

Annsworth Academy May 2021 Newsletter

Thank You – Thank you to the Baisden family for the donation of dramatic play items and kinetic sand. Thank you to the Mathews family for the donation of hats and cookie cutters. Thank you to the Gautier family for donating girls' clothes and to the Zimmerman family for donating play raffle tickets and file folders. Also, we would like to thank the Dodson family for donating puzzles and outlet covers and to Dr. Jensen (Schwartz family) for donating books, globes, and dry erase boards. Lastly, thank you to Mrs. Becky for donating books. Your donations are always put to good use and are greatly appreciated!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week – Monday, May 3rd through Friday, May 7th. As we near the end of our Academic Year, we look forward to expressing our thankfulness for our wonderful teachers and staff. We know that you all value and appreciate our teachers and staff as much as we do. We have multiple expressions of appreciation planned throughout the week of May 3rd.

Annsworth sponsors certain events and gifts. Due to COVID, we are minimizing the number of items that will be brought in directly by parents, therefore, we are asking parents for monetary donations to help fund some of these events. On Tuesday and Thursday of this week, you are invited to participate in Card Day and Small Gift Day, but do not feel obligated.

We know just how much this week lifts their spirits and makes them feel truly valued and loved! And this year they are truly in need of some uplifting. Thank you for all your assistance as we show our teachers and staff just how wonderful they are!!

Rooms 8, 9 & 10 Pre-K End of the Year Celebration – On Friday, May 14th, we have planned the Pre-K End of the Year Celebration. The children will have a festival on the playground to celebrate the end of their Pre-K year. They will get to participate in a variety of special activities and games on the playground and have a visit from Momma P's Ice Cream Truck. Due to COVID-19 precautions, this is for children only. We will take a lot of pictures and share on Facebook so you will be able to see all the fun activities.

VPK Program – Thursday, May 20th, is the last day of VPK, the last day of VPK funding, and the last day for our “VPK Only” children to attend. Children who are on a VPK Wrap Around schedule (Half Day, Three Quarter Day, or Full Time) will continue attending until the last day of our Academic Year, Thursday, May 27th.

Early Release – Annsworth will close early on Thursday, May 27th. Children must be picked up by Noon. Lunch will NOT be served this day. This early release day allows for cot washing and final classroom preparations prior to the start of our Summer Session.

School Closed – Annsworth will be closed on Friday May 28th for Staff Planning/In-Service Day.

Memorial Day Holiday – Annsworth will be closed on Monday, May 31st for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Summer Session – Tuesday, June 1st begins our summer session. Children changing classrooms will do so on that day. The Summer Class Lists will be posted on Friday, May 21st.

2021-2022 Academic Year VPK Eligibility Certificate Sign-Up (For children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021) – In Florida, children who turn four years old on or before September 1, 2021 are eligible to attend a VPK program. The State of Florida funds quality programs who agree to offer 540 instructional hours during the school year, adopt an approved curriculum, limit the class size to 20 children, and provide two VPK instructors during the VPK program hours. Annsworth will be offering the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (VPK) for our students. If your child will be participating in our VPK for the 2021-2022 Academic Year, you will need to present Annsworth with a Child Eligibility Certificate. For more information and to obtain a VPK Eligibility Certificate, visit <http://www.elcbigbend.org/Parents/Voluntary-PreKindergarten-VPK>