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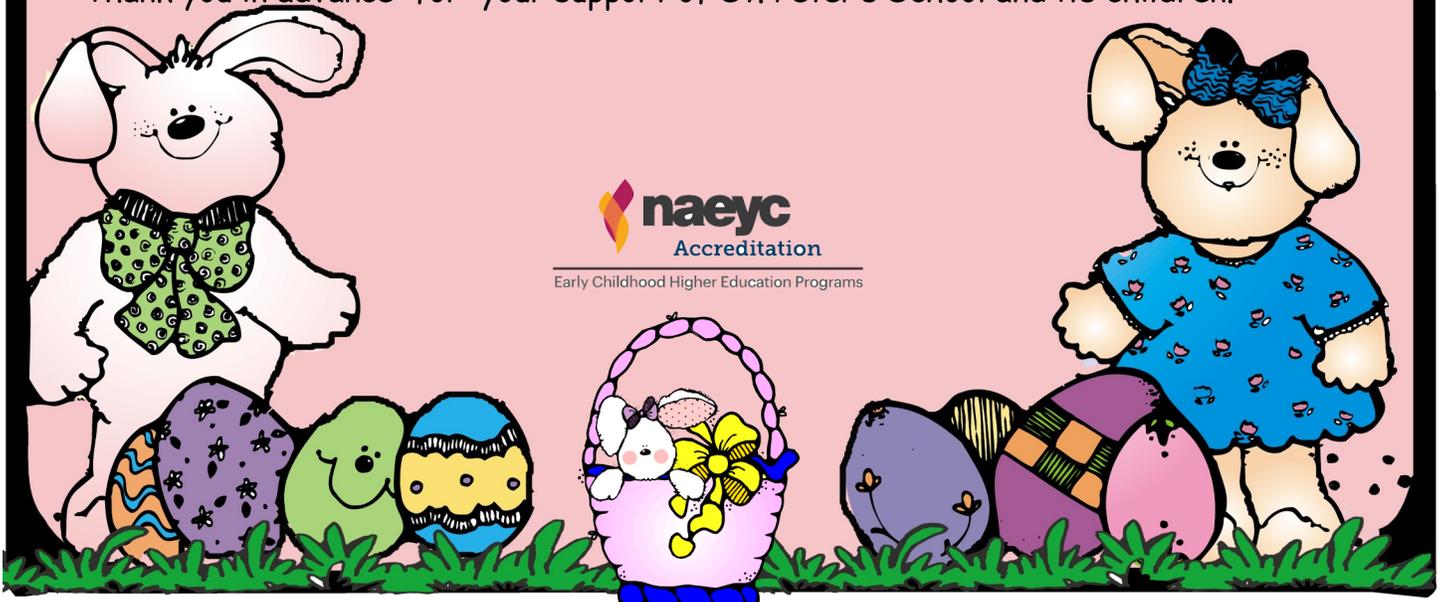
April 2017

## Message from the Director: Janet Boutin

With the arrival of Spring, we are very aware of the many changes around us. We are especially aware of the changes in all the children. They are growing and maturing before our eyes.

April holds a special celebration for St. Peter's School, **The Week of the Young Child**. The purpose of this week, April 24th—28th is to draw positive attention to the needs of young children and to emphasize the importance of quality early childhood education. That week, we will have a school-wide art display in the Tucker Hall. Please take time to walk over with your child and see our world famous artist's display. Also, we plan to host many hands on learning experiences at the School. Our activities will focus on this year's NAEYC theme "Early Years Are Learning Years."

Also in April, we will start our **Annual Mother's Day Campaign**. Our Campaign will span from April 10th - May 10th. Please indicate special mothers and grandmothers on your donation card. Our campaign will end with our students honoring these special women in their weekly Children's Chapel. Mothers and Grandmothers are invited to join us for our school wide **Mother's Day Chapel** on Wednesday, May 10th, at 9:00 a.m. Your contributions allow wonderful schools like ours to thrive and grow. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Peter's School and its children.



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# Important Dates

**PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING:** FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 8:45 A.M. IN TUCKER HALL.

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY:** FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH. CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:** MONDAY, APRIL 10TH.

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN:** APRIL 10TH - MAY 10TH.

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:** TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH.

**SPRING FLING:** THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH STARTING AT 6:30 P.M. AT CAILLOUX THEATER. SILENT AUCTION OPENS AT 4:30 P.M.

**EARTH DAY/SKYSCRAPER DAY:** FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST. ALL THE CLASSES WILL BE BUILDING SKYSCRAPERS AND TOWERS FROM RECYCLED BOXES.

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD:** APRIL 24TH THRU APRIL 28TH. STUDENT ART SHOW ON DISPLAY IN TUCKER HALL.

## PLANNING AHEAD

**MOTHER'S DAY CHAPEL:** WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH AT 9:00 A.M. MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS PLEASE JOIN US.

VIEW OUR NEW PARENT TESTIMONIAL VIDEO ABOUT THE SCHOOL ON THIS WEBSITE.



## Message from the Parent Association: Lyndsay Byerly, President

Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. is Spring Fling. This is our year-end celebration in which our children do a short performance and we host a Silent Auction. Make plans to be at the Cailloux Theater at 6:00 p.m. to check in your child. We will open the auction at 4:30 p.m.

If you know of someone (yourself, family member, friend or business) who would be willing to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact the School Office. The SPPA is organizing the Live and Silent Auctions and would appreciate help in gathering donated items. Each class will be busy creating a group project. Please plan to support our auctions. If you have questions about Spring Fling, please let us know.

Our next meeting is Friday, April 7th at 8:45 a.m. in Tucker Hall. Please join us!



## 2017–2018 Registration Update

Dear Families,

Our School has openings in **Kindergarten** only for next year. If you know a family that would be interested in attending St. Peters, please refer them to the School Office.

Thanks so much,  
830-257-0257



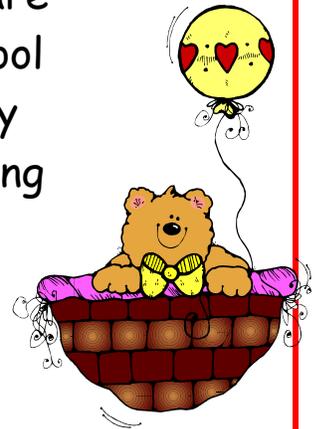
## Parents we need your help!

Help keep our children safe.  
Please drive slowly  
in our parking lot, consider  
turning your cell  
phone off and watch for  
**our little people!**



Please  
**do not send balloons**  
to school.

We realize they are  
a favorite at school  
parties but, they  
are a major choking  
hazard for  
preschoolers.



# "Health and Safety At School"

## Pets at school . . .

As spring approaches, students want to bring baby animals to school. All pet visits must be cleared with the Office. Animals must have proof of current vaccinations, be highly supervised and friendly.

Please remember that some of our students are afraid of animals or allergic to animals.



Please . . .

do not bring a sick child to school. Children must be "fever free" for **24 hours** in order to return to school.

Regular hand washing  
Keeps the germs away.



Be sure to mark your calendars!

# Annual Spring Fling

Thursday , April 20th

6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

at the Cailloux Theater (next to school)



## Fun . . Fellowship . . Entertainment

The children will perform a short program.

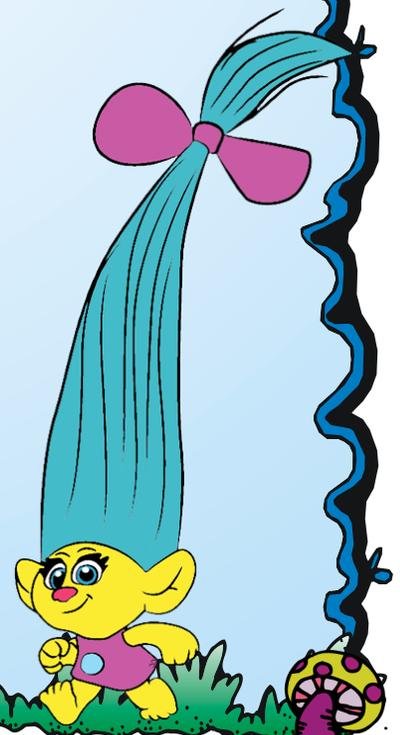
### Time Line:

- 4:30 Silent Auction opens for bids
- 6:00 Students meet up
- 6:30 Program begins



See you there for some fun  
and entertainment.

Your Parent Association



## What early childhood research tells us about how young children learn . . .

### What you will find in our NAEYC classrooms

As adults, we are concerned with the outcomes or the product of our efforts. We want the report to look nice, the cookies to taste great, or the hedges to be perfectly straight. We participate in few activities just for the fun of doing them.

In part this is because we are not still learning how to do most of these activities. But do you remember when you learned how to play tennis or golf? Or use a new computer program? In the beginning you needed to do a certain amount of "messing around" - exploring what would happen if you did this or that.

That is the way it is with your child. Kids are learning new things all the time, and they need the freedom to try things out without worrying about the product.

Luckily, young children tend to be more involved with the process or the doing than they are with the end product or results. That is why your child may draw all afternoon yet still not be able to tell you what they drew. And why one child can pour rice back and forth between pitchers all day long, and another will string and unstring beads every day for a week.

It is hard for us adults to look beyond the product of an activity and see what the child is learning from the process. Perhaps they're learning coordination or beginning writing skills or making discoveries about triangles or gravity. They are certainly finding out that doing for one's self is very satisfying — and that builds confidence.

Be patient. Allow your child the time to grow and learn through the various processes that are part of the task. Enjoy watching his or her involvement. Later, we all can be proud of the product.

Early Years Are Learning Years,  
Janet Boutin  
School Director



# Power of Play!



“Play is the highest form of research”  
Albert Einstein





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**Thank you!**

Kerrville Police Department  
for visiting our 3 year olds!

