

## Annsworth Academy July 2020 Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendars –

- **Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Annsworth will be closed in observance of Independence Day.**
- **Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day.** Children will need to be picked up by 12:00 Noon.
- **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, Annsworth will be closed for Staff Planning/In-Service Day.**
- **Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> is the first day of our Academic School Year.**
- **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Annsworth will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday.**

**Administrative Changes** – As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Chris Bertoch will change her role at Annsworth to CEO. Tamsin Kilmer will become the Director and Samantha Adams the Assistant Director.

**Thank You** – A BIG thank you to all of our families for your patience during morning drop off. Thank you to the Van Asten Family for donating books.

**Water Bottles** – Please remember to put your child’s first name, last name AND date on their water bottle. It slows down our screening process during drop off if we also have to label water bottles.

**Face Masks** – All parents, staff, and children over age two must wear a face mask at Annsworth. Teachers will assist the children and gently help them wear their mask during the day with the exception of times when they are eating, drinking and during playground and nap time. **Face masks must be marked clearly with each child’s first and last name.** Parents are asked to clean and sanitize their child’s mask each day.

**2020-2021 VPK Eligibility Certificates** – For children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2020, VPK Eligibility Certificates are due to Annsworth no later than Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Go to the Office of Early Learning’s website at <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/> to use their online portal. You will need to complete the application and scan the required documents in order to get the VPK Eligibility Certificate. Once you receive the certificate, you will need to print it out, sign box 18, date box 19, and turn it into our office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Tamsin. Please note that we will be sending out a letter to all upcoming Pre-K/VPK parents that will contain more details about obtaining eligibility and the VPK policies.

**Kona Ice** – On Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Kona Ice Truck will come visit and we will be providing a tasty treat for our staff and children to enjoy mid-morning.

**At Home Learning** – There are so many ways you can support your child’s growth and development. From STEM concepts to the beginning steps of reading and writing, NAEYC provides you with some wonderful resources. Visit <https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/books-for-families> for more information on how you can help guide your child at home.

**Activities for Preschoolers** – Visit: <https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2015/01/list-of-free-choice-activities-for-preschool.html> for a list of 45 activities that can be done at home to support Art, Fine Motor Development, Gross Motor Development, Sensory Play, Literacy, Math & Science, Pretend Play, and Block Play.

**Kindness Pledge** – “I pledge to myself, on this day, to try to be kind, in every way. To every person, big and small, I will help them if they fall. When I love myself and others, too, that is the best that I can do!” Rice, Judith Anne *The Kindness Curriculum*. Minneapolis, MN: Redleaf Press, (1995). Print.