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The Cobbler

a newsletter of the Cobb Meadow School

What's New

MAY DAY Festival



is Monday, May 7th. The rain date is the 10th. We will need volunteers to help with May day also.

REMEMBER NO SCHOOL

Teacher's Workshop

Friday, April 6th

April Break

Monday, April 23rd through
Friday, April 27th

OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY, MAY 5TH,
10AM- NOON**

Our third Open House of 2007 is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th, from 10 AM to noon.

Please tell your friends with preschool aged children! Parents and children are invited. Word of mouth advertising is the best.

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Happy Spring, Everyone!

We may not have flowers blooming yet, but we have children blooming and rising first graders bursting out of their kindergarten. It really feels that the children are just settling in now, and I am glad we still have several weeks of school yet to appreciate the joy and creativity that are coming with the comfort. As well, we have children who know they will be in first grade next year, and are telling me how they do not fit in the chairs, unless they can sit in a certain spot at snack, they are telling their moms that they are DONE with Cobb Meadow, and one or another of the older children may be seen jumping to help someone younger zip or snap.

The snow was so much fun, and so was the mud. We have been discovering many pots and pans with the melting of the snow. We have begun to tap the maples that stand near Cobb Meadow. The sap was dripping out before we could get the taps into the tree, and the children had a great time testing the sap right from the tree. I drilled, they held the taps, and then put them in. One child would hang the bucket and then came the struggle to get the roofs on. One of our buckets had holes in it about 6 inches up from the bottom, and one child had the idea to put wax in the holes! Handy that we are a kindergarten that is bursting with beeswax!

Last week we had two long outdoor days, sunny and windy, on which to help Jim stir the steaming boiling sap, taste the sap before it was boiled and sample some sweet thick syrup one day, cooler thinner Maple Tea the next. Jim organizes the tripod and cauldron, sets up a propane burner for the last stages of boiling and this year donated all the wood for burning. This was the first year that I tapped some of the trees on a school day. Thank you to Jim for all the love and excitement he offers the children.

The daffodils that we planted last fall are coming up! Lightning bugs are coming out to sun bathe, we've seen buzzing bees, and the chickens are not hiding in their coop. The between mud and snow boot time has been challenging- but worth all the changing of clothes and searching for replacements.

Outdoors, we have seen bridges built over expansive puddles, bouncing bridges built and bounced upon repeatedly, and teeter totters operated by one child who crawls up one side and tummy slides down the other. Their running over uneven ground, traversing slippery slides and leaping over their own river are all such healthy activities.

Please continue to send a waterproof pair of pants: the ground will be moist for a long time, and the children spend a lot of time on their knees or bums.

We had an open house on the 17th of March, and although many people stayed home due to icy snow, two very interested families came to Cobb Meadow for a visit, as well as Sarah Phillips and Kristin Froling, Grace and Hazel. Jackie made it a gingerbread day with a delicious batch of gingerbread, and a brief puppet show ended our time together. We will have one more open house. Please share news of Cobb Meadow with your friends.

*Thank you all so very much,
Anne*

Re-enrollment forms are overdue!!!!

Please send your reenrollment forms in now. We need to know how many openings we have to offer to new children.

Cobb Meadow Store

Our Store now offers crispy almonds and oats. (Thanks to everyone who bought up the last of our pecans.) These organic oats are thick rolled oats, and we soak them over night before bringing them to a boil. The profit we make from these sales goes toward our supply budget. At our school, since preparing snack is so much a part of the curriculum, we count food as a school supply as much as the paint and beautiful paper.

The food items are often donated, the baking time in my oven is donated, and the children's excitement and attention go into the bagging and sign making. This is a wonderful activity. We need a name for our store... We will work on that.



Early Spring Stories

Stories since March began have been:

The Grateful Statues- a folk tale from Japan featuring a kind old man and 6 grateful statues.

Mother Holle- a Grimm's fairy tale featuring a ne'er do well sister and a hardworking sister.

Mud Muffins- you can imagine!

Waterboy - told by Jim Haddock- How the native dwellers here discovered maple sap!

Children and the Arts Festival

Cobb Meadow will be hosting a food booth and offering a puppet show at the Children and the Arts Festival, May 19th. Our puppet show slot is approximately 9:30am-10:15 am- keep posted for exact details because I hope you will all be there. Libby and I are putting together a beautiful story. Cobb Meadow will also have a food booth. We are looking for volunteers the day before to help prepare our shish kebab, and volunteers to help staff the booth on the 19th. Last year, Sarah and Peter Sandback headed up this project. They and the Bradford/Hristaches learned which items were hot sellers. Money raised on this day will be put into our scholarship fund.

Jackie's News

Jackie has accepted the position as teacher for next year's second grade at the Upper Valley Waldorf School, in Queechee, Vermont. All the best to Jackie and Mike as they venture north to that beautiful area.

You can check: www.cobbmeadowschool.org for info and downloads.

Wish List

Jim asks if parents can look for a source of slab wood, which is what he likes for boiling. Slab is the rounded barky outside of the trees.

Scholarship Fund 2007/2008

We are trying to build our scholarship fund. Many families who attend Cobb Meadow School would not be able to without some amount of scholarship assistance. Please consider a donation, however much you are able, toward this effort. Another way to help is to find other people (perhaps grandparents and aunts/uncles) who would like to contribute toward a child's attendance here to send a donation letter for the scholarship fund. Addresses can give them to me or Kristin (or email is great). We will send them a lovely bumper sticker along with a friendly request.

