular question that you want the teachers to consider, please send an email to either [Maggie](#) or [Wendy](#) by Wednesday 2/17 so that they have time to prepare.



**When:** Thursday, February 18 from 6:45-9:00 p.m.

**Where:** SCPENS Toddler Room

**Snack:** Maggie's Mon/Wed/Fri class

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

## Reminder: Yard Day # 2 Rescheduled

**WHEN:** Saturday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> (THIS WEEK)

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**WHERE TO MEET:** SCPENS

**REMEMBER:** Please see the Yard Day Binder for sign ups. Childcare is limited and dependent on volunteers. Families are required to participate in TWO out of THREE per year. If you cannot make it this weekend, please speak to your teacher to arrange a special project.



## Bright Future for SCPENS by Maggie Klepp

Adult Education in California started in 1856 in San Francisco. For all these years, it has been part of the K-12 school system. Now, 160 years later, adult education is undergoing a complete overhaul with K-12 schools, community colleges, county offices of education and job training programs all working together to provide adult education throughout California. In Santa Cruz County, the Santa Cruz City School District (SCCS) and Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) are merging their adult schools into a county-wide adult school administered by PVUSD. The details are being worked out now and will take effect next fall for the 2016-2017 school year. Our wonderful program and location will remain the same. Since we will be with a different school district, there might be some minor changes, like registration procedures or different forms. We will let you know once we find out.

This is an encouraging development for the future of the PENS programs. PVUSD is very enthusiastic about parent education and is welcoming SCPENS, WPENS, Soquel PENS and the Positive Discipline program with open arms. They have a long time parent ed program called Watsonville Cooperative Preschool (WCP), which is taught by Sarah Mast, who was a member of SCPENS with her daughter about 12 years ago! There is also a good chance that there will eventually be some State funding available to help support our programs! Yippee!

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## Happy birthday to you!

### Happy birthday to our 2-year-olds!

Callie Gorath 1/04/14  
Lewis Smucker-Oates 2/21/14  
Andrew Bibighaus 2/22/14  
Liam O'Hanlon 2/24/14

### Birthday wishes to our 4-year-olds!

Addison Taylor 3/05/2012  
Tadhg Barber 2/09/2012

### Birthday fun to our 5-year-olds!

Nelson Smuckers-Oats 2/11/2011



## Join SCPENS for dinner!

Please join SCPENS for another fun family night out!

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Woodstock's Pizza Downtown Santa Cruz

**BRING:** This [FLYER](#) with you to dine or pick up! Please **INVITE** friends and **SHARE** this flyer!



## SCPENS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sip 'N' Nibble Auction & Raffle



We are SO impressed by our SCPENS Parents for voluntarily collecting AWESOME donations for our auction! Keep it up! More details are coming soon!

- SAVE THE DATE: April 24th
- 2pm – 5pm
- Cost: **\$15 per ticket advance sale**

Email [Shannon Blount](mailto:Shannon.Blount@scpens.org) for additional questions or donation inquiries

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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.



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