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Kids Co. Graham Hill News



From The Director

We pulled off a successful fundraiser last month and raised \$800 with our Date Night to support the playground renovations. Many thanks to those of you who signed up, with much gratitude to Bilen and Bruce for providing the evening's activities.

Kids Co. will be providing a few hours of programming for the upcoming **Graham Hill Silent Auction on Saturday, March 26.** Help us get the word out, as space will be limited.

Finally, we will be planning a **Trivia Night for school-age families on Wednesday, March 30.** I'll keep you posted with more details. As always, dinner will be provided.

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What's Happening In Preschool

February has been an exciting month in Preschool. We had the opportunity to experience winter in many ways. From our Artic Adventure Center in the classroom to our frozen adventures outdoors, we had explorations through hands-on activities, neighborhood walks, and songs and games in the classroom each day.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children had great fun with dragon parades, learning to count in Chinese, and singing, "Gung Hay Fat Choy!"

As we enter March, we look forward to spring. We will begin some indoor planting projects, as well as some fun new physical fitness activities. We will wrap up our Health/Nutrition unit with a field trip later this month. Keep a lookout for some new experiences in dance and the arts with our daily ABC's and 123's.

Also be on the lookout for parent-teacher conferences in the coming weeks. The teachers have been working hard to prepare portfolios to share with you. We look forward to sharing insights about your child and hearing your feedback.



What's Happening Before & After School

During mid-winter break, we endured the snowy weather and still enjoyed hanging out together. In addition to bowling and visiting the Pacific Science Center, we discovered the game of croquet and billiards. We hope to have more students join us for the upcoming spring break.

Plan ahead now and sign-up with us for **spring break from April 18-22** for a week of fellowship and fun (and more agreeable weather).

Please be aware that there will be **no school for Graham Hill students on Friday, March 18**. Sign-up now for full-day programming with Kids Co.

Getting To Know You

Reporting for the Newspaper Club, 5th Grader Cashayla Rodgers profiles Assistant Director Ms. Bilen in a one-on-one interview.

Cashayla: So, how are you doing today, Ms. Bilen?

Ms. Bilen: I'm very fine, thank you. How are you?

Cashayla: I'm very good. Let's get started. What do you see yourself doing in three years?

Ms. Bilen: In three years, I see myself either already have started a Masters Program or studying for the Masters Program.

Cashayla: Can you explain to us what the Masters Program is?

Ms. Bilen: A Master's Program is program that you go to once you graduated from college and you take the GRE. It's a proficiency test to see how well you did in college. After that, you get into a school with a specific core subject. Mine is Education.

Cashayla: What makes your job here at Kids Co. important?

Ms. Bilen: My love for kids, first of all. It makes me feel like I know my job is the most important in the world because I'm entrusted by parents to take care of their kids, but I'm also entrusted to educate their children.

Cashayla: What activities are you pursuing outside of Kids Co.?

Ms. Bilen: When I go home, I really enjoy my time with my fiancé and play with our dog Frodo, watch movies, and occasionally invite friends over for game nights.

Cashayla: Is there anyone in your life who has made you a stronger person?

Ms. Bilen: It would be easy for me to only mention my mom, but both my father and brother played an imperative role in my life. Those three helped mold the woman you see today. I really love my family and friends. They mean the world to me. Because of them, I am who I am, personality and all.

There's more of Cashayla's interview with Ms. Bilen on our website. Log onto kidscompany.org and look for it on Graham Hill's page.