

# Valley Pre-School Newsletter

The 4s classes at Valley Pre-School enjoyed learning about the various types of trucks during a field trip to the Granby town garage.



## Calendar of Events

### March

- 12 – Scrapbooking Fundraiser
- 17, 18 – Professional Development or Snow Day Make-Up
- 23 – Dentist Field Trip for the 4s classes
- 24 – Emmons Field Trip (Sessions' 3s class)
- 25 – No School (Good Friday)
- 31 – Emmons Field Trip (Jackson's 3s class)

### April

- 11-15 – No School (April Vacation)
- 29 – No School (Conferences)
- 30 – Mega Tag Sale

## A Message from the Board

I cannot believe that spring is almost here! Our children have experienced so many wonderful activities and opportunities thus far at VPS, and I am eagerly awaiting the future journeys that our teachers will take us on. I would like to thank all of you who assisted in an extremely successful Open House in January. Without the support from the teachers, board members, and parents, we would not be where we are today...THANK YOU! We are also going to be receiving a brand new shed! On behalf of the board and teachers, I would like to thank Jim Caldwell and Kloter Farms for all of their willingness and graciousness to facilitate this for VPS. May we have a wonderful spring and a fabulous rest of the school year!

Beth Amato,

VPS Board Chair



## VPS Applications Available

Applications for Valley Pre-School are now available on the VPS web site for the 2016-2017 school year. The application fee will be put toward your deposit if the deposit and enrollment paperwork are received by May 1. If you have any questions, contact please Carolyn Gagliarducci at [valleypreschoolkids@gmail.com](mailto:valleypreschoolkids@gmail.com).



## Meet the Board:

### Noelle Melnik, VPS Board Scheduling

#### What class is your child in?

Our oldest son, Sam, is currently in Mrs. Jackson's and Mrs. Moon's 4s class. *(Noelle is pictured above with her daughter Reese, a future VPS student.)*

#### What are your responsibilities on the Board?

Lots of scheduling! Creating and updating the parent-helper schedule for all 3s and 4s classes for the year. Scheduling all field trips and some visitors for the classes, as well as creating the parent field trip driving schedule.

#### What is your favorite thing about Valley?

There is so much that our family loves about Valley, including the teachers. Sam was just shy of turning 3 years old when he started at Valley. Up until that point, he had only been cared for by family in our home. Starting pre-school was a big step for him. The teachers are so loving and nurturing and easily recognize what each child needs. Each day at Valley is a magical one filled with fun and excitement. The teachers go above and beyond with their enthusiasm and ability to make learning fun. No two days at Valley are the same. We are so thrilled that Valley will continue to provide this experience for our younger children in the years to come.

## Shop with Scrip

Thank you to all of the families who signed up for our Shop with Scrip fundraiser during the January conferences. Registration for Shop with Scrip is open year-round, so any families who did not have a chance to register can still do so at any time. Simple step-by-step instructions have been left on top of the center hallway bookcase at the school, or you can contact Maureen Williams with any questions at [rmkwills@cox.net](mailto:rmkwills@cox.net). Congratulations to the D'Angelo family. They were the lucky raffle winners of the \$50 Amazon gift card, just for signing up!

Another way to support VPS through the program without actually signing up is to purchase a gift card directly from the school. We currently have a limited supply of on-hand gift cards available for immediate purchase to the following local retailers: Stop-n-Shop, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, CVS, Target, TJ Maxx/Marshalls and Subway. If interested in purchasing one and supporting Valley in this way, please contact Maureen Williams.

VPS has currently raised over \$600 for our school through this year-round fundraiser. Let's keep the momentum going!

# Upcoming Events

## Scrapping/Crafting Fundraiser - March 12, 2016

Final details are being arranged for our first event fundraiser of the year. There are still some spots available for anyone who would like to join us at East Granby Congregational Church at 9 a.m. In addition to food and table space to work on, there will be vendors such as Thirty One, Arbonne and Stampin' Up, as well as a raffle for some great prizes. A special thank you to the VPS event work committee for their assistance with the setup and cleanup for the event and for collecting raffle items.



## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the Granby Public Schools will take place on Monday, March 21 between 5-7 p.m. in the Kearns All-Purpose Room. Children who will be five years of age on or before January 1, 2017 must be registered for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents choosing not to enroll their eligible child for kindergarten must complete an option form exempting their child from school attendance. Children don't need to be present at registration. All forms can be downloaded from the Kearns School page of the Granby Public Schools website at [www.granby.k12.ct.us](http://www.granby.k12.ct.us).

## Mega Tag Sale - April 30, 2016

Planning is underway for our tag sale, the last event fundraiser of the year. As you all begin your spring cleaning, please keep this tag sale in mind and put any possible donations for the sale aside, including clothing, toys (indoor and outdoor), house wares, books, music, movies, video games, baby items (pack-n-plays, high chairs, strollers, etc.), tools, sports equipment and some furniture\*. Items can be dropped off at Cook Hall in the First Congregational Church on Friday, April 29 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items must be in gently-used and clean condition. If you have any questions about a possible item for donation, please contact Maureen Williams at [rmkwills@cox.net](mailto:rmkwills@cox.net). \*Furniture not sold will need to be picked up by the donator at the end of the tag sale.

## Have You Noticed?

Sincere thanks to Simply Signs of Granby owned by Meg Bunz (a VPS alumni) and an anonymous donor family for the beautiful new sign at the school complete with VPS's newest logo.

## Snow Make-Up Policy Reminder

Days missed due to weather will be made up as follows:

3s: After missing one class, the second snow-day will be made up.

4s: After missing two classes, the third snow day will be made up.

Additional missed days will be waived. The professional development day in March will serve as the make-up day.

## Tax Information

As tax preparation time approaches, please note that the VPS EIN (Employer Identification Number) is 06-0676310.

