



# Kachemak Kids

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## Early Learning Center

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### Board Notes:

Hello families and friends of Kachemak Kids,

The Board of Directors is delighted to announce we have hired our new Executive Director: Jon Kulhanek. Jon served as the first director of Kachemak Kids; so many families will be welcoming back a familiar face. Jon has been an early childhood educator for 24 year with a Masters of Education in Early Childhood. His professional focus has centered on the development of child-directed, developmentally appropriate learning experiences for young children, establishing effective parent/school partnerships, forming and supporting talented and professional Early Childhood teaching teams, and creating engaging and beautiful school environments. Jon will be writing a short description of his philosophy of education that will be made available to parents. He will begin work on August 3, 2009.

We are equally delighted to inform you that Bobbi has generously agreed to extend her contract to continue as our director through the month of July. We are very excited about this, as she and our staff are busy planning a summer full of fun themes and great outings for our students. We are very grateful to know that Bobbi will be there to lead us through a wonderful summer program.

I will also take this opportunity to inform you that Diane Mc Bride has recently joined our board. We are very lucky to have her with us, as she comes with years of experience on boards and a strong background in Early Childhood Education. Diane is also a frequent helper in the classroom, so next time you see her there, please thank her for "stepping up" to this important role.

-Kachemak Kids Board of Directors

The KKELC Board also wishes to thank Bobbi for all of her hard work and commitment in getting us where we are. Thank you and goodbye to Marlena Hodgdon and Timberlyn. Marlena served on the Board and was the Parent Time Coordinator. Goodbye to Sevea, Jackie, and Amy. We value all that you offered to the classroom and wish you well in your new endeavors. We welcome new staff members Tammy and Leanne.

### May Themes

Insects  
Spiders  
Spring  
Pets

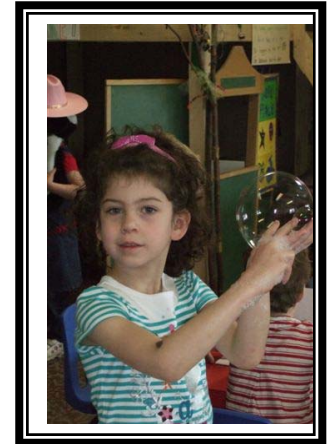
## Reminders

Please check the sign up board in the office for parent time shifts. Sign up for vacant slots.

**Kindergarten Registration:** Register your child now for kindergarten at Paul Banks Elementary, McNeil Canyon and/or with Fireweed Academy. Teacher ratios are determined by enrollment, not who actually attends, so even if you are not sure which school your 5 year old will be attending you should register in the spring and it will help keep teacher/student ratios low. Please don't wait to register. Your child must be 5 years old when they start Kindergarten. School starts August 20. Fireweed Academy would like to provide K-2nd grade if they can find a new location. Currently they teach 3rd - 6th at West Homer Elementary, but are looking to expand. You can fill out an application form with Fireweed, but it is suggested you enroll at Paul Banks or McNeil as well as it is uncertain if Fireweed will get a Kindergarten program in time. Contact the schools to register. - Shannon McBride-Morin

\*Extra hands are welcome for field trips, but please check with the staff if you want to come on a day that your child normally does not attend and/or bring siblings.

## April in Pictures:



### Kid Quotes:

"Chickens!"

"It came out!" - Raiden

"We're going to name it Peep"- Casey

"Baby Chicky, go to sleep, go to sleep now, Baby Chicky." - Delilah

"Hey Bea! Have you ever seen some chicks? Here's some chicks." -Seamus

## This Month:

Board of Directors  
Chair: Lolita Brache  
299-0694

Treasurer: Jenny Martin  
235-9727

Secretary: Emilie Otis  
235-0706

Members: Shannon  
McBride-Morin  
235-2604

Diane McBride

*Thank You!*

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Meeting in April. We appreciate your input and ideas and we look forward to the next meeting.

### Announcements:

At the May Garage Sale, there will be an electric piano for sale. Tell your friends! A great opportunity to get your child exposed to music.

## May Wish List

Insect costumes!

## Spring has sprung at Kachemak Kids:

Mark your calendar for Monday May 18 for our third parent meeting.

Spring is coming and we are gearing up to upgrade the playground. We have received grants from the Homer Foundation, Homer Rotary and Spenard Builders. We have a great group of volunteers who have signed on for a number of projects but are in need of some more helpers. If you have building skills, materials to donate, general interest in helping with the project or of know of any other donors please contact Debbie Tobin at [dtobin@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:dtobin@uaa.alaska.edu) or 235-7170. For more information on the playground check out the folder by the white board in the Creative Classroom.

## YARD SALE

KKELC is having its annual Yard/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 16th from 9-1:00 at Christian Community Church.

You'll note a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please peruse and sign-up for those roles that fit your interests. We need folks for set-up and clean-up, individuals who can wheel and deal with the public, and any artsy parents who would like to design some posters for key Homer intersections. Fun! If you want to involve your kids, we need some culinary wizards who can whip up baked goods for sale. Again, these roles are listed on the sign-up sheet, so jump right in. We'd love your help.

Finally, for donations, we're collecting clothing, household items, toys, books, and sports equipment in good condition. Please drop all items by KKELC on Friday, May 15th by 5:00. There will be a marked area by the lockers for baked goods, as well as a trailer outside for items. Be on the look-out for signs. Call Julie at 235-1973 for info.

*Our Mission: To provide a safe, nurturing, cooperative-style preschool and child care program that strengthens families through the education of parents and staff. We strive to provide awareness and role modeling for the Homer community regarding safe, nurturing child care, child development, and integrated learning for children, their families, and other community members.*

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Shorebird Fest	8 Shorebird Fest	9 Shorebird Fest
10 Shorebird Fest	11	12	13	14 Homer Vet 10:00	15 5-7:00- set- up for KKELC Yard Sale	16 KKELC Yard Sale! 9-1:00
17 Mother's Day	18 Parent and Board Meeting	19	20 Amy's Last Day	21 Animal Shelter 11:00  (Islands & Ocean Kid friendly open house -lab will be set up 5- 7pm)	22 Senior Center 10:30  (KBay SeaFest)	23   (KBay SeaFest)
24  (KBay SeaFest)	25  Memorial Day	26  Bishop's Beach	27  Bishop's Beach	28	29	30