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The Shyne School



Family Newsletter

May/June 2021
Summer Staffing

Dewdrops	Tatiana Chihai, Lana Khomchuk & Brooke Steilling
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Busy Bee's (Stargazers)	Krystal McClellan, Ashley Johnson & Emma Hinkle
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Substitutes	Kris Perkins, Darci Bussman
Cook	Prudence Alexander
Director Owner	Katrina Brooke Bill Shyne

Dates to remember:

- **Last day of School
June 18th**

*June 18h, 2:00 PM Sun-
shiner Graduation, Cot-
tage Lake Park*

- **CLOSED JUNE 21st
Teacher Work Day**
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- **First Day of Summer
June 22d, 2021**
- **Closed Mon, July 5,
2021 Independence Day**
- **Closed August 30th
Teacher work Day.**

The End of The Year from the Directors Desk

We want to thank ALL THE PARENTS THAT **VOL-UNTERED THIS YEAR THANK YOU!** You make our programs great!

June 18th we end our fall session and school will let out for the Summer. On the next page you can read about the fun we have planned for those attending summer! I still have a few spots.

Some of our friends will be leaving The Shyne School for summer and will return for fall and others will leave to start on their adventures in elementary school leaving in June to August!

We hope you have had a positive experience at The Shyne School and will continue to love to learn, play and make friends. We would love to hear about your experiences so we can continue to improve!

Please take time to fill out the school survey in parent pockets or e-mail me directly.

All information is anonymous and will be kept confidential and used in a positive way to improve the quality of our school.

Saying good-bye to families is the hardest part of our jobs!!!

Working with your families

is the reason I come to work each and every day with a smile. What better job is there? I love working with children who give you smiles and hugs when you walk into a room, or need comfort and love. I love listening to their stories and watching their work. Each child that attends The Shyne School leaves me with memories of all the joy they have brought me over their short time here.

This year **8 of our graduating Pre-k, Sunshiner class started as Waddlers** in the Dewdrops Class. Many have been here since Toddlers in Rainbow and some a year or two.



If you **will not be returning** after June 18th please pick up your emergency kit! We will recycle the ones not picked up. **June 21th we will be closed** so we can get set up for the changes summer will bring.

Some students will move to a new class on June 22nd.

We ask **all students to clean out their cubby and art file** so they can take all their treasures home by June 18th. This is a great time to change out extra clothes for

new sizes that will be weather appropriate. Any items left behind or in lost and found will be donated to charity the following week.

I also want to thank all the parents that have shown me, and the staff, appreciation during the year and during Teacher Appreciation Week!! Thank you for your notes, gifts and other treats! Your generosity is appreciated and tells us we have done a good job connecting with you and your families. We will miss you and love that almost all our families will continue next year!



My door is always open so let me know if you have any questions or concerns you need to discuss!

If you have any concerns I encourage you to call or set up a time to meet so we can problem solve. You can let me know how you feel and why. Let me know what you would like to see happen and we can figure out what we can do to solve the problem. I always make time to talk to and meet with parents.

Katrina Brooke, Director



Important Dates:

MAY

27 **CLOSED** for Memorial Day

June

7 to 16 New families and students moving up, doing transition visits

18 Pre-K Graduation is at 2:00 in the Sunshiner classroom. Parking at smaller entrance, closest to Safeway. Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on.

28 Last Day of School

21 **CLOSED** for a Teacher Work Day

22 Summer Session Begins—a few students move to the next class

July

5 **CLOSED** for 4th of July—Independence Day

August

16-25, 13 New families and a few current students moving up have transition visits 10-11 AM

27 Last Day of Summer Session—Party 10:30 to 12:30, If it is not your regular day you and your student can join us, MUST RSVP.

30 **CLOSED** for Teacher Work Day

31 Summer Break—For Only/Plus Students. Care for current full day students only.

September

7 **CLOSED** for Labor Day

1-7 Summer Break— For Only/Plus Students. Care for Full Day students.

1 First day of School for Full Day students in Fall Class.

8 First Day of School for Only and Plus Students in their Fall Class.



Does My Child/Dependent Qualify for the Child Tax Credit or the Credit for Other Dependents?

<https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/does-my-childdependent-qualify-for-the-child-tax-credit-or-the-credit-for-other-dependents>

Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) Relief

If your earned income was higher in 2019 than in 2020, you can use the 2019 amount to figure your ACTC for 2020. This temporary relief is provided through the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020.

To figure the credit, see the [2020 Instructions for Schedule 8812, Additional Child Tax Credit](#)



Summer Fun 2021

Our Summer Curriculum focuses on three primary topics of study; Science, Structures and Things that go! We have different visitors each summer and fun activity days like Wet & Wild Days, Things that go Day, and an End of Summer Party. We also do more field trips during the summer for Preschool and Pre-K/school age, but need parent help to take trips away from the school so we have lower ratios.

CLOSED July 5, 2021 for Independence Day

SCIENCE (June 22 to July 9, 2021)

The children will work on documenting the things we see through drawings, charts, notes, stories, sculptures and art. The whole month will be devoted to the study of science. Topics of study may include but will not be limited to animals, dinosaurs, and bodies of water, ice cream, volcanoes, growing things, environments, climates, bubbles, and insects. How do you make ice cream? Why does ice melt? What is the make up of a bubble? Why are dinosaurs gone? What kind of bug is this? These are just a few of the questions we hope to find the answers to. We enjoy watching butterfly larva form their chrysalis!

For **HOT DAYS! Wet N' Wild DAYS** All Summer! Bring a bathing suit/trunks, water shoes and water toy or super soaker!!! Because we can't predict the weather, plan on leaving them at school for the whole summer. We do water play when it is 75 degrees or hotter. Waterproof footwear is best with wood chips! **NO TOWELS NEEDED**

STRUCTURES (July 12 to 30, 2021)

Structures are everywhere, in fact you would not be standing without the structure inside of you. Did you guess what it is? Your skeleton!! Some activities you will see are forts, cages, tents, theater sets, costumes, boxes, and 3-D Art. We will be taking a look at the construction and blue prints of buildings, vehicles and the internal structures of animals and humans. You will still see Science projects, because they flow together.

THINGS THAT GO (August 2 to August 20, 2021)

This is all about movement! People (*exercise, dancing, travel, Olympics...*), Transportation (*planes, auto, trains, buggy, bike, tricycles, scooters, boats...*), Animals (*horses, camels, ox, sea animals, elephant, dog sled...*) and anything that moves with our help, electricity or batteries! Some things we may experiment with could be Yo Yo's, pendulums, pulleys, scooters, jump ropes, fans and different sprinklers! I bet the kids can think of even more things!

- **End of Summer Party Wednesday, August 27, 2021**
- **Last Day of Summer August 27, 2021!**
- **August 30, 2021, CLOSED for a Teacher Work Day .**
- **Transition Week for students August 16-25 & Aug 31 to Sept 7, 2021**
- **First day of school Sept 1, 2021, for Full Day students, Current students move to their new Class August 31st.**
- **First Day of school September 8, 2021 for Only & Plus students Summer Break 8/30-9/7/21**
We will be planning our Summer Party for August 27, 2021 for our classes, and repeating our favorite summer activities Aug 23 to 26th. Then it is time to pack up for the end of summer!

For the Toddlers we keep it as consistent as possible with the name of the program, schedule, classmates and teachers! The **Stargazer group is called Busy Bee's** and the **Sunshiner group is called Butterflies** just for the summer.