

Dear Kiddie Academy of Hoboken families,

Happy May! We are so excited to invite the warm spring weather over here for our students, teachers, and families to enjoy.

We wanted to get this season off to an exciting start by inviting you all to come and join us at our Garden Steaks Food Tasting this previous Wednesday, April 27th. A very special thank you to those families that attended, and we hope that you enjoyed learning about Garden Steaks and sampling their delicious bites! Please feel free to continue to provide us with any feedback that you may have on our Garden Steaks monthly menu.

This month will be full of plenty exciting events! All week long, we will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week here at KAH. Additionally, we will begin holding individual classroom Parent-Teacher Conferences through the month, based off our students' Spring Assessments. We will also be opening our new Trumpets classroom! Please see Page 2 of this newsletter for more detailed information.

We want to wish all of our KAH mommies a wonderful Mother's Day! We truly appreciate your parent partnerships with us here at KAH, and look very forward to continuing the year with each and every one of you!

Warm regards,

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Center Director

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Center Assistant Director

Happy Birthday!

Jack P.	Monday the 2nd	Ms. Lisbelkis	Wednesday the 18th
Ms. LeTasha	Monday the 9th	Harper S.	Wednesday the 25th
Kieran S.	Wednesday the 11th	Jenelle	Friday the 27th
Ashley C.	Friday the 13th	Leah R.	Saturday the 28th
Kason B.	Saturday the 15th	Madeline H.	Sunday the 29th

Planning a Summer Vacation for the Entire Family

Gone are the days when you and your partner could jump on a plane or get in the car with one bag in hand for a spontaneous vacation. Now that you are a parent, a working parent at that, family vacations have become another item on your to-do list. They require a great deal of planning ahead in the hopes that you can accommodate work schedules, camp schedules and the good ole fashioned need for relaxation and fun. If you're looking to get ahead, May is the perfect month to start planning. Here are some tips to help make planning your family's summer vacation a more pleasant, and dare we say fun, endeavor:

1. **Formulate a Plan.** There are key questions to be answered before diving into the sea of summer vacation planning. What is your budget? How long do you want to be gone? Who is going and what are their interests? Is the destination new or a return trip? If you start your research without these answers, you'll be finishing your plan in 2014.
2. **Have a Loose Itinerary.** Traveling with young kids and no agenda can be a recipe for disaster. Know what activities are available and schedule them into your trip, allowing for some flexibility, of course. You don't want to waste time while on your vacation trying to research options, such as theme parks, horseback riding, bike rides, museums, etc. Set aside some down time or allow for family members to do separate activities as well.
3. **Start a list.** If you're a natural list-maker, this will come easy to you. Making lists for everything from what to pack to a list of songs to listen to in the car, to a list of activities to do when you get there can really take the guesswork out of planning on the fly. Try using a digital list-maker like [Wunderlist](#) for Gmail, a plugin for your Gmail account that allows you to check your to-do list while you check our email!
4. **Keep it Documented.** It's already tough to juggle daily routines, work responsibilities, social plans and planning a vacation just adds more balls into the air. Get organize by keeping a list, or creating a calendar item on your smart phone, of all the "to dos," such as making reservations, buying supplies, purchasing tickets or items to pack. Keep a folder of any receipts, print outs, tickets or schedules that will be needed on the trip for easy reference.

A little smooth planning can lay the groundwork for some great anticipation before the big trip! Channel soothing, summery thoughts in the months leading up to this

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May Special Events

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** From May 2nd through May 6th, we will be celebrating our amazing teachers through Teacher Appreciation Week! We would love for you to participate. As we do not want to spoil any surprises - please keep a lookout for an e-mail detailing some plans for late this week to show our teaching staff how much we appreciate them!
- **Parent-Teacher conferences:** Throughout the month, we will be holding parent-teacher conferences for each of our classrooms. During this time, you will be provided with a 15 minute opportunity to get to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their Spring Assessments, as well as any goals that we plan to work on with them during the next quarter. We would love for you to participate in this as well! Please keep a lookout for an e-mail announcing the date and times for your child's classroom conferences, and schedule a time that works best for you to meet with them thereafter.
- **Trumpets classroom:** We have received all of our deliveries for the new Trumpets classroom! We will be opening this classroom by Friday, May 6th. Some of our Pianos and Xylophones students will be joining this classroom and aligning with their graduating classmates. With this move, the current Trumpets students will move down the hall to Saxophones, and the Saxophones will move to Clarinets. If your child's classroom placement will be directly affected by this move, you will receive an e-mail indicating this. Please be on the lookout for this e-mail as well!

Parent Reminders –

- The center will be **closed** on Monday, May 30th, 2016 in observation of Memorial Day.
- Please be sure to send a jacket or sweater daily for your child to wear during outdoor gross motor time.
- Tuition payments for June will be due between Wednesday, May 25th and Friday, May 27th as per our monthly scheduled tuition window.
- Just a heads-up with some advance notice - we will be hosting our **Annual Parent Appreciation Social** on Friday, June 3rd, 2016 in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day! We had such a blast last year, and hope to see you there! More details will be released closer to the date.

Photos of the Month



Making lifelong friends!



Story time in Wind Chimes



Fine motor fun

Classroom Updates

Infants Wind Chimes

Teachers: Ms. Hilda, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Jennifer

Thursday the 5th:

Bring in a picture of Mommy & baby!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - rainbow, colors, arch
- Spanish Words
 - arcoiris (rainbow), colores (colors), arco (arch)

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "If You're Happy and You Know It"
- "The Wheels on the Bus"
- "Hakuna Matata"

New Teachers and Students:

Welcome, Olivia!

Toddlers Pianos

Teachers: Ms. Yelitsa, Ms. Khalia, Ms. Valeria

ALL MONTH LONG:

Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet, where you may sign up to be a Pianos special guest reader! You can pick any book from school or home to read. We would love for you to participate!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - eat/ food, thank you, all done/ finished
- Spanish Words
 - rojo (red), blanco (white), cafe (brown)

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "Five Little Monkeys"
- "What's the Weather?"
- "The Name Song"

Infants Ukuleles

Teachers: Ms. Phyllis, Ms. Ashley

Monday the 9th:

Mix & Match Day - Wear your most mixed and matched outfits!

Friday the 27th:

Red, White, & Blue - Wear your patriotic wear to celebrate Memorial Day!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - water, hurt, happy
- Spanish Words
 - bebe (baby), cuna (crib), juguetes (toys)

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "ABCs"
- "1 Banana, 2 Banana"
- "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe"

New Teachers and Students:

Welcome, Cameron, Christopher, and Edgar!

Toddlers Xylophones

Teachers: Ms. Megan, Ms. Liz

Wednesday the 4th:

We will be doing a special surprise Mother's Day craft!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - mother, flower, sun
- Spanish Words
 - mother, flower, sun

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"
- "Six Little Ducks"
- "Five Little Monkeys"

New Teachers and Students:

Welcome, Ashley and Max!

Preschool 1 Tambourines

Teachers: Ms. LeTasha, Ms. Alecia

Monthly theme:

All About Spring

Friday the 6th:

We will be creating a Mother's Day gift!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - sun, flower, butterfly
- Spanish Words
 - sol (sun), flor (flower), mariposa (butterfly)

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "Mr. Sun"
- "Flowers Everywhere"
- "Five Green and Speckled Frogs"

New Teachers and Students:

Welcome, Kason, Anoushka, and Luke!

Preschool 3 Saxophones

Teachers: Ms. Sonal, Ms. Pamela

Monthly theme:

To the Park

Friday the 27th:

Come and join us for a PM snack picnic in the park!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - park, tree, bird
- Spanish Words
 - park, tree, bird

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "Walking Through the Park One Day"

Preschool 2 Trumpets

Teachers: Ms. Sophy, Ms. Juanita

Monthly theme:

Seasons

Friday the 13th:

Please bring in some seeds of Mom's favorite flower, so that we can plant her a lovely surprise!

What are we learning this month?

- Sign Language Words
 - flowers, sun, beach
- Spanish Words
 - flores (flowers), sun (sol), beach (playa)

Our latest favorite songs to sing:

- "Rain Falling Down" (tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")
- "Wading in Puddles"
- "The Snow Pal" (tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle")



Kiddie Academy® of Hoboken Calendar

May 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Teacher	3 Pianos: ALL MONTH LONG - parent special readers!	4 Appreciation Xylophones: Mother's Day crafts	5 Wind Chimes: Bring in a picture of Mommy & baby!	6 Week Tambourines: Mother's Day gifts	7
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy!</i>	9 Ukuleles: Mix & Match dress-up	10	11	12	13 Trumpets: Planting flower for mom	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27 Ukuleles: Red, White, & Blue dress-up Saxophones: PM Snack picnic in the park	28
29	30 CLOSED In observation of Memorial Day 2016	31				