**The News From Seminole Heights United Methodist Pre-School**

 April 2024 6111 Central Ave.; Tampa, FL 33604 (813) 232-8231

**SHUMPS Closes at 5:00 p.m. on**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024 for Staff**

**Meeting.**

Saying Hello…

Say hello to Alexandria Conley. She is helping in the Toddler Transition Room.

Please say hi and introduce yourself when you see her around.

***Did you remember to turn in your donation to support St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital*...** So far this year we raised $2,825.00 for this worthy cause. However, a number of people forgot to turn in a donation. Please do so soon.This mission outreach project is one we have supported for a number of years now While raising money to help others the children learned riding-toy safety tips and practice the safety rules while having lots of fun.

Thanks to all who came out, cheered and gave money!

***EASTER HAT PARADE…***

A huge thank you to creative teachers and students for making our Easter Hat Parade a fantastic success. Also, hugs for Pastor Tiffania, all the parents and grandparents who came out and cheered our children on during their parade.

***April 22nd is Earth Day at SHUMPS…*** Come join our children & teachers at 9:30 a.m. The idea is that the parents will provide the supplies and help the children each plant a flower or vegetable which they can continue to care for and watch grow. The children love to look out the class windows and identify their flower and see it grow and continue to bloom each day. Supplies needed include flowers, mini shovels, watering cans and if desired kids garden gloves. Sign up sheets will be in each classroom later in the month. Please help.

***Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Committee…***

May 6 – 10 has been designated as a

special week to recognize those individuals who provide early care and education to our children. Please contact me in the office to volunteer and help coordinate how parents can help celebrate our staff. Thank you in advance for supporting our wonderful staff.

### Scholastic Book Orders…

### Book orders will be due on April 15th. Remember you can now order online.

Registration for 2024-2025 school year and Summer is now open to the public… Thank you for everyone who re-registered in such a timely manner. We do this every spring. If you haven’t registered yet, you may want to do so to guarantee your child’s spot.

Summer Withdrawals…

In order to maintain the effectiveness of our preschool, which is a year round school, continuous payment must be made during the summer months. If you choose to withdraw your child(ren) for the summer, there is no guarantee that the slot(s) will still be available in the fall. There are often waiting lists for children needing to enroll, so these available spaces must be filled.

**Midweek Meditation Every Wednesday @4**

**Free Community Dinner Every Wednesday***​*

**5:30 pm…**

We are excited to offer a WEEKLY free dinner each Wednesday night from 5:30-6:30. All are welcome! Take a break from cooking and gather around the table with us!

**Free Dinner and Messy Church**

***April 24 @ 5:30 p.m. …***



**PBS Skill of the Month**

Every month a new Positive Behavior skill is highlighted in our classrooms. Take time to see what your children are learning.

In April our skill is “tone of voice”. There are 4 levels of your voice: level 3) outside voice; level 2) table talk: level 1) whispering; and level 0) no talking.

**Important Reasons Why Tone and Words Can Be More Positive**

Here are some important reasons why your tone of voice and the words you use can make your parent-child communication and interactions much more positive and rewarding:

1. **Your child will be more likely to listen.** This is basic logic. What would you prefer—someone who is speaking to you in a harsh or critical tone or someone who's talking to you in a calm, reasonable, and nice voice? Even if there's a disagreement or you need to correct something your child is doing, a gentle voice, even if it's firm, is likely to get more of your child's attention and she'll be more likely to [listen to what you are saying](https://www.verywellfamily.com/why-your-child-is-not-listening-to-you-620116).
2. **Being harsh isn't effective.** When you yell or speak aggressively to your child, you're less likely to get good results and may even harm your relationship. In fact, research shows that [yelling](https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-discipline-without-yelling-at-kids-620125) may be as [harmful as spanking](http://www.news.pitt.edu/news/yelling-doesn-t-help-may-harm-adolescents-pitt-led-study-finds). Sure, your child may listen in the short-term, but if you want your child to develop the skills he needs to regulate his own behavior, speaking nicely is clearly the better way to go.
3. **Kids learn from our behavior.**

The surest way to get your child to speak nicely to you is to speak nicely to her. And if you constantly criticize and speak harshly to her? Well, you can guess what you'll get from that.

1. **You'll have a stronger relationship.**

When you treat your child with respect and kindness, you'll [strengthen your bond](https://www.verywellfamily.com/habits-that-will-strengthen-your-parent-child-bond-620063). Say "Thank you" and "Please" when you speak to your child, and firmly explain that you expect him to do the same. Treating each other with good manners and respect will bring you closer; mean words and a harsh voice will have the opposite effect.

1. **Your child will treat friends, teachers, and others in his life with respect.**When you use a nice tone of voice with your child at home, he'll naturally do this at school and in other settings. It won't be long before those around your child comment on her beautiful manners and nice way of speaking, and she'll be proud of these skills, which will carry her into adolescence and beyond. Imagine it: a polite teen who knows how to express herself in a respectful manner! It's possible when you instill these skills now.

Looking Ahead

* May 6 – 10 – Staff Appreciation Week
* May 24 – VPK graduation – 7:00 p.m.
* May 27 – SHUMPS Closed - Memorial Day

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO YOU …

Evelyn S.-April 3

Mrs. Vienna-April 7

Ms. Amanda - April 8

Mrs. Leticia-April 9

Aaron D. –April 13

Josiah S.- April 14

Lennier C.-April 15

Luna Q.-April 18

Elliott V.-April 21

Mrs. Teresa - April 22

Mae L.-April 25

Bradley B. –April 28