

**PreSchool  
Family**  
at Greendell



# The Crier

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## Save the Date!

### Monday, 2/19

PSF Enrollment begins for returning families

### Thursday, 2/22

PSF Tour for New Families  
9:30 a.m., Call to R.S.V.P.

### Monday, 2/26 - Monday 3/5

Tea Collection Spring School Days Fundraiser

### Thursday, 3/1 - Tuesday, 4/30

Good Eggs Fundraiser

### Friday, 3/2 at Noon

PSF Enrollment ends for returning families

### Monday, 3/5

FoPSF Speaker Series:  
"Big Feelings, Little Bodies"  
Kristene Geering, M.A., ED  
7:30\* - 9:00 p.m.  
Cubberley Theatre  
\*Coffee Cart begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Monday, 3/26

PSF Enrollment begins online for 2018-2019 new families

### Friday, 4/13

Fall 2018 Tuition Deposits Due



## Shannon's Column

By Shannon Coleman, Principal

What a wonderful time of year it is. The weather has been so beautiful and that has allowed us to spend more time outside. I enjoyed a sunny day at the beach with my boys in January and it was just lovely. At PreSchool Family, our playgrounds are filled with the sounds of children playing and having fun with friends. This is also the time we begin

preparing for registration for next year's classes. Families are considering their schedules and deciding what classes fit their needs. This will be my first PSF registration as principal so I sought the advice of the wise leaders who came before me. And their message was clear, at PreSchool Family we are learning together, forming friendships, and building community. The way we continue to do this is to be open to new experiences, to make new friends, and to teach our children by our example. We have a wonderful, supportive community that grows stronger with each new connection we make. We also have the best teachers at PreSchool Family, so every class is a good one!

For our current families, in-house registration will be open from Monday, February 19th through Friday, March 2nd at Noon. You will receive instructions on how to register before registration begins on February 19th. When you apply during the in-house registration period, you will be able to let us know your preferred class schedule. Please



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remember that while we consider each family's preference for classes, it is just not possible to give everyone their first choice. We will send out class placement offers by email on March 14th. We ask that families confirm their class placement on or before April 13th. You will receive more details as we get closer to in-house registration and the information will be repeated in your classes, so no worries!

We are very fortunate at PSF to have experienced, knowledgeable teachers who are strongly committed to our families and our community. Many of our teachers have been here as parents with their own children. They continue on as teachers because they love PreSchool Family! That is why it is so difficult to say goodbye when one of our teachers is leaving. Teacher Lori Sevick has been with PSF for 11 years! She was here at PSF with her two children and before she left Teacher Marjan's class, Lori was teaching in the 2s. Lori has loved teaching the 2s class and the 18-30 month class this year but she has decided that next year she needs to take some time for her family. We will miss her as a teacher and a friend but Lori says don't count her out for good. She still wants to return to teaching at PSF as her kids get older, so we will say "see you in a bit" instead of "goodbye" to Lori! The rest of our wonderful teachers will be returning next semester to PreSchool Family.

At PreSchool Family, we are also a part of a larger Greendell School community. From my time here as a preschool special education teacher, I have always known what a unique school we are, a place where all children are welcomed and included. Now, as principal, I am able to see all of our programs, our classes learning together, our teachers collaborating, our children visiting other classrooms, and I am so very proud to be a part of this amazing community!

## **YOUR GUIDE TO PSF 2018-2019 REGISTRATION:**

Let's talk... Registration!

- Registration will be open for almost 2 full weeks, (Monday, Feb. 19th, 8:00 a.m. to Friday, March 2nd, at Noon.)
- All current families applying during this time will be considered equally (i.e. not first-come first-serve, so no rush, but also please don't wait until March 2nd.)
- During this period you may indicate your preference for a class schedule if you have one. Thank you for understanding that we will not be able to accommodate all schedule requests. We do what we can, but please know that you may not be offered your first preference of class schedule.
- All current students are guaranteed a place in an age-appropriate class for the 2018-19 school year if attendance requirements have been met.
- Siblings of currently enrolled students will be placed (if space is available) once all current students have been offered a placement.
- Full step-by-step instructions will be sent prior to Monday, Feb. 19th, and your teacher will talk about what to expect in the coming year with your class.
- Your class placement offer will be e-mailed to you on Wednesday, March 14th.
- You may confirm placement in that class by providing payment for the fall tuition on or before Friday, April 13th.

***We look forward to seeing you all in the early fall 2018 for another great year!***

## Family Fun Day 2017: A Celebration of Community

By Sae ih Song & Kei Worry, Fun Day Co-Chairs

The weather was fabulous and our community spirit shined last October. As we look forward to Spring we can also reflect on the Fall and thank all of people who made Fun Day possible. It was so nice to see everyone's happy faces celebrating with their families.

We tried several new things this year and they turned out to be very successful! Our Green Waste Booth, sponsored by the City of Palo Alto, the decorative photo area at the entrance, train rides with friends, climbing through the Obstacle Course, the Recycling Races, fishing for surprises and ducks, painting our faces, enjoying festive treats and discovering new (and used) books! Families enjoyed pizza and popcorn for lunch, as well as Rick's Ice Cream for dessert. This year, Starbucks and Ada's Cafe generously donated coffee for our event.

Our performers included Mr. Horsefeathers' wonderful magic show, and live music from Asheba. We were lucky to have the talented photographer (and former PSF parent) Bilyana Boyadjieva, taking family portraits.

Fun Day 2017 was successful because of the hard work of so many volunteers, including parents, teachers, and staff. What a remarkable community we are! To every parent, grandparent, and high school student who worked our carnival booths, to each family who contributed to the bake and book sales, to those of you who sold and purchased raffle tickets, and especially all of you who invited friends and family to attend the event, THANK YOU! Also, many thanks to those of your who donated more than the one hour of volunteering to staff the additional shifts. Fun Day would not have been the same without all of your help!

The following parents went above and beyond the required volunteer commitment by serving as



Class Representatives and Committee Chairs. They worked hard behind the scenes so that our children could enjoy this special day.

Many kudos to:

- ✦ Raffle: Rosanna Young
- ✦ Decorations: Roberta Von Pankow & Mandi Lin
- ✦ Caps & Crowns: Erin Howard
- ✦ Book Sale: Rebecca Marasco & Kim Ryan
- ✦ Entertainment: Saeih Song
- ✦ Prizes: Emily Horowitz
- ✦ Publicity: Neha Pandey
- ✦ T-shirts: Stacey Clifton
- ✦ Costumes: Xiaotian Zhang
- ✦ Fun Day Flier: Stacey Clifton
- ✦ Train Rides: Valeri Salma
- ✦ Alligator Pull/Lollipop Tree: Dorothy Sacerdote
- ✦ Bake Sale: Yolla Indria & Jesna Jose
- ✦ Tattoos and Bags: Sang Hee Soon
- ✦ Cannery Roll: Margaret Rickling
- ✦ Face Painting: Jen Chu
- ✦ Fishing: Jennifer Aminzade
- ✦ Food Booth: Parissa Modarres
- ✦ Hand Prints: Erin Mattson
- ✦ Lil' Squirts: Kathryn Kobza
- ✦ Scoop-a-Duck : Jacqueline Reiter McMahon
- ✦ Obstacle Course: Dionne Zijlstra
- ✦ Recycling Race: Nicole Macuil, Ritu Upreti & Kathy Fan

## Thank you to our amazing Fun Day Volunteers, Sponsors & Raffle Donors!

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Special thanks to Decorations Chair, Roberta Von Pankow, who decorated the entrance this year. It was unbelievably amazing! We extend our infinite thanks to Shannon, Fiona, Patty and Melvin without whom, none of this would be possible.

We hope to see you again next year! Please mark your calendars for the 35th Annual Preschool Family Fun Day, Saturday, October 27th, 2018. WE NEED YOU!!! If you'd like to be involved and play a bigger role this year, please email Saeih Song, at: saeihfunday@gmail.com As families graduate, we are always looking for new faces to bring their own energy and spirit to Fun Day. How will you help? We are continually trying to improve on our annual celebration, so we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR FUN DAY DONORS!**

*Ada's Cafe*

*Adventure Toys & Teacher Supplies*

*Amici's East Coast Pizzeria*

*Bay Area Discovery Museum*

*Beach Blanket Babylon*

*Berkeley Rep Theater*

*Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad*

*Boats and Bananas*

*Bucks of Woodside*

*Byington Vineyard & Winery*

*Cardinal Hotel*

*Celia's*

*Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose*

*Children's Fairyland*

*Classic Kids Burlingame*

*Cline Cellars*

*Costanoa Resort*

*CuriOdyssey*

*Drawn 2 Art*

*Exploratorium*

*Fairytale Town*

*Farm Fresh to You*

*Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco*

*Gold Star Gymnastics*

*Golfland Entertainment Centers*

*Gott's Roadside*

*Gravity Wine Bar*

*Habitot Children's Museum*

*Happy Hollow Park & Zoo*

*Hennessey House*

*Hiller Aviation Museum*

*Hobee's California Restaurants*

*Landmark Theaters (Aquarius and Guild Theaters)*

*Lawrence Hall of Science*

*Linden Tree Books*

*Lovejoy's Tea Room*

*My Gym Palo Alto*

*Oakland Zoo*

*Parents' Place*

*Planet Granite*

*Red & White Fleet*

*Rick's Ice Cream*

*Sam's Chowder House*

*San Francisco Museum of Modern Art*

*San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles*

*Sharks Ice*

*Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel*

*Sibby's Cupcakes*

*Sky High Sports*

*SportsHouse Indoor Sports and Café*

*Starbucks Coffee*

*Summer Winds Nursery*

*Sundance The Steakhouse*

*Tahoe Donner Association*

*The Dream Inn*

*The Fish Market Restaurant*

*The New Ballet School*

*The San Francisco Zoological Society*

*The Tech Museum of Innovation*

*The Wooden Horse*

*TheatreWorks*

*Trader Joe's*

*Trellis*

*United Studio Self Defense*

*Winchester Mystery House*

*Winter Lodge*

*Wishes and Wows*

*Yoga Source*

*Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad*

# Friends of PreSchool Family News

By *Margaret Rickling, Co-President FoPSF*

We have kicked off our annual **Class Gift Campaign!** As many of you know, this is our biggest fundraiser to support our school. Your contributions help support new classroom furniture and toys, parent-teacher conferences, teacher home visits, our annual Survive and Thrive Speaker series, community social events (coffee socials & alumni movie nights), and the construction of the new playground in the 2s and 3s yard.

Our campaign runs until March 7th. The class with the highest percentage of families that donate (in any amount) will win a classroom photoshoot with PSF alumna parent Bilyana Boyadjieva, a talented professional photographer. In the event of a tie, the first class to reach the highest participation by the end of the campaign will win. **Donate by visiting: <http://fopsf.org/fundraising-classgift>** or drop off a check in the office made out to: "Friends of PreSchool Family." Also, check with your employer for corporate matching! All contributions are tax-deductible.

## Watch for other ways to support our school!

- ✦ **Tea Collection's Spring 2018 School Days Fundraiser** runs from February 26 - March 5. Simply shop at: [TeaSchoolDays.com](http://TeaSchoolDays.com) and you will receive **15% off, and 15% goes back to FoPSF.** Tea's Fall Fundraiser raised \$266.81 for our school!
- ✦ **Good Eggs Fundraiser** runs March 1 - April 30. **New customers receive \$15 off, and 10% goes back to FoPSF** during this timeframe. More info coming soon!
- ✦ **Dine out!** Enjoy a meal with your PSF community. Eat in or take out and FoPSF earns a percentage of each purchase at **Restaurant Fundraisers** throughout the year. Stay tuned for upcoming events!
- ✦ **Mabel's Labels:** Purchase name labels from Mabel's Labels at any time throughout the school year, and help support our preschool, while keeping track of your kid's things! Shop here: [mabelslabels.com/us/index.php/support-a-fundraiser](http://mabelslabels.com/us/index.php/support-a-fundraiser)
- ✦ **Amazon Smile:** Do your regular Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and support FoPSF!

## Save the Date: Spring Speaker Series

As part of our Spring Survive and Thrive Speaker Series, Friends of PreSchool Family is hosting a lecture on "Big feelings, Little Bodies. How parents can help their little ones manage their emotions" with Kristene Geering, M.A., ED.

In this talk, parents will learn why mindfulness and meditation are good for growing brains, the benefits of a regular mindfulness



**Big Feelings, Little Bodies**  
How parents can help their little ones manage their emotions

**SPEAKER: KRISTENE GEERING, M.A., ED.**

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MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
CUBBERLEY COMMUNITY CENTER THEATER  
4000 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD, PALO ALTO CA 94303

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practice, and learn three take-home calming techniques their child can use now. This free event takes place **Monday, March 5, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** at the Cubberley Community Center Theatre. Arrive early (at 7:00 p.m.) to mingle with classmates and enjoy complimentary drinks at the espresso cart.

## Join the FoPSF Board

Do you have a passion for PSF, want to help strengthen our community and make an impact in our children's lives? FoPSF is looking for new board members. Open to current students and alumni.

Interested? Email: [president@fopsf.org](mailto:president@fopsf.org)



## Spring Fun Parties Still Available!

There are quite a few Fun Parties on the calendar, and many with spaces available. As always, the price of admission goes directly to our school, as the hosts cover the costs of the parties. For more information about reserving your spot for any of the following parties, please contact Rebecca Marasco, at: [bexw19@yahoo.com](mailto:bexw19@yahoo.com). Thank you for supporting our school and continuing to build community!

### Musical Brunch

Saturday, February 24  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
\$25 / family

### Blast Off Rocket Party

Saturday, March 3  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
\$25 / family

### Kid's Drive-in Movie

Friday, March 9  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
\$25 / child (drop-off party!)

### Donkeys and Donuts

Sunday, March 18  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
\$20 / family

### Dads' Night Out

Saturday, April 7  
8:00 p.m. - Midnight  
\$25 / dad (adults only)

### Blind Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 21  
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.  
\$20 / adult (adults only)

### Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Saturday, April 28  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
\$20 / family

### The Big Splash

Saturday, May 19  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
\$25 / child

### Family Camping Trip

Friday, June 8\*  
Friday night ONLY has openings  
\$50 / family (for one night)

### Recipe Corner for Busy Families

## A Valentine's Treat for Kids: Frozen Strawberries & Yogurt

Prep Time: 5 min. or less (Prepare the night before, with or without your kids' help!)

#### Ingredients:

- Yogurt (Greek, flavored, any preferred yogurt)
- Strawberries
- Wax or Parchment Paper & baking sheet, or airtight container

#### Directions:

- Optional: Cut strawberries in half
- Dip strawberries in yogurt, and place on covered baking sheet or in a container
- Place in freezer overnight
- Enjoy!



Source: *Brendid.com*

