

Special points of interest:

- CLOSED May 28
- Picture Days May 15-17
- Joyce is off May 21-22

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## Notes from Mrs. Joyce

The warm weather has finally decided to show up (knock on wood)!!! As we move into Spring, I would like to remind you all to apply sunscreen to your children and we will reap-apply for the afternoon. As you know, we can never predict the weather in these parts and we've become masters of layering clothing! However, the sun can still burn our friends' skin, so please get that first layer on them before going to school.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Christi and Ms. Brittany (GREEN ROOM) for

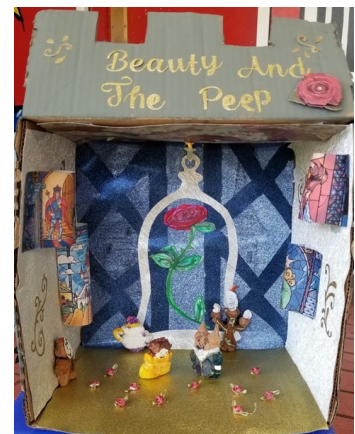
winning our annual staff Peeps diorama contest with "Beauty and the Peep"! The theme was "children's movies" and bonus points for adding a pun to the title. See the picture below.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs. Angeline on the birth of her first born, baby girl, Calaleya "Cali". She was brought into the world on April 14th.



This month, we would like to give gigantic THANK YOU to our nursing staff and teachers! We truly have a passion for what we do on a daily basis. Thank you for being a part of the LeafSpring family! We will always continue to partner with you to promote the success of each of your children.

*Mrs. Joyce*



## Gold Room Highlight from April

Spring is in the air! Finally! Gold Room took advantage of the great weather and we went on our annual trip to pick strawberries at Cullipher Farms. This field trip is special to us because we are so lucky to have a local family owned farm right down the road. We learned all about the life cycle of a strawberry. In case you do not know, you should only pick the really red ones! Then we climbed up onto a trailer and went on a wagon ride around the farm. We saw all the yummy apples and corn that are in the



process of growing so we can eat them in the fall. Mr. Louis Cullipher joined us on our wagon ride and spoke to us about the history of his family farm. There is an old house located on the property and he told stories about some of his family members that use to live in that house. No one lives in the house anymore. Instead of knocking it down, they now use it to store their bee hives. Mr. Cullipher explained the importance of having bee hives on the farm and the role the bees play in helping the strawberries grow. After

the wagon ride, each child was able to pick a basket full of strawberries. This field trip taught us the importance of supporting our local farmers and to eat fresh from the farm. If you have a chance you should stop by their market stand off of Princess Anne Road and pick up some fresh and yummy produce for your family!



## Purple Room Works Together!

One of our favorite values is helpfulness. As a classroom, we are always eager to help out our friends by either with building legos or simply putting a puzzle together.

We stand out as being helpful when our friends see that another friend needs assistance and will jump to the rescue. They always help

their friends if they fall or sometimes if they just need a hug. Purple Room shares love to each other and to our friends in other classrooms and are always ready to be a helpful friend!



## Picture Days are Back!

Hi! We will be using Joyful Years Photography again this Spring. Please take note:

**Tuesday, May 15** Infants, Red, Orange, and Yellow Rooms

**Wednesday, May 16** Green, Blue, Purple, and

Gold Rooms

\*ALL CLASSES will have their group picture Wed, May 16th

**Thursday, May 17** Private Kindergarten Cap & Gown pictures and Private K group photo

SIBLING PHOTOS will be

taken on the day of the OLDEST child.

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Justin!

# Don't Forget!



## Stop Brain Drain with Breakfast

*(Brought to you by the VBCPS Parent Connection)*

Research shows that eating breakfast boosts brain power. Breakfast eaters have more energy. They work faster, concentrate better, make fewer mistakes and score higher on tests than those who don't eat breakfast. But

how do you get busy kids to eat breakfast?

Here are some tips for giving your child the morning fuel he needs:

- **Have easy-to-make items on hand.** For instance—microwavable oatmeal or low-sugar yogurt with gra-

nola.

- Offer natural "fast foods" like bananas and strawberries.
- Let your child eat nontraditional breakfast foods like peanut butter sandwiches or string cheese and carrot sticks.



## Front Desk News from Mr. Justin

Summer is right around the corner! I hope that everyone had a great Spring Break and Easter. Week of the Young Child was super fun, I loved everyone's spirit! Do not forget that Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. Let's show our teachers how much we truly appreciate them!

Parents please remember if you have someone else pick-

ing up other than yourself to fill out the authorized pick up form that is located at the front of both buildings. The people that are listed on the registration form are for in case of an emergency. They will not be able to pick up without having the authorized form filled out by the parent and turned in to someone at the front. If you have any questions about the forms, please let me know!

Remember we will be closed May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by my desk or shoot me an email! I cannot wait to experience my first summer here at Leaf-Spring!!



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## Our Month of April



### Important Dates to Remember

We will be closed:

- May 28 Memorial Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- August 30-31 Teacher Workdays
- September 3 Labor Day
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- November 23 Thanksgiving
- December 24 Christmas Eve
- December 25 Christmas Day

We will close early:

- December 31 *Closing at 4 pm*

### This Month's Celebrations

#### Children's Birthdays:

- 04 Dashiel 9
- 04 Milana 2
- 06 Julia 6
- 07 Julia 10

- Amery 5
- 10 Landon 5
- 11 Julian 6
- Teagan 3

- 13 Addilyn 3
- 14 Daniel 6
- 15 Stella 6
- 16 Reese 4
- 18 Sadie 5
- 19 Alex 8

- 20 Jayden 4
- 21 Lucy 6
- 22 Max 11
- Leighton 4

- 23 Lyssa 6
- 25 Brodie 3
- 31 Rey 5

#### Staff Birthdays:

- 03 Mrs. Lisa
- 13 Mrs. Theresa
- Mr. Matt

- 16 Ms. Shenequa
- 18 Ms. Shirley

- 23 Ms. Emory
- 28 Mr. Brian

#### Staff Birthdays:

- 02 Mrs. Christi 2 yrs
- 16 Ms. Emory 2 yrs
- Ms. Phoebe 2yrs
- 22 Ms. Natasha 1 yr
- 26 Ms. Jaemie 1 yr

May 2018 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cheerios Cereal Chicken Alfredo Mixed Vegetables Apple Slices Banana Pudding	2 Corn Flakes Cereal BBQ Meatballs, Roll Salad Pineapples Trail Mix	3 Roll w/ Butter Ravioli Corn Mandarin Oranges Oatmeal Cookies	4 String Cheese, Crackers, Water Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Cole Slaw Pineapples Blueberry Muffins
7 Banana Mac & Cheese Corn Fruit Cocktail Animal Crackers	8 Roll w/ Butter Stroganoff Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Banana Pudding	9 Cheerios Cereal Turkey Nachos Salad Apple Slices Trail Mix	10 Rice Krispies Cereal Chicken Fried Rice Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	11 String Cheese Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Cole Slaw Pineapples Cheez-Its
14 Bananas Baked Spaghetti Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Goldfish Crackers	15 Cheerios Cereal Beef-a-roni Broccoli Pineapples Graham Crackers	16 String Cheese Chicken Noodle Casserole, Corn Applesauce Animal Crackers	17 Cheese, Crackers Water Sloppy Joe on a Bun Corn Fruit Cocktail Blueberry Muffins	18 Roll w/ Butter Hot Dog on a Bun Salad Pineapples Trail Mix
21 Bananas Milk Cheese Lasagna Salad Fruit Cocktail String Cheese	22 Corn Flakes Cereal Meatball Marinara, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges Animal Crackers	23 Ravioli Cole Slaw Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	24 Cheerios Cereal Beanie Weenies Broccoli Pineapples Cheez-Its	25 Roll w/ Butter Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad Fruit Cocktail Banana Pudding
28 LEAFSPRING SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	29 Rice Krispies Cereal Cheesy Chicken & Rice, Broccoli Pineapples Oatmeal Cookies	30 Roll w/ Butter Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Salad Fruit Cocktail Animal Crackers	31 Corn Flakes Cereal Turkey Pot Pie Mashed Potatoes Apple Slices Trail Mix	*Milk served with all meals unless otherwise noted*