

# Incline Village Nursery School

*February 2021 Newsletter*

## Director's Notes

We've really enjoyed being able to sit down with each student over the past month and assess their skills to see where they're at developmentally and academically. We love being preschool teachers SO much and being able to see our students absorb and use skills that they learn with us is a very rewarding and prideful experience. We love chatting about their skills afterwards and we catch ourselves saying to each other; "Wow! Did you know she/he could do that?"

And now it's *your* turn to hear all the amazing things your child showed us during their assessment. Parent conferences are essential to creating a growth plan for each child in our program. We're gathering a great list of skills that each student needs to work on and what we can challenge them with over the next 4 months. We're looking forward to sitting down with each family and sharing these goals and challenges. **Look for conference sign-ups coming later this week!**


## Valentines

We weren't planning on celebrating Valentine's Day in the classroom this year because it falls on Sunday (other than making art, reading books, and talking about it). However; we've had a few parents ask if they can send Valentines to school. If you do decide to send Valentines to school for your student to share (no obligation to do so) **please do not include any edible items**. We will give everything a spritz with our disinfectant before we send it home. It's such a weird year, and usually we would be making mail boxes and celebrating more - lets hope that next year we can return to more fun!

## Photos Needed for Star of the Week

### What we need families to do:

Please send in 5-8 photos of your child and family members so we can make a poster for your child. Photos printed on regular printer paper are the best because we will laminate the poster - so please don't send in original photos. Each child will have their own poster of their family photos hanging up in the classroom for the school year, and when it is their week to be the Star we move their poster up to the main circle time board, and they spend a bit of circle time telling us who is in their photos and what they are doing. Baby photos are great, and photos of people they can talk about at circle time.



After we get all of your child's photos in and posters made we'll make a schedule for each child's week and will share dates with you. We'll send out info and reminders when it's your child's week to be the Star!

## **Mid-Winter Break Next Week - CLOSED**

Just a reminder that we will be closed next week, February 15th-19th. If any families travel farther than 120 miles away from home during the break we do ask that you quarantine at home for 10 days after returning. Please help us all stay healthy by following our travel expectations and current protocol given to us by the Nevada Dept. of Health.

## **Stinky Snow Clothes**

It's time to wash your child's snow clothes (if you aren't already doing so regularly). We've had some pretty stinky and wet snow clothes come out of bags in the past few days. Nobody wants to put on wet mittens or snow clothes - so it is important that you take them out of their bag each day when you get home and hang to dry.

We've also had a number of students come in from the playground with wet socks or pants. You are welcome to send a change of dry socks or pants to school so they can change into dry items afterwards.

## **Kindergarten Registration**


It may sound early, but it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten if you have a 4 or 5 year old who will be attending in the fall! Incline Elementary's registration is officially open and we recommend starting the process now if you are going to send your child to IES. If you're interested in Lake Tahoe School, Kings Beach Elementary, Tahoe Expeditionary Academy, or other charter schools in the area please reach out to those schools now and get the information you need to register on time. Many of these schools have deadlines in February or March and we don't want you to miss out. We will be talking about Kindergarten in your upcoming parent conferences, but please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or need any help in the registration process.

## **Board Meeting**

We have a few new families at IVNS and we wanted to make sure you know that all parents are welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings. In fact; we are always looking for new Board members! You can attend any meeting just as a parent, or to explore the opportunity of taking an actual seat on the Board. Being a Board member is easy and carries a lot of power - as a non-profit organization all of the decisions for IVNS are made by voting Board members, and as a parent that is a good position to be in. All Board meetings are currently held online through Zoom which makes it even easier to attend.

**February Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm.**

**We will send out a link to the meeting the day prior to all of our families if you're interested in joining.**



# Covid Reminders

We wanted to remind our families of our Covid rules and regulations. We are seeing a large increase in positive cases in both California and Nevada, and we need to be extra cautious now that we are back in school. If we want IVNS to stay open we need our families to be vigilant about following our Covid rules and regulations. Exposure in our classroom could result in a closure, and we do not want to do that!

## Basic reminders:


- \* If any members of your household are experiencing ANY symptoms on the Covid list then all students **MUST** stay home until 72 hours after symptoms go away. Even if the student has zero symptoms, but a family member does - the student must stay home.
- \* If any members of your household test positive for Covid *you must inform us immediately* so we can administer proper contact tracing and communicate with other families. All personal info will be kept private, but it is important that we let our other families know if there as been any exposure to a positive case.
- \* If any members of your household test positive your entire household must quarantine. Students may not return to school until 10 days have passed since the last symptom in the household.
- \* Any temperatures over 100.2\* will be sent home immediately, or we ask you to keep your child home before coming to school.
- \*Mask up in public, and be responsible community members. Risking exposure in a group outing or community event not only puts your family at risk, but all the other families and teachers in our program as well. Please be mindful when you are out in public. Let's keep IVNS open!





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