

TORBANK NURSERY SCHOOL

September/October 2018 Newsletter



Welcome!

Torbank Nursery School welcomes all students for the 2018-2019 school year! We are off to a wonderful start thanks to the cooperation and efforts of parents, teachers, assistants and children. The opening Back to School Night Meeting was held Wednesday, September 12th. Many parents attended, and we hope the meeting was helpful in answering your questions. We passed the budget and met our new teachers. For those who were unable to be present, please refer to "Notes From the Staff" for a pertinent reference guide containing school hours, phone numbers and other important information you will need. Also check with your teachers for any new protocols.

Potluck Dinner

Our annual Potluck Dinner was on **Saturday, September 23rd at 4:00pm**. The Potluck was a great forum for getting acquainted and socializing with other Torbank families. It was a great day, a great turn out and the weather was fabulous. Thank you to everyone who attended and brought food.



Fall Potluck

Maintenance

Have you done your homework?

The first two maintenance sessions were held on August 25th and September 8th. Many parents helped out to get the classrooms ready and for a clean up of the grounds. A tremendous "thanks" to everyone who got their hands dirty, and participated in whatever clean-up needed to be done. If you weren't at the first two sessions, mark your calendar for **APRIL 27TH, 2019**.

If you have any questions about committees or maintenance duties, please contact Kelly Ivers (mom of Quinn in the 3s and Kion in the 2s) at Kelly.C.Wolfe@gmail.com



Points of interest:

- ▶ Wine + Whiskey tasting coming up on October 12th. Don't miss out!
- ▶ Fall Family Fun Day/Trunk or Treat on October 27th
- ▶ Parent/Teacher conferences first week of November
- ▶ Important info in our "Notes from the Staff"
- ▶ Be sure to have a copy of our contact list

Reminder

If your child is sick, please keep them home. They must be fever free for 24-hours, not have a goopy green nose, or constant cough. Another day at home really makes the difference! The staff and other families will thank you!

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Upcoming Events



WINE + WHISKEY TASTING FRIDAY, OCT. 12 • 7:00PM

Come enjoy **An Evening of Wine and Whiskey to Benefit Torbank Nursery School**. This great event will feature wine and whiskey tastings, with a portion of all liquor sales benefitting Torbank Nursery School. Come for the food, wine, whiskey, friends and conversation - all to benefit Torbank! Dress code is Saturday night casual chic!



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY + TRUNK OR TREAT OCT. 27 • 1-3PM

Join us for an afternoon full of fun for the whole family! Crafts, pumpkins, games, and more! For those wishing to participate, we will also be having a Trunk or Treat. A Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event where cars open their trunks or backs of their vehicles, decorate them, and pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters. Don't forget to wear your costume (nothing scary, please)! **Just a reminder that all treats MUST be nut free.**

Fundraising

GENEVIEVES FUNDRAISER DUE SEPTEMBER 28TH

Shop giftwrap, kitchen items, home decor, and more! Your support directly benefits our children. Checks can be made to Torbank Nursery School and returned to Gayle or Jaclyn Dubray (Wyatt's cubby is in the 2's).

SHUTTERFLY (ONGOING)

From photos to holiday cards and everything in between, Torbank has partnered with Shutterfly and affiliates to create our own private storefront. Shop like you usually would except use our storefront site and Torbank receives 13% of all purchases! <http://torbank.shutterflystorefront.com/>

AMAZON SMILE (ONGOING)

Torbank is now set up on Amazon Smile and will receive .5% on purchases you make via Amazon Smile! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1839665> and select Torbank as your organization to support. You can also go to smile.amazon.com and select Torbank there as well. Happy Shopping!

GOGO SQUEEZE RECYCLING

We are participating in the GoGo SqueeZ/Terra Cycle recycling program. Help us collect empty pouches (any brand!) and we'll send them to Terra Cycle. In return, they'll give Torbank \$0.02/pouch. A container will be placed by the front door of the school for collection. Please rinse and dry all pouches.

Save The Date

Pancake Breakfast:

Saturday,
January 26, 2019

Words on Woods Party:

Saturday,
February 23, 2019

Torbank Night Out:

Saturday,
March 23, 2019

**More details
on these
events to
come soon!**

Side Notes

CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION

Parents are heartily encouraged to participate in the classrooms at Torbank. Spending the day in your child's class is a great way for you to become familiar with their routines. Any parent interested in spending the day may do so by signing up for a date with their child's teacher.

YEARBOOK

It is not too early to be thinking about the Torbank Yearbook! If you get any pictures from the upcoming Holiday Parties and/or class outing, forward them electronically to the Yearbook Committee via Bianca Capo at capo.bianca@yahoo.com. If you have prints, place them in the Yearbook envelope outside the classroom.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Nature of Things—once a month, “the Nature Lady” will be visiting the classrooms bringing different wildlife and stories for the children to enjoy. The nature lady is an associate of “The Nature of Things”, a professional nature outreach program.

Music and Movement—Ann Gullian, our music and movement instructor, will be here every week. She will have our little ones grooving until their heart's content!! She will be dancing, stretching, rolling, jumping & having loads of fun with your little ones.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

There will be parent/teacher conferences for all classes. Dates are still to be determined.

Conferences can help both parents and teacher to better understand and instruct the child. The sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board toward the end of October. Remember to sign up and jot down the time and date on your calendar. Please be punctual because the next person will be waiting. We want to ensure that everyone's time is wisely spent. Take advantage of this conference, it may be most helpful to you. School is still in session for the children on conference days.

September Parent Meeting

During the meeting held on September 7th, attendees discussed school activities, fundraising, and school maintenance sessions.

The next Parent Meeting will be held on Friday, October 5th at 9:00AM at Torbank. Please try to come — all are welcome!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Halloween will be celebrated in all the classes during the last week of October! Your child's teacher will inform you of the specific dates of celebration in their classroom. Costumes may be worn to school if your child wishes .

No guns, knives, or swords please. If your child's costume requires a mask, put your child's name on it and carry the mask to school in their Torbank bag.

See calendar for days.

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Help spread the word There are still openings available at your favorite nursery school! Please tell friends, relatives, whoever you'd like to see at Torbank.

Notes From the Staff

PARENT MEETINGS

We meet monthly and these meetings are open to anyone **interested in attending**. This is a cooperative school and your thoughts and opinions are important. This forum is a good opportunity to voice them, but if you are unable to attend, feel free to contact your class parent and your message will be relayed. Please watch for notices posted for board meeting dates.

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL:

3 and 4 year olds: 8:45am - 11:30am

2 year olds: 9:00am - 11:30am

Please bring and pick up your child promptly. The doors will be locked from the inside at 9:00/9:30am. If you do happen to arrive late, please adhere to your teachers' instructions.

TOYS FROM HOME?

We **do not** encourage the children to bring toys from home. However, if your child has something to share with the class i.e.: bird's nest, flowers, vegetables from the garden or a neat find, we welcome this and it is a good experience for all.

DROP OFF TIP

Please **do not come in to the classrooms when dropping off or picking up your child**. It is difficult for the teachers to keep control, and most important to ensure safety if there are too many people in the classroom. The teachers are aware that it is, at times, difficult to leave your child, your child will calm down and begin to integrate into the class. Simply kiss your child and assure them that you will be back to pick them up when school is over. Of course, if your child is very upset, we will reach you and together decide whether you need to stay or take your child home. We will not allow your child to remain upset.

SCHOOL BAGS

Please be sure your child brings their Torbank Nursery School tote bag every day to school. It makes it easier to access needed items and to place notes to come home. **Always check your child's bag when he/she returns home**. We often send home notes and the children love to tell you about their artwork.

PERMISSION FOR PICK-UP: A note to the teacher is requested if your child is going home with someone else. **We will not release a child unless we have your permission.**

BIRTHDAY GOODIES

We enjoy celebrating your child's birthday in class. Cupcakes or cookies (or whatever you desire) are always a party favorite. We will supply the cups & napkins. Please refrain from chocolate and nuts in the event of allergies. Please do not send in goody bags.

RAILINGS

Please tell children to **hold onto railings when coming down the stairs into the school** and when leaving the school. This is something that the teachers insist on for safety reasons and would like it enforced by the parents as well.

SEPARATION

We have no set policy if your child is having a separation situation. Please ask advice from your child's teacher.

SICK DAYS

Please notify the school if your child has a communicable disease. Keep your child home if you suspect he/she may be "coming down with something."

TORBANK FASHION DO'S AND DON'TS

- **Rubber soled shoes/sneakers** are the safest for school.
- **Clothing should be washable, comfortable and easy to get on and off.** Belts, tight snaps or buttons, gloves, etc. are sometimes difficult for children to manage. Elastic waistbands are the best.
- **Pack an extra outfit** (including underwear, diapers or pull-ups, socks, etc.) in your child's Torbank bag in the event that his/her clothing happen to soil during the day. We have extra clothing in case your child needs it. Please wash them and return them promptly.
- **In the winter, boots should fit well.** Please send **mitten**s as gloves can be frustrating. Bring **snow boots for snowy days**. It tends to be a bit windy on the playground, so dress your child appropriately—we go outside in all kinds of weather!

TICKS

We have a wonderful wooded play area, and along with woods come ticks. **Be sure to check your child thoroughly** when he/she returns home from school.

CHILD'S PROGRESS

Please do not discuss child's progress at pick up time. If you have questions or concerns, please call your teacher.

PARKING LOT COURTESY

It is important for your child to **arrive to school on time** so they can take advantage of every minute allotted to them. It is also very important for pick up to be just as punctual. There are many parents arriving for pick-up at the same time and parking is limited, so it is essential that you pick up your child and continue on so that other parents can make use of the space. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Remember parking spaces are limited! Please be courteous to others and make sure you are taking only one space so that others may have room to park at pick-up or drop off times.

MEDICAL FORMS DUE OCTOBER 1ST

Please don't forget. We must make a report to the Health Board.

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE TONE!

If you need to call the school while class is in session, please be aware the calls are screened. **Do not hang up when you hear the recording!** Our teachers and assistants listen to the messages and will pick up if necessary, so feel free to shout if you need to! At times, the class is out on the playground, so if your call is urgent, please be sure to call back in 15 minutes.

SLOW DOWN! 25 MPH IS TOO FAST!!!!

Please remember to slow down as you approach the school grounds. There are usually children on the playground or getting in and out between cars when you pickup/drop off, so **please drive with caution.**

Contact Sheet

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Director

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NOTE FROM GAYLE:

I am a part time director at Torbank, but feel a full time responsibility to your children. If I am not in my office and you need to speak to me, PLEASE CALL ME ANYTIME!

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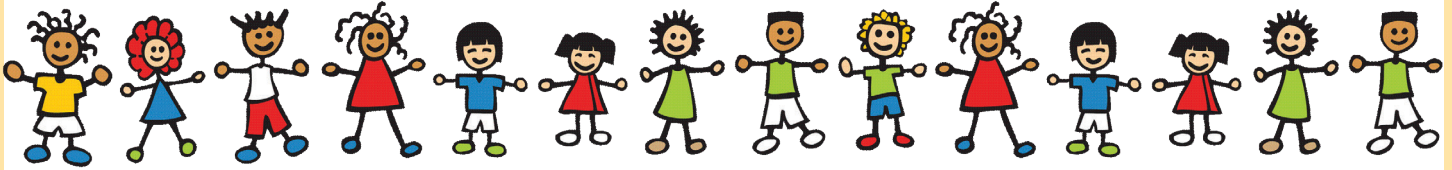
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And remember:

Please do not discuss child's progress at pick up time. If you have any questions or concerns, please call your teacher.



THE ETHICAL SOCIETY BUILDING is available for rent and is a beautiful location to host parties and get-togethers! The building can fit up to 100 people, and it can be rented at a great price. Please contact Sara Karp at 914-837-7323 if interested!



Teacher Talk from the 2s

Welcome to the Torbank Family! The year ahead is sure to be a busy one, filled with both learning and fun. The classroom and activities are designed to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which each child is allowed to progress at his or her own pace.

Our daily activities will include play dough, painting, sand or water play, stories, blocks, circle time, and outdoor play. The children are free to move from one activity to another as they choose. They will be encouraged to interact with others, however our approach is to let this occur naturally.

While it has been only a short time, the children are still adjusting, but this is normal. We are really enjoying getting to know each of the children and their unique personalities.

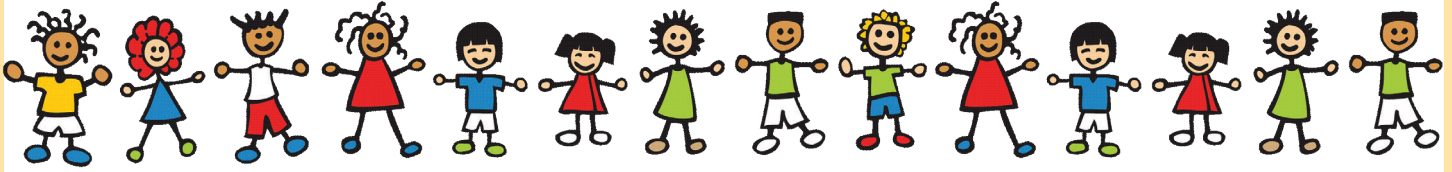
The fall season is the theme for September and October. In September, we used apples as our theme to teach colors, shapes, and music... yes, we have a song about apples! We will also learn about fall leaves. Orange will be the color of the month for October. Our projects will include making orange play dough, finger-painted paper pumpkins, pumpkin magnets, and a special surprise project.

Our Halloween parties are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st. Please bring the children to school in their costumes worn over their school clothes... don't forget your cameras, as it is sure to be a Kodak moment.

If you have any questions or should a problem arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at 914-572-8753.

Miss Suzanne and Miss Tina





Teacher Talk from the 3s

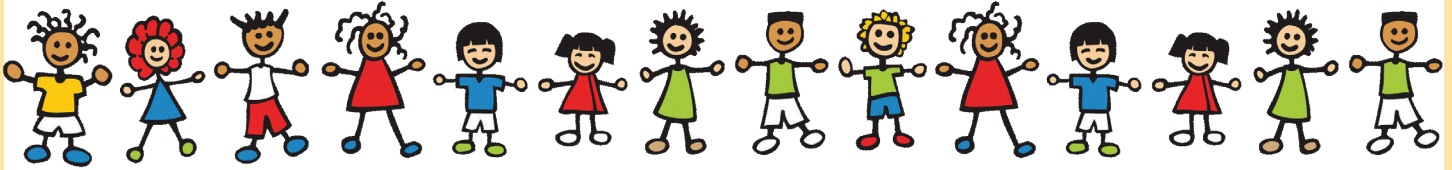
We have had a great start to the year in our classroom. We are learning classroom routines, making friends, singing songs, exploring classroom centers, and reading many books. We have really dove into the apple and farm units. For our first project, we sorted apples of different sizes. We put the apples in the correct column of Small, Medium, and Large. Next, we will begin our farm scene project and Handprint Apple trees. The kids have really enjoyed going outside on our big kid playground too!

As the weather gets cooler and summer turns to fall, we will talk about all the changes that happen outside during fall. We will begin to use our calendar and count the days of the week. We will learn the days of the week and the months. We will read *Go Away Big Green Monster* and we will make our own colorful, symmetrical monsters! Of course, we will talk about how monsters are not real. We will explore Halloween and do many holiday-themed projects and sing Halloween-themed songs. We will celebrate with Halloween parties... Please look out for more information later in the month.

Thank you for a great start to the school year and for all of your support!

Miss Leanne, Miss Daria, Miss Meredith, and Miss Cheryl





Teacher Talk from the 4s

September has blessed us with beautiful weather which gives us the chance to be outside most days appreciating the warm sunshine and the beautiful blue sky. The children are playing together beautifully.

Inside the children are becoming familiar with the classroom, exhibiting their independence during free play time as they choose how to spend their time. They are forming new friendships and exploring new toys. They are becoming familiar with the routines, and taking on classroom jobs. Each morning we recite the Pledge of Allegiance at Circle Time. They almost have it down.

The children are expressing themselves artistically as they move freely from painting at the easel to working with play dough. We also painted apple trees and added "button apples" and tissue paper leaves. Their trees are so wonderful and unique!!

The children completed the "Apple Counting Project", in which children counted the # of seeds in each of 10 apples and labeled them with the correct numeric symbol. This took focus, and concentration to complete the task. Well Done!!

I read a book aloud to them each day, as well, they have the opportunity and are encouraged to pick a book from our library and read quietly themselves.

Our first field trip is planned for October. We will head to Stuarts Fruit Farm where the children will see how the apples are harvested. They will also have the opportunity to pick their own Pumpkin. We'll pick one BIG pumpkin for the class to carve a jack o lantern. The children will have a chance to scoop out the pulp with a spoon or to reach in to feel the slimy, stringy pulp inside.

We look forward to October with the leaves turning and so much to discover and learn about in nature.

Miss Ann will be coming now, once a week, for Movement and Music Class, This is great fun as the children will be learning to recognize and count beats. They will also learn to work in cooperation while singing and playing movement games.

We will wind up with a fun filled Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st. The children are invited to come to school dressed, in their costumes. (please no masks or weapons). We will have a special snack, do some in house Trick-or-Treating and play a few halloween games.

A great start to Pre -K 4 !!!!

Kris Adams and Mary Haag

