

The Buzz

Bush Site Monthly Newsletter

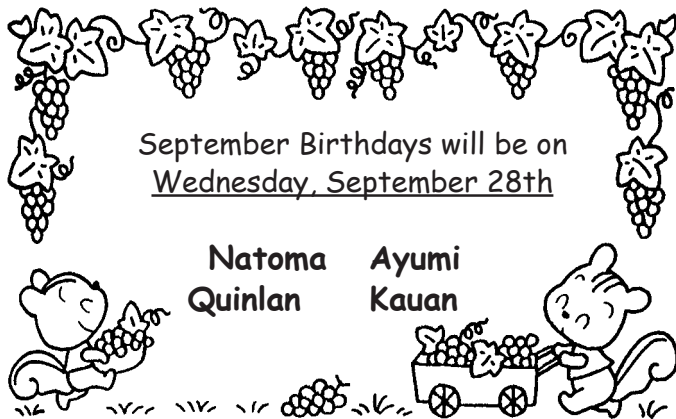
September 2016

Kids Focus

Curriculum: During the month of September, the teachers are focusing on the transitions to the new school year and doing in-depth study on their group name (Twigs, Boulders, Circles, Leaves, Nature (Super Heros, Dinosaurs, Playdoh). We look forward to exploring and learning together while developing your child's critical thinking and problem solving skills through on-going projects.

Please ask your child's group teacher if you would like more information on the theme and/or if you have resources you would like to share.

PFA Creative Movement Class-- Pre-K children and those who qualify for Preschool For All are participating in a creative movement class with instructor, Freddie, on **Tuesdays from 9:00 to 9:30am or 9:30 to 10am.** Please have your child in school by 9:20 on Tuesday so he/she can participate. A parent demo class will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, from 9:30-10:30 so you can see what they have learned.



September Birthdays will be on
Wednesday, September 28th

Natoma Quinlan
Ayumi Kauan

Birthday Celebration: Every month, we choose a day to celebrate all the birthdays of the children born in that month. A special dessert is served that day, and the teachers make special birthday crowns for the birthday children. If you would like to bring something in on that day such as a birthday cake, **please check with your child's group teacher beforehand.** We have a strict non-candy treat school policy which we will be enforcing. Some non-candy item suggestions include: pencils, raisins, fruit snacks, crackers, stickers, or donations to the school, e.g. books in honor of your child. Parents of the birthday children are invited to join us for lunch and dessert that day.

Coming Events

Blanket Cleaning: Blankets and your child's white cot sheet will be sent home to be washed on **Friday, September 30th.** Please let one of the teachers know if your child will not be in school that day so that his/her blankets can be sent home beforehand. Each child has a sheet to cover their cot, as required by licensing. Please wash it along with your child's blankets and return it. **Lost sheets will be billed to parents at \$12.00/sheet.**

Workday: We will be having our annual workday to thoroughly clean and clear the school on **Sunday, September 25th from 9 to 11:00am.** We need parents to help sweep outdoors, redistribute the sand, do general cleaning and help us to fill our dumpster in preparation for the move to the new building.. A sign up sheet with more information will be posted on the parents' table.

5K Run/Walk & Brunch Picnic: Our first major fundraiser for the school year is our 5K run/walk at Golden Gate Park's Lindley Meadows on **Sunday, October 9th.** A detailed letter on how to register and donate will be in mailboxes soon. Please send out the link to family and friends on ways they can support and help raise donations for this very important fundraiser. As this is a mandatory fundraiser, all participatory families need to register/donate a minimum of \$50.00.

ECERS Review: On **Friday, September 23** from 9:00-12:00, we will be having our ECERS-R Observation Review. A detailed letter with the observer's photo is on the parents' table. She will be observing and rating us on our interactions with the children, hand-washing procedure, environment, etc.

Welcome to NLF

We would like to warmly welcome **Natalie & Michael and their parents, Jamie & Doug; Amelie and her parents, Ribeka & Newlyn** and **Shinju and her parents, Kyoko & William.** We look forward to getting better acquainted.

Miscellaneous

Sign in/out Procedure: Please sign your full name on the attendance sheet when you bring in and pick up your child. If you plan to stay a while, please find street parking as the white zone is for quick pick up and drop offs only. **Please make sure your child does NOT write on the sign in sheet.** Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

United Way: Those of you who contribute to United Way through your work can designate your contributions to come directly to NLF by contacting your United Way representative and completing a 2012-13 Campaign Pledge Form. NLF's code number is **3251**, and we use 2031 Bush St., San Francisco, CA 94115 as the address for this campaign.

Amazon Smile: If you shop on-line at Amazon.com, you can designate a portion of your purchases to go to NLF by signing up at AmazonSmile.com (same account as your Amazon.com) and select for the charity: Nihonmachi Little Friends.

Reminders: Please check your child's locker everyday and replace soiled clothes (e.g. underwear, pants, top, etc.) on a daily basis. We also appreciate clothes borrowed from the school to be washed and returned as soon as possible, especially underwear and socks.

* Parents mailboxes are located **UNDER** your name.

* Please check the door and parents' table for notices and sign ups for upcoming events.

* Please do not let your child bring toys from home to school.

Family Photos: Please bring in a family photo which we can display on the board near the entrance!

Parent Directory: Please let Naomi sensei know if there are any corrections to the Parent Directory which was distributed during our Parent Orientation General Meeting.

Thank You

General Orientation Meeting: Thank you to all the parents who attended this important first meeting of the school year. Special thanks to **Alice (Kohta's mom)**, and **Joelle (Owen's mom)**, for the great job they did chairing the meeting! Welcome to our newest board members, **Irene (Ohio's mom)** and **Mayuko (Ayumi's mom)**.

Acknowledgements

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As always your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

