



THE DOWNEY upBEAT

DOWNEY COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

IRVINGTON, INDIANAPOLIS

A Word from our President.

Hello Downey Families!

I hope you all had a great Spring Break! This month, we will have our biggest annual event - the Spring Egg Hunt. This will be a free event on April 20th that is open to the public. As the name implies, this will be an egg hunt for the kids. More details will be posted to Bloomz. You will be asked to help out with the event in some capacity - helping to put together the plastic eggs, helping to place the eggs, helping on the day of the event, or help with something else that will be posted on Sign Up Genius.

Speaking of helping out, thank you to the families that participated in our annual Spring Work Night. This is a required activity for all families, so you will need to complete a task if you did not attend the Work Night.

Something else to keep an eye out for is our Make a Plate project. This is not a fundraiser; it is a Downey tradition where the kids do an art project that is transferred to a plate, which will be available for families to purchase. More information will be sent out to families during the month of April.

Now that it's officially spring, we will hopefully be getting more consistent warmer weather. Please check in the classroom to make sure you have appropriate changes of clothing for your child. While the playground doesn't get as muddy as it used to, there is plenty of potential for mud, wetness, and dirt on clothing.

And lastly, thank you for your participation in voting for next year's elected board members! Your 2019-20 elected board members are Susan Ray and Jena Steele - Co-Presidents, Carlie Salisbury - Secretary, Beth Droste-Glowinski - Treasurer, Meryl and Joe Stuckey - Co-Treasurer, Cassandra Crutchfield - Membership, Jen Wilkinson - Fundraising, Kristen Biehl - Publicity, and Michelle Baker - Parent Education. They will officially take office May 1.

Tiffany

CLASSROOM UPDATES



TADPOLE TIDBITS

I hope everyone had a fun break. Spring has finally sprung. Spring will be our topic of the month among other things. We've painted with silk flowers already. We'll plant flowers in our flower box. We'll explore the April showers and decorate umbrellas. Then we'll stray away from spring look into transportation. We'll paint with cars and get the roads out.

The tadpoles are doing well. They've grown so much. It's been fun to see. Sometimes the participating parents and I just stand back and watch. Some of them pretend on their own or pretend together it depends on the day. Those who use to be quiet or not talk they are chatting it up.

Thanks for all your hard work.
Thanks for choosing Downey.

Melissa Egan

Downey Avenue Christian Church

On April 21 we celebrate Easter Sunday as our Lenten journey comes to a close, reminding us that the hope of new life conquers even death and suffering along the way.

On April 28 our youth and children will lead us in Downey's annual Earth Day worship service – what better way to remind us that they will inherit the future we create for them!

Family Small Group--NEW DAY AND TIME!

The family small group is moving! Eric and Jena Steele are pleased to host the family small group at their home beginning Wednesday, April 10th, 5:30pm-7pm. The Steele family lives at 35 S. Gladstone Avenue and have plenty of space to accommodate families, including play space for a large group of children. The home does include cats and dogs so take precautions if you have pet allergies. This group will continue to meet monthly on Wed. evenings. For questions or more information email melody@downeyavenue.com. All families are invited and welcome!

Friday Family Fun Night

Our Friday Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, April 26th from 6:30pm-8pm. We will take advantage of the warmer spring temperatures while we play outdoor games together. Bring your jump rope, kickball, or sidewalk chalk and be prepared to get outside! All families with children are invited to participate.

Thanks,

James (Church Liaison)