



Leila Day News & Notes

March 2017

Welcome to March from Ashley

Spring is almost here! We look forward to welcoming spring, a time when everything can begin again and we embrace the notion of possibility and all that lies ahead. This month we will begin starting seeds and preparing the gardens, greenhouse, and yards for planting. We will talk about the changes we can expect and the questions we are wondering about. Most of all, we will celebrate the change of seasons, the change in daylight, and the changes in ourselves as we respond to the natural world. Happy spring!

“It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.”

— Rainer Maria Rilke

SPRING FAIR UPDATES:

Fair Co-Chairs, Deadra Hart (South & After School Program) and David Goldstein (Kindergarten) had a successful first meeting with a mighty group of parent volunteers in February.

All parents are invited to get involved!

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18th at 2:00 PM.

Children are welcome!

- **Thank You for Everything You Do!**

Thank you to the North Class parents led by Michelle & Kossuth Bradford and Cristiana Clark for organizing Winterfest 2017! Families, friends, and fun- all outdoors! It doesn't get much better than this. Thank you for making it happen.

- **Eat, Drink & Be Literary**

Join us for our community book club meeting on Thursday, March 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. We will be discussing the big ideas and implications of *The Importance of Being Little: What Preschoolers Really Need from Grownups* by Erika Christakis. Everyone is welcome! Parents, Teachers, Board Members, Community Members- we hope you will join us for pizza, comradery, and some thoughtful conversation.

- **In Bloom**

Leila Day is once again partnering with Antioch University to host an In Bloom conference in New Haven! This day-long conference for educators focuses on nature-based play and early childhood education, and will be held at Leila Day on Saturday, June 3rd. The workshops and presenters (featuring some of Leila Day's own talent!) are nearly finalized. If you have any questions or would like the Save the Date flyer let me know. We'll share more information with you as we have it.

- **The Leila Day Fund**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our annual appeal by giving to Leila Day. The Leila Day Fund supports flexible tuition based on our sliding scale, making Leila Day a possibility for children of all backgrounds. Gifts to the Annual Fund also directly impact our staffing and educational program, making it possible for us to create enriching experiences for children that foster curiosity, compassion, and joy. A contribution at any level is meaningful and supports our philosophy and mission. Our aim is for 100% participation from current parents, teachers, administrators, and Board members. Please consider giving; we thank you in advance for your support for Leila Day.

- **Lou's Recipe Report**

Roasted Cauliflower

Ingredients:

- Cauliflower - fresh or frozen
- 4 cloves of garlic (minced)
- 2 TBSP olive oil
- Fresh Lemon juice (two lemons)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Place broken up pieces of cauliflower in a mixing bowl. Add garlic, olive oil, lemon juice, salt & pepper. Toss well. Place on roasting pan or edged cookie sheet. Roast 20-30 minutes – adjust time for desired tenderness. Eat, enjoy!

SAVE THE DATE:

- **March 5th: 2017 Winterfest!**
- **March 18th: Spring Fair Committee Meeting**
- **March 23rd: Leila Day Book Club Meeting**
- **April 14th-21st: Spring Break, No School**
- **April 27th: Leila Day Spring Spruce Up**
- **May 20th: Spring Fair!! (rain date: May 21st)**
- **June 3rd: In Bloom**

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