

February News Touchstone School

Sign-up for Spring Break Camp

March 23rd to
March 27th

Hours: 7am-5pm

**Save your spot by
March 1st
(space is limited)**



School Closed

February 17th

President's Day

Please Remember

- Bring in plastic grocery bags
- Old pot and pans for the playground
- No Nuts (nut free school)

Coming Soon!!

Soccer Shots begins
March 19th and ends May 28th
No Soccer March 26th (Spring Break)

Forms will be available in next months newsletter.



You're invited!!

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEEK!

March 2nd to March 6th

Parents Invited March 6th

Tree Planting @ 11:15am

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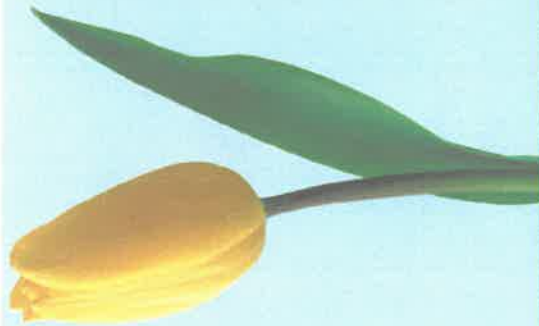
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Discover Spring Camp!

March 23rd-27th



**Save your SPOT!
Return no later than
March 1st!**

When our school is closed for spring break we are offering camp for your child!

Don't let your child miss out on a Spring Camp infused with FUN at Touchstone School!

Space is limited and on a first come first served basis. Enrollment is easy and flexible.
(See Reverse)

If you would like to register your child for our Spring camp, please fill out the registration below. Space is limited and is a first come, first served basis.

The cost of camp is **\$30 per day**. We will provide snacks and lunch. Our camp program will run from, **7:00 to 5:00pm***. Many of our lead teachers will not be in their classrooms or available this week of school. Spring break week is care-based only and will not have regular preschool activities. Our assistant/float teachers will be in the classrooms. To ensure your spot for Spring Break camp, payment must be paid in full for all days you plan on attending. If attending Spring Break, you may only attend your regular scheduled days, and hours.

Registration and payment for camp will be due no later than March 1st. After this date, we will not be accepting any more registrations and will not be able to make changes or issue any refunds. Thank you.



Please enroll my child for camp on the days I have marked below:

Child's name: _____

Monday, March 23	
Tuesday, March 24	
Wednesday, March 25	
Thursday, March 26	
Friday, March 27	



I understand the fees, hours and cancellation policy:

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

**We reserve the right to reduce camp hours if enrollment is low certain days and will notify you a.s.a.p.*



Monday: Cat in Hat, Wear your Favorite Hat!

Tuesday: Fox in Socks, Wear Crazy Socks!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday, Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched!

Thursday: Green Eggs and Ham, Wear something green!

Friday: The Lorax, wear a mustache or dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.

Tree Planting

When: Friday March 6th 2020

Where: Small Playground, Touchstone School

Time: 11:15 AM

Parents are Welcome to Join!!

Dear Parents,

You may have heard in the news about the outbreak of a new Coronavirus in China. There are no cases affecting our school or our sister schools at this time, but we want to assure you that we are closely monitoring CDC updates and recommendations regarding this outbreak. Currently the CDC considers the risk to the US population to be low, but they are reinforcing the importance of everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Also, for everyone's health and safety, please adhere to our illness guidelines by keeping sick children at home until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, if they display any of the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more. Children must be free of fever for at least 24 hours, unassisted by fever-reducing medication before returning to school.
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Heavy nasal discharge requiring frequent wiping every 3-5 minutes
- Persistent, non-productive or "barking" cough
- Sore throat
- Fussy, cranky behavior unlike the child's normal demeanor
- Skin rash, including diaper rash
- Head lice
- Symptoms of a communicable disease such as pink eye, measles, chicken pox, mumps, or strep throat

Our staff will have heightened awareness of handwashing and sanitation throughout the entire school.

For more information on Coronavirus, please visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). We sincerely appreciate everyone's efforts to keep all the children healthy and happy during this flu season. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Dear Touchstone Parents,

Please join me in welcoming back Ms. Kalyani and Ms. Tasha.

Ms. Kalyani has been working in Early Childhood Education for 4 years. She will be in her same position (Ms. Mely's assistant in the Toddler 1 Classroom) when she started with Touchstone, in September 2019.

Ms. Tasha has transferred back from our Tigard Touchstone location. Currently she will be floating and helping in a variety of classrooms through out the school. Ms. Tasha has been working in Early Childhood Education since 2012.



Ms. Kalyani, "I love to be with kids and love helping them with their education. I enjoy having fun with them, and I learn something new everyday through them. A little about me, I love dancing, music, cooking, and I also teach Bollywood to kids."

Ms. Tasha, "I have a passion to work with children and love to see them grow and develop through play based learning. I am a mother of 3 children ages 15,11, and 4 so I am always on the go in my free time! I look forward to continuing my journey here at Touchstone Beaverton as I get to know all the students and families."



Hello Touchstone Parents,

Thank you to those of you who recently completed our parent survey. Surveys were emailed to all enrolled parents over the course of the fall. We have received general results and want to thank you all for your comments. We are pleased to say that our school received an overall satisfaction score of 100%. We are so happy to hear how much you love our school and we will be sure to review all results and the comments to ensure that we continue to improve and keep our parents and students happy.

We will be surveying parents again in February to make sure we are keeping up the good work. I will be in touch to let you all know when that survey will be sent so you can look for it in your email.

There are a couple of things parents have brought to my attention in this survey and I would like to address and go over what we can change as a school and some of the things we cannot, with the information as to why. The lunch menu and snack options are overall provided based on child friendliness to reduce waste, along with making sure children eat throughout the day. Parents are always welcome to provide their child with an option they see best fits their family's nutritional needs. With that being said, we will continue to introduce a variety of options and new food choices, as they become available. We have introduced biodegradable plates, and will use re-usable bowls going forward.

One concern was the size of our parking spaces. I agree they are small, and it's difficult to get a child out of a car seat with only a couple inches to open the door. Currently we cannot change the size of our parking spaces. One thing we can do is make sure all the parking spaces in the front parking area are designated for parents only. Also keep in mind to park inside the parking lines, and try to avoid taking up more than one space. I know there are times when parents are in a hurry, but please don't park in the handicap parking space unless your car is permitted by the state to take that space.

Thank you again! Have a great weekend!