



June 2017

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, June 20	End of the Year Potluck
Wednesday, June 15	Last Day of School ***Different Schedule for this day***
Tuesday, June 28	First Day of Summer Camp

End of Year Potluck

Tuesday, June 20
Squalicum Creek Park
1001 Squalicum Way, Bellingham
5pm – 7pm

This year the end of the year potluck will be at the [Squalicum Creek Park](#) in Bellingham. The address is 1001 Squalicum Way. This park is phenomenal!!!!

We will have a short “graduation” ceremony for the children who are moving on to new schools this fall at around 5:45 pm.

To keep food and drinks a bit better distributed, please try to follow the guide below.

If your student is... please bring...

1. Sprouts... a salad or side dish
2. Bean (last name A through H)...main dish
3. Bean (last name I through M)...salad or side dish
4. Bean (last name N through Z)...dessert and/or drink

Gardenview will provide all the utensils, plates, napkins and cups.

Tuition

Remember that tuition is paid on a 10 month schedule which began in September and ends after the 10th payment is made, in June. This means that the same amount is due during each of these months. We have spread it out this way to make bookkeeping easier for everyone. Thanks for understanding.

Last Day of School

The schedule for the last day of school will be different from a normal school day. On Wednesday, June 20 all of the **3-6 class (Beans)** can come to school from **9am until 1pm**, and all of the **Sprout class** can come from **9:15am - 12:45pm**. **Every child should bring a lunch on this day**. We will spend some time as a school wrapping things up and giving the children a chance to say goodbye to one another. If you would like to join us for the last day, please try to park somewhere besides the school parking lot and come hang out. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with our fun, relaxing, outdoor plans. ☺

Come on Board!

We are looking for parents to join us in putting together our annual Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction. This is a pretty major fundraiser for us each year, raising anywhere from \$3,000 up to \$6,000. The Holiday Bazaar helps to fund scholarships, and it also keeps us from having to make severe increases in tuition each year. We are also considering putting on a second large fundraiser, and we have some ideas, but would love to have some more input.

Are you looking for a good cause to volunteer for? Do you have a creative mind? Do you want to help keep tuition costs as low as possible? If any of these apply to you, please get in touch with Kate Ferry at kate@sacredbee.net as soon as possible.

Animal care

If you did not get a chance to complete your commitment hours and would like to spread them out over the summer, we could use some help with animal care. Feeding the chickens and making sure they have water and feeding the fish. If you are interested in helping with any or all of these projects, please see Kelda or John.

Garage Sale

The annual Gardenview Montessori garage sale will be held here at the school SOON. I am looking for some volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the sale. This is a great opportunity to do some major spring cleaning without having to worry about what to do with

the stuff. You can bring it here anytime. We have always earned between \$600 and \$1100 from the sale, so this is a helpful source of income that gets us through each summer. If you have some large items that need to be picked up, please let me know as soon as possible so I can make those arrangements with Mr. John. We will need to spend time organizing, pricing, and setting everything up the week before the sale. If you have any tables we can borrow, that is also helpful. When the sale is complete, we will need some volunteers to help load up my pickup truck and drop stuff off to Value Village or the Salvation Army. Please let Kate know soon if you are able to offer some kind of support.

BIG Summer Projects

We have some large projects that we need to get completed over the summer while there are fewer children at school. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, see Kelda. 😊

- till up dirt areas on playground (will require the use of a rototiller, which we do not have)
- replant grass. If anyone is interested in calling any sod or hydro seed companies, we will never turn away any donations. ;-)
- move some of the large play equipment around the playground to change things up a little bit
- I have an idea for the sandbox lid on the playground and need someone with an engineering mind to help me put it into place.

These are just the ones I can think of right now. More projects may come up. I will post them on our [Gardenview Montessori Community](#) Facebook group. If you are not yet a part of the FB group, I recommend it. This is another great resource for families to share information with each other. 😊

Staff Changes

We do our best to keep staff continuity at Gardenview because it helps the kiddos settle and feel comfortable so they can do their best learning. Unfortunately, life events sometimes take wonderful staff members away from us. We wish Ava and Veronica all the best on the next step in their lives.

We want to give a huge welcome to Randi Punteney!! She will be the assistant in the Sprout class for the upcoming school year. Randi is an amazing mama to one of our incredible former students, Rudy. We are so excited and honored to welcome her to our family. 😊

We are still in the process of hiring the lead teacher but have narrowed it down to 2 unbelievable candidates. The Sprout kiddos will be in great hands this fall!!!

The staff for the Bean class will remain unchanged. We are so incredibly grateful to Emily, Sarah, Robin and Keeley for the wonderful work they do with the children and hope to have many more years with each of them!