

# SCOTTY'S NEWS May 2024



## DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Happy May! With the new month comes the hope of warmer days and growth all around!

I am excited to announce that we will once again host a **Picture Day** here at Scotty's! We have Fiona Johnson Photography coming once again to capture beautiful photos of your little ones. A memo will be sent out next week with more info, but for now, save Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 30th on your calendars!

In this Newsletter, please take special note of our updated Pickup Policy and our Safety columns. This information is important and will be enforced.

Our brochure for our School Aged Summer Camp Program is now available! This program is geared towards children 5-12 (entering 1st grade in the Fall) and is full of fun, educational adventures. Please ask us for a brochure or visit our website for more information. We also have a Summer of fun filled themes for our younger campers (Toddlers, Preschool & Pre-K) as well.

May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week. We are grateful for our teachers always, but want to take a moment to thank them for all their hard work, love and dedication to Scotty's.

I hope this month brings health and happiness to you all!

*Lillian*



We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

- Jacob Calhoon
- Thomas Daigle
- Aya Sandor
- Hunter Weech



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## IS YOUR CHILD ENTERING Kindergarten

If so, please inform us in writing with the following:

- Which school your child will be attending
- Will your child need transportation to or / and from school.

As we compile the transportation needs, we will keep you informed on our transportation schedules and availability.

## PRE-K GRADUATION



Parents of graduates, mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 20th at 6:30pm**. The graduation ceremony will take place in our upstairs Kids' Klub classroom. Do you have family or friends who want to come but can't make it? We will be live Zooming the event! We will hand out the password for parents to share with their loved ones closer to the day. The children have worked so hard and we know you will enjoy their performance. Please see Lillian with any questions you may have. Invitations will be sent out at the end of May. Oh, and make sure you bring lots of tissues!



**Reminder:** Scotty's will be closed on **Monday, May 27th** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

Please take the time to remember what this day is truly about. Here at Scotty's we are forever grateful to the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

## MAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Week 1** we walk on into learning about **Pets** and why they are so special. We end the week making a **special surprise** for all of our Mommy's for **Mother's Day**.



**Week 2** we journey into the world of **Opposites!** Learning about these important concepts is not only fun, but helps children learn how to compare two different things and to develop a more concrete understanding of a specific concept.



**Week 3** we finish up our lesson on Opposites, which includes a **Pajama Day**, and end the week honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom by learning about **Memorial Day**.



**Week 4** ends the month and starts with a review of some of our favorite things; **Shapes, Numbers & Colors**. We end the week playing with **Beach Balls!**

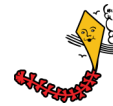


Our Preschool, Pre-K and Kids' Klub children have been working hard on watering their plants and taking them outside for some sun each day. Every day they get excited to see how much they have grown. This month they will transfer their vegetable plants from the pots in the classroom to their **Garden** outside! We can't wait to see all their hard work pay off.



2024 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR		
<p><b>Independence Day - Jul 4th</b>                      Scotty's is closed on <b>Thursday, July 4th</b>                      In observance of Independence Day                      Full tuition is due the week of July 1</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving - Nov 28-29</b>                      Scotty's is closed on <b>Thu, Nov 28th &amp; Fri, Nov 29th</b>                      in observance of Thanksgiving                      Full tuition is due the week of Nov 25</p>	
<p><b>Summer Vacation Shutdown</b>                      Scotty's will be closed the week of <b>July 8 thru 12</b> for our Summer Vacation Shutdown                      No tuition is due the week of July 8</p>	<p><b>Winter Vacation Shutdown</b>                      Scotty's will be closed the week of <b>December 23 thru 27</b> for our Winter Vacation Shutdown                      No tuition is due the week of December 23</p>	
<p><b>Memorial Day - May 27th</b>                      Scotty's is closed <b>Monday, May 27th</b>                      in observance of Memorial Day                      Full tuition is due the week of May 27</p>	<p><b>Labor Day - Sept 2nd</b>                      Scotty's is closed <b>Monday, Sept 2nd</b>                      in observance of Labor Day                      Full tuition is due the week of Sept 2</p>	<p><b>New Year's Day</b>                      Scotty's is closed <b>Wednesday, January 1st</b>                      In observance of New Year's Day                      Full tuition is due the week of December 30</p>





## SUMMER CAMP

The brochure for our School Aged Summer Camp Program is ready for you to see on our website! This year, the theme of our Summer Camp will be **Summer Science!** Each week, campers will learn about the different fields of science. We will start with Astronomy, and then we will dive on into Biology, Physics, Ecology, Engineering, Chemistry, Geology, Forensics and Sociology.

Another fun activity that is returning is our **Summer Camp Garden!** Over Spring Break, Kids' Klub children planted the vegetable seeds into pots in the classroom. This month they will transfer those vegetables into our Garden out on the playground. Campers love being able to water the garden each day, especially when there are vegetables to harvest and eat!

And that's not all! Our popular Town Wide Traveler Program is back! Children will be able to visit many local community destinations to learn about their importance in our daily lives. They will have a journal to record their travels.

All of this, plus Friday Spirit days and weekly trips to the park are sure to have your child not uttering the words, "I'm bored" this Summer. Please contact Lillian with any questions, or if you want to secure your spot. Space is limited so let her know ASAP!

## STAFF Spotlight



**Mr. Bob**  
**Student Transport Driver**

This month we are shining our spotlight on our Student Transport Driver, Mr. Bob! Bob started with us at the beginning of the school year and keeps busy driving all the school children to and from local schools.

Mr. Bob has been married to Miss Tammy for 45 years. They have six children and just welcomed their 16th grandchild! Bob is retired from Creative Mobile Systems, a company that builds and repairs food trucks. When Bob isn't working, he loves to spend time at his camper in Rhode Island, fish, cookout and watch NASCAR, especially his favorite driver, Martin Truex Jr.

We are so happy to have Mr. Bob as part of the Scotty's family!



All of Scotty's staff are mandated reporters and must report witnessed and suspected child abuse and neglect.

One thing we are vigilant about is monitoring persons who pick up the children at the end of the day. Here are two of the things that we monitor:

1: Is the person picking up the child under the influence of alcohol/drugs. If this is suspected, Scotty's staff will refuse to release the child to that person and will call parents/guardians or emergency contacts to come pick up the child. If that person insists on taking the child and does so, Scotty's staff will call 911 and DCF as is required of mandated reporters.

2: Does the person picking up the child have a car seat and is the car seat appropriate for the age of the child. We will ask these questions when the pick up person is not one of the child's parents/guardians. We will also ask this question if alerted to a possible no car seat situation by another parent or staff member. If necessary, Scotty's staff will visually confirm that there is a car seat. If there is no car seat or the car seat is inappropriate, Scotty's staff will refuse to release the child to that person and will call parents/guardians or emergency contacts to come pick up the child. If that person insists on taking the child and does so, Scotty's staff will call 911 and DCF as is required of mandated reporters.

We ask that all parents be aware of our vigilance and inform all persons picking up their child of our mandated reporter responsibilities

## POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW

### PICKUP POLICY

Our hours are 6:30am to 5:30pm and all children should be picked up by our closing time of 5:30pm. Pickups after 5:30pm will be considered late and a late pick up fee will be charged as follows: For late pickups between 5:31pm-5:45pm a flat **\$20.00 late pick up fee** will be assessed with an additional **\$1.00 per minute** added for late pickups from 5:46pm and later. The late pickup fee is to be paid that same day to Scotty's staff.

A.M. Preschool sessions end at 11:30am and your child should be picked up promptly at 11:30am. For late pickups between 11:31am to 11:45am a flat **\$20.00 late pickup fee** will be assessed with an additional **\$1.00 per minute** added for late pickups from 11:46am and later. The late pickup fee is to be paid that same day to Scotty's staff.

Parents/Guardians who consistently miss the 5:30pm pickup time will be notified and assessed an **extended care charge of \$50.00 per week** for any pickup between 5:30pm and 6:00pm. All time after 6:00 will be charged at **\$1.00 per minute**.

**Just for Fun**

Q: Why is a computer so smart?  
A: It listens to its motherboard!

## Health & Wellness

We have handed out new **Topical Medication Forms** for each child and ask that if you haven't already, please fill out and sign this form so that your child can have sunscreen applied here at Scotty's. Once you have filled out and signed the form, return it to Lillian or your child's teacher along with a bottle of **new sunscreen, labeled with your child's name**, so we can protect them during outdoor play. *Old sunscreen cannot be accepted as sunscreen does expire.*



For outside play during the Spring months, **each child must have a light coat and sneakers.**



Children won't be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed. Weather conditions can change quickly during the Spring, so please check the forecast so that you can provide the proper outer wear for your child each day.

## YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH AND SNACK REMINDER

All containers sent in from home must be labeled with your child's **full first name and last name initial**. Also, to help limit the number of containers you need to send, Scotty's provides the following items: **Bowls, Drinking Cups & Spoons** (forks and metal straws are not allowed).

Scotty's also has microwave safe bowls for use in heating your child's food. Scotty's does provide 1% milk for both the breakfast and lunch meals. You must provide the drinks for your child's afternoon snack. Water is always available and provided by Scotty's