

DOWNEY LOWDOWN



Dates to Remember

January

- 17th** Tadpole Pajama Day
30th Polliwog Beach Day
31st Frog Beach Day



Letter From The President

Hello-

First, I hope your family is healthy and staying warm. This is the time of year when sickness gets going around easily. Please remain extra vigilant about hand washing and keeping children home from school if they've been sick/had a fever in the previous 24 hours.

I want to make everyone aware that this will be the last year Joanna Ireland will be teaching here at Downey. Starting as a co-op parent, Joanna has been leading classes for 15 years. I'm sure I don't have to tell anyone how much energy she puts into being with the children and helping the school. Many of you were probably even connected to the school because of Joanna and her efforts to help families find a school that works for them. Sadly, it's time for her to move on as her children are getting older. We will miss you Joanna!

With that said, we need to be looking for someone to be our Frogs teacher for next year- Melissa will be teaching Tadpoles and Polliwogs.

Both Melissa and Joanna started out as parents, so that means you could be an excellent candidate to be our next teacher. Outside of preparing and leading class, requirements include new teacher orientation in the summer, professional development activities through the year, and attending board meetings. If you have any interest in this position or know someone who might, please let me, Joanna, or Melissa know as soon as possible.

Additionally, we will need families to help in the process of selecting our new teacher. Since co-op families are much more involved in the daily activities of class, the new teacher will be someone we will all be interacting with a lot. Please consider being a part of a committee to find a teacher- we would meet about once a month. Let me know if you're interested.

Hope your new year is starting off well.

See you soon!
Dustin

Tadpole Tidbits

Happy Winter!

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing break. Thank you so much for the goodies and the gift certificates to Homespun. It'll be fun to shop there just for me. Thank you.

January is the best time to explore winter so that is what we will do. We will do ice paintings, make snow people, color snow, and make warm clothes (you'll see).

On Friday, January 17 we will break our winter blues by having "Pajama Day"!

We wear our pjs to school, bake muffins, make fresh orange juice, and you can bring your favorite sleep toy. We will need an extra parent on pajama day. Parent's wear jammies too.

We will make winter fun.

Remember to have a warm change of clothes at school. If temperature gets above freezing we will play outside. So make sure your tadpole is prepared for the cold.

Thanks for all your hard work and choosing Downey.

Mrs. Egan

Polliwog News

This month our curriculum will focus on snow, water and ice. We will learn more about

oceans and end our studies with Beach Day on Thursday January 30th. We will also cook that day so I need an Extra parent in class. On Beach Day please put your child's swimsuit on under their regular clothes. We will have fun all day at the beach at school! Your child may also bring items they would normally take to the beach.

I want to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts. What a great group of families you are! All of your hard work, time and energy given to Downey makes such a difference in the lives of our children and each other. Thanks for making Downey such a wonderful place for our children.

Joanna

Frog Follies

This month our curriculum will focus on snow, ice, and water leading up to Beach Day on Friday January 31st. On Beach Day please let your child wear their swimsuit under their clothes. They may also bring beach towels, sunglasses, beach balls etc... we will make sandy beach dessert this day as well.

Thank you so much for the gift cards. How very thoughtful, and gratefully appreciated they are. I want to thank everyone for all you do to make Downey possible. It is the best place for my son and your help makes it all possible. I look forward to a new semester full of growing, learning, and cooperating.

Joanna