

*Happy August, everyone! Here are some upcoming events and things to remember as we only have **2 more weeks** until the first day of the 2024-25 school year!*

**End of Summer Extravaganza-** Saturday, August 16th, we will be hosting our first End of Summer Extravaganza! This will be a free event open to the entire community with food available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other before the first day of school.

**Naps** - Is your child currently taking a nap (and staying at preschool past 1 PM)? If so, we need to know! Please respond to this message no later than Wednesday, 08/13, and let us know whether or not your child will be napping at school (this includes all returning VHP students). Thanks!

**No Childcare Next Week** - This is our final week of Summer Camp (08/11-08/15). We have had a blast this summer! As a reminder... There will be no childcare next week as our teachers return to prepare their classrooms for the 2024-25 school year.

**Meet the Teacher/Back to School** - On Friday, August 22nd, from 11 AM - 12:30 PM, stop by the preschool to meet your child's teachers and see their new classroom. This is also a great time to connect with other families in your child's class. Remember: Your child will stay in the same class throughout the school year. They will not move up to the next age group until Fall 2025.

**Required Forms** - A friendly reminder that all school forms are due by August 15th. This includes your child's birth certificate, emergency evacuation, Family Handbook acknowledgement, health form + immunization records, photo consent, and Student Information Sheet. All of these can be found on your child's Brightwheel account by logging on and clicking "Forms & Requests". All forms, excluding Birth Certificates, must be resubmitted every year for returning students.

**Tuition** - Each month, you will receive an invoice payable by the 1st for the following month's tuition. A late fee of \$25 will be added to any tuition not paid by the 5th of the month, and an additional \$25 fee will be incurred every 5 days until tuition has been paid (10th / 15th / 20th / etc). A \$100 late fee will be assessed for overdue fees of any amount not paid by the last day of school and monthly thereafter for all overdue account balances. All payments must be made through Brightwheel's Auto Pay system. If you are financially unable to set your Brightwheel account up for Automatic Payments, please contact the Preschool office. There will be a \$25 fee assessed for funds returned from the bank or declined credit card transactions. There will be no refunds or make-up days for holidays, temporary absences, or illnesses.

**Referrals-** Any referral that leads to a new registration will get you a \$25 credit for your next invoice.

**Calendar** - Attached to this newsletter, you will find our events calendar for the 2024-25 school year. While we try our best to closely align with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), there are some exceptions. My recommendation is to print it out and stick it on your fridge! 😊

**Parent Substitutes Needed** - If you are interested in substitute teaching for the upcoming school year, we would love to have you! Please email [offices@vhbcpreschool.org](mailto:offices@vhbcpreschool.org) for more info.

**Mabel's Labels** - We are currently running a fundraiser with Mabel's Labels. It's important to label all of your children's items to help us keep track of things. Mabel's labels make that a bit more fun. For more information, refer to our Facebook page or the attached flyer.

**Kiss and Ride**- We will begin Kiss & Ride (during Drop-off ONLY) beginning October 1st for those parents that would like to. Space is limited, and you must register. Forms are available on brightwheel.

**Handbook**- Please ensure you read the Parent Family handbook! Its full of helpful information and rules that are vital to having a successful day at school. This can be found both on Brightwheel and on the Current Families page of our website.

**Health and Safety**- Attached are our health and safety guidelines. Please read this carefully. Following these rules are important to keeping kids and staff happy and healthy during the school year. Please reach out with any questions/concerns.

See you soon!  
Sofia Henry, Director

