

## Parkside Post

February 2024



### Teachers with Heart





Parkside Playschool turns 6 years old this month! We are so thrilled to be able to spend another year providing care and being part of the village for so many families. Parkside Playschool has come such a long way and has proven to only get better with age!

While there are many great things about Parkside, it would not and COULD NOT thrive without its amazing teachers - past and present. Being able to provide exceptional care for our community starts with teachers who care. The teachers who walk through Parkside's doors pour their hearts into the kiddos they care for everyday.

Our current staff is nothing short of amazing from their gentle demeanors to their caring attitudes. They provide limitless opportunities for children to learn through play with every activity and interaction. Our staff spend time and make strong efforts to build meaningful relationships with their students and their families - and with each of their coworkers! We have such a wonderful group of people who are so passionate about caring for small children and choose to be at Parkside to do so.

Parkside Playschool commits to hiring teachers with heart, who share our philosophy on raising resilient children by focusing on play, nature and love!

#### \*Dates to Remember\*

Feb 8 - Parkside's 6th Birthday!

Feb 9 - Early Out CLOSE at 5pm

Feb 10 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm

Feb 12-16 - Winter Spirit Week

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb 24 - Annual Art Gala

# Happy Birthday!

Feb 4.- Drew

Feb 5 - Maribel

Feb 24 - Audrie

### Insider's Scoop



What are we doing at Parkside?





Spring is just around the corner! I'm getting excited as the time gets closer and so are the kids! Over the next several weeks, we will

begin planting seeds for our summer and spring garden. We now have heating mats and grow lights to help our seedlings have a great start of growth indoors! Babies and Waddlers will have their own gardens in their outdoor spaces, and our older three classrooms will have more space in the big garden. We're hoping with these new ideas, there will be even more amazing involvement in our garden program! Happy planting! 🌷 Our animals have done so great during the winter weather! We have lots of plans of vamping up their spaces with handmade toys and fixtures we will be building over the next several months. We absolutely love having the children help with these projects from start to finish, so they can marvel at their work and help enrich our animals' lives as well!











































This month we will be trying Khao Mun Gai (khâ:w mān kà). While the name is Thai, the dish originated from Hainan, a Chinese island. Because of Hainan's proximity to Thailand, there are many Hainan immigrants there which is how the dish migrated to Thailand! This chicken and rice dish will be altered slightly to accommodate our soy free diet here at Parkside. We will also sub out the sugar in the original recipe for pure maple syrup, and remove the bird's eye chilies all together, as it is recommended to avoid spicy foods for developing taste buds. If you have a region of the world you'd like to see featured on the menu or a family recipe you'd like to share, please reach out at parksidekitchen20@gmail.com.

-Chef Cameo