

# Tam Preschool Newsletter: February 2025

We are celebrating Valentine's Day this month. Please keep an eye out for activity information from each class.

**\*The Garden and Ocean Room class** will have a Valentine exchange on 2/14. Please make sure the cards have your child's name only, not their friends, to help with the exchange.

**\*The Creek Room class** will not have a Valentine exchange, but they will have treats and fun activities.

## **Fundraiser:**

Great news- We have a fundraiser opportunity with **Local Kitchens!** Please [click here to view our Fundraiser Page](#). 20% of all orders that present our flyer (or enter the code **COMMUNITY398** for online orders) will be donated to TSP!

## **When**

February 28, 2025, All day

## **Where**

775 E. Blithedale Ave #775B  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

In addition, Local Kitchens has offered to include catering sales into our fundraiser for the ENTIRE week of the fundraiser. Local Kitchen's catering page can be found [here](#). If any TSP community parents have local employers who order lunch, or have other occasions to place a large order, this could be a GREAT way to boost funds! (\*NOTE\* The fundraiser code won't work on this landing page but if any parents want to book an order, they can just flag that as a manual sale through our Local Kitchens rep, Marggi.)

## **Specialist:**

**The Enrichment and Equipment fund and your fundraiser donations, pay for specialist and new equipment for the school.** We just had a large delivery of new equipment for all classes including bikes, outdoor table and benches, art drying racks, a rainy day trampoline, teacher chairs, adjustable stools for the kids, an outdoor wooden tunnel, bridge, and additional balance beams. **Thank you so much for your support!**

To enhance our curriculum, our students will enjoy these special activities:

**\*The Bubble Lady: Friday, February 14.** Each class will have a turn to see the show in Room #1.

**\*Jamaroo: Monday 2/3, 2/10, and 2/24.** Please come on time, as Jamaroo starts at 9:15 am.

**\*Coach Alek: Wednesday 2/5, 2/12, and 2/26.** Please make sure children wear sneakers and comfortable clothes for running on coach days.

This month, we are planning to do some work during the Mid-Winter break: Change the whiteboard in the Garden Room, move a few cubbies to enlarge their dramatic area and cozy corner. We are also building a new gate in the Outdoor Learning Lab to allow a better entrance when we have specialists like the petting zoo and lizard group coming in the Spring.

## **Fall 2025 Registration:**

I'm saving a Fall spot for families who registered. In March, those families will be asked to finalize their registration by signing the Fall Admissions Agreement, paying the deposit, filling out file forms on Brightwheel,

and saving an aftercare spot. This year all forms must be filled online on Brightwheel, including our [new medical form \(Attached\)](#). **File Forms are due on 6/1/25.**

\*Due to the amount of returning students this coming Fall, most children will stay in their current classroom, only a few students are graduating. Class lists are done by age, allowing us to have an age-appropriate curriculum. Therefore, the older children in each class will move and the younger students will remain in their current room.

\*This is not the first year TK has been canceled, or children need to repeat their class, so we know what to expect and how to support our students. We always adjust the curriculum to meet the needs of students in the class. Parents and teachers create individual goals for each child during the Fall conferences. Tam teachers are already making plans to adjust the Fall curriculum to make it interesting and developmentally appropriate for their class. Our Pre-K program has been operating for over 50 years and we know how to prepare children for Kindergarten. In March, during our Inservice Day, all our teachers are taking the *Learning Without Tears* handwriting training, used by elementary schools. We take a refresher often and it will help us prepare for the upcoming school year. For questions, please contact Marcela.

**For registration questions please email Marcela at [director@tamalpaispreschool.org](mailto:director@tamalpaispreschool.org).  
For billing questions please contact Rose at [rosesp1@yahoo.com](mailto:rosesp1@yahoo.com).**

**Tam Camp 2025: Open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, June 16 to August 8 (closed 7/4)**

Registration for camp will be available very soon. Here is our schedule:

**Camp Weekly Sessions:**

Session 1: June 16 to 20

Session 2: June 23 to 27

Session 3: June 30 to July 3 (Closed July 4)

Session 4: July 7 to 11

Session 5: July 14 to 18

Session 6: July 21 to 25

Session 7: July 28 to August 1

Session 8: August 4 to 8

**Billing:**

For billing questions, **please contact Rose Lofrano**, our Chief Operating Officer. Her contact information is 415-246-4941 and [rosesp1@yahoo.com](mailto:rosesp1@yahoo.com).

Please contact Rose for 2024 tax reporting from Curacubby for Jan - Nov. You can access Brightwheel tax statements for Nov-Dec on their site: Tax Season Reporting for Payers:

<https://intercom.help/brightwheel/en/articles/3673759-tax-season-reporting-for-payers>

Invoices are sent through Brightwheel on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month and are due on the 25<sup>th</sup>, a late fee will apply after that. Please let Rose know if you have any questions or difficulties.

If you have questions about childcare charges, you can view your child's attendance in Brightwheel. Students entering school from 8:00 to 9:00 am are charged for morning care, and those picked up after 1:00 pm or staying in aftercare will be charged for the corresponding aftercare hour(s). **Please make sure you pick up your child on time, as late charges will apply.**

### **Important Reminders:**

**\*Please drop off and pick up your child on time.** Teachers have a scheduled time to be at the door, as other times they are needed in the classroom with the students to continue their daily routine. **Also, please make sure to pick up your child on time, at 1:00, 3:00, or 5:00 pm.**

**\*Please bring a pair of Velcro shoes to school with your child when they insist on bringing boots.** We are seeing a lot of rain boots at school, but children struggle to walk, run, and they can pose a hazard at school in the playground structure. We will change their shoes at school if needed. **It is especially important on Wednesdays when coach Alek is at school helping with playground activities and assessing children's large motor growth.**

**\*For security, we close the front doors after drop-off and pick-up times.** Let us know in advance if you know you may be a little late due to an appointment, so teachers keep an eye out for your arrival. If you have an emergency and are running late you can knock at the door/window or call our classroom phone **(Ocean/Garden 415-388-4286, Creek 415-388-9286).**

**\*We ask that you keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well.** If your child looks to be under the weather when he or she wakes up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure he/she is well, as symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they spread germs, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick, and recover may take longer without proper rest.

**\*We follow a 24-hour health policy, unless an illness requires otherwise. If your child is home sick, or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before he or she is able to return to school.** This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy and helping us remain open.

**\*Students must be lice and nit free to attend our preschool.** Please check your children regularly before and after school and don't forget to check yourself (ask for help or see a professional if needed). Thank you all for your amazing help!

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Jamaroo Days:** Monday 2/3, 2/10, and 2/24

**Coach Alek:** Wednesday 2/5, 2/12, and 2/26

**Garden/Ocean Valentine Exchange:** Friday, February 14

**The Bubble Lady:** Friday, February 14

**Mid-Winter Recess (NO SCHOOL):** Feb 17 – 21

**Teacher In Service (NO SCHOOL):** Monday, 3/17 (Handwriting Training)

**Spring Recess (NO SCHOOL):** April 7 – 11

**Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL):** Monday, 5/26

**Last Day of School:** Tuesday, 6/10 (School open all day)

**End of Year Teacher In-Service Days (NO SCHOOL):** June 11 – 13

**Tam Camp 2025 Starts:** Monday, 6/16