



February 2024

UP COMING EVENTS

- 5th: Registration Open House 6:30-7:30 (snow date 13th)
- 8th: Super Bowl spirit day 3's and PreK
- 9th: Super Bowl spirit day 4's
- 14th: Lunch Bunch
- 14th: Valentine's party 3's and PreK
- 15th: Valentine's party 4's
- 16th-19th: Winter Break- no school
- 22nd: Bowl-A-Thon 3's and PreK
- 23rd: Bowl-A-Thon 4's
- 27th: Teddy Bear Clinic- 3's
- 29th: Crazy clothes day for Dr. Seuss's birthday 3's and PreK
- March 1: Crazy clothes day for Dr. Seuss's birthday 4's

Hold on to your hats, because February begins an incredibly busy time of year for the preschool. We have a lot of activities planned for the students and the families coming up in the next few months. These activities are designed to be fun, not to add more stress. We know family lives get busy, so do not feel as if you have to participate in every activity.

INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION KICK-OFF

If you know of any friends or family looking for information about our program, please share with them that we have an informational open house coming up next week.

REGISTRATION FOR 2024/25

Everyone should have received a link for enrollment through Brightwheel. If you have difficulties with the online form please let us know.

SUPER BOWL SPIRIT DAY

All students are invited to wear an outfit supporting their favorite sports team. These can be ANY sports team, at ANY level. They may even wear a shirt from a team they play on if desired.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

We will be having parties in each class to celebrate Valentine's Day. Students may bring in Valentine's to pass out. If you choose to do so we ask he/she bring one for each child in the class. We will be sending home a list of the first names of the student's in each class this week. We encourage you to have your child try to sign his or her own name to the Valentine's. Students should create a Valentine's "box" at home. If you need a shoe box or bag, please let us know.

FAMILY ART CHALLENGE

February is fine arts month in our 4-year-old class, so we offer our families a chance to enter our art challenge. We will provide a mystery bag and challenge families to turn the object inside into a piece of art. These will go home next week. You may add whatever additional items you would like. All families who submit a photo of the piece via email (preschool@unionucc.org) by February 29th will be entered into a raffle to win a \$10 Target gift card. Families are welcome to submit the art pieces for our March art show.

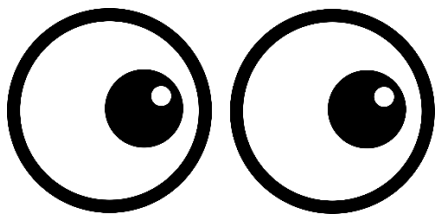
BOWL-A-THON

All of our classes will be holding a Bowl-A-Thon this month as a fundraiser for the preschool. The students may ask for donations based on how many points they score, or ask for a flat-rate donation. The funds raised during the Bowl-A-Thon help to pay for our spring activities. Neffs Preschool will pay for the bowling as well as shoe rental for each child. **Your child may participate, even if they do not collect any donations.** If you have children in more than one age group, you may choose to bring both of them together to one session, but please mark which session on your permission slip. **Jordan Lanes provides bumpers and ramps for the students to use, but parents will need to supervise your own child during play.** Permission slips accompany this newsletter.

Feb. 22 at 9:30: 3- year-old classes meet at Hampton Lanes in Northampton

Feb. 22 at 12:30: Pre-K class meets at Hampton Lanes in Northampton

Feb. 23 at 9:30: 3- year-old classes meet at Hampton lanes in Northampton



LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

COFFEE HOUSE ART SHOW

As a culminating activity for our Fine Arts month, we will be holding a Coffee House style art show on March 7 from 6:00-7:30. Student artwork will be displayed gallery style. To celebrate that each individual student's contribution to our school is what makes us special, we will be raffling off a school-wide piece of artwork; tickets are 3 for \$5/ 8 for \$10/ or "an arm length" (Director's arm) for \$25. Ticket sales will begin on March 1. If you are an artist of any medium and would like to display a piece of artwork, please let the Director know; we would love to showcase your talents. We are also looking for one artist to create a piece of art during the show so families can watch an artist at work and learn about techniques, if this sounds right up your alley, please reach out to the Director.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Easter is in March this year, so I wanted to give a heads up that we will be holding an Easter hat parade. Students each make a personal Easter hat **AT HOME** to wear during the parade. Below are a few examples from previous years. After the parade, we will hold an Easter egg hunt in the Grove. If you have a younger sibling who would like to participate, I need to know by March 10, including the child's age. You may email your request to preschool@unionucc.org. Families are invited to stay and play on the playground following the egg hunt. More details will follow in the March newsletter.

March 26 @10:30 for 3's
March 27 @10:30 for 4's
March 27 @ 2:00 for PreK

