

Tam Preschool Newsletter: December 2025

Part of the Mill Valley community since 1956!

We are entering winter and our teachers are planning exciting activities to go along with the season. Theme information will be sent via Brightwheel to families by the classroom Lead Teachers.

***To celebrate the holidays, we scheduled a concert with Jamaroo.** Families are welcome to attend the show along with our students. For those who can stay after the show, we plan to have food together in the classrooms after the performance. Food will be provided.

Fundraiser: Organized by our Tamalpais Preschool Parent Board

***Holiday Shopping Fundraiser at Hudson Grace at the Marin Country Mart:** on Tuesday, December 16 Get ready to check off your holiday shopping list while supporting our school! The fundraiser runs all day long! **20% of all proceeds** purchased on December 16th will be donated directly to Tamalpais Preschool.

To ensure the donation is counted, please mention "Tamalpais Preschool" at checkout. We also invite you to join us for a festive gathering with complimentary drinks and treats between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Whether you shop earlier in the day or join us for the evening reception, every purchase helps support our school! We encourage you to share this wonderful opportunity with your friends and family! The more who shop, the more we raise for Tamalpais Preschool. And thank you Cassie McGuigan for helping to organize! We look forward to seeing you there and getting in some holiday shopping together.

***Michael Van Auken's Family Photo Fundraiser:**

There are some time slots still available with Michael Van Auken Photography.

Thank you for your support! Your contributions help increase our Equipment and Enrichment Fund used to purchase toys, classroom equipment, and pay for our weekly and monthly specialist activities.

Specialists:

***Jamaroo: Monday 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15.**

***Coach Diego: Wednesday 12/3, 12/10, 12/17.** Make sure children wear sneakers and comfortable clothes for running and climbing on coach days (please avoid boots, sandals, or dresses.)

***Holiday Show with Jamaroo (Family Event)**

We are excited to have teacher Michi lead the holiday performance to share some of what we do in our weekly Jamaroo class with families. Here is some information about the group: <https://www.jamarookids.com>

***Music and Storytelling with Cascada de Flores (Students Only).**

This will be our first performance by this multicultural storytelling group. We are looking forward to seeing them in action! <https://www.cascadeflores.com>

***Bubble Lady (Students Only)**

Each class will have their own bubble show time, as part of our Valentine's Day celebration activities. Students will be able to get close and participate in this amazing bubble show: <https://thebubblelady.com>

***The Lizard Lady (Students Only)**

This is a school favorite yearly activity. Each class gets to learn and touch amazing reptiles from snakes to tortoises. Teachers usually create a dinosaur theme around this reptile visit: <https://lizardladyreptiles.net>

Tam Fall 2026 Registration:

Registration will start on Wednesday, January 7. Your child and sibling have registration priority and are guaranteed a spot in our Fall program, if they are age eligible and you register on time. I have a list of everyone interested in registering next year, so information will be sent to families on my list via Brightwheel. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kindergarten and TK Information:

This year, we will not be hosting a Kindergarten and TK information Night at Tam, as the Mill Valley District will be hosting their own information meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me and I can go over what I know so far.

Each school district has their own registration dates and process. Please look at your local District website and contact them to get more information. I'm including websites for local Districts. I'm not seeing registration dates from other Districts yet, besides Mill Valley, but registration tends to happen in January or February for most schools, so keep an eye out soon.

Most of our students will attend the Mill Valley District and they have already come up with registration dates and information events. Their registration period for the upcoming year is a month ahead of their regular schedule:

***Mill Valley District Kindergarten and TK Information:**

https://www.mvschools.org/116149_3

Mill Valley Registration Window: Wednesday, December 3, 2025, to Friday, January 30, 2026. You need to register your child during this time to get priority registration and school placement preference.

Mill Valley TK Registration Information Night: Tuesday, December 2, from 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend a registration information night at Strawberry Point Elementary School (117 East Strawberry Drive) - TK Eligibility: Children who turn four on or before September 1, 2026

Mill Valley Kindergarten Registration Information Night: Tuesday, December 2, from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend a registration information night at Strawberry Point Elementary School (117 East Strawberry Drive) - Students who are already enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten do not need re-register, but they must provide school preferences for kindergarten via Parent Square within the registration window. Kindergarten Eligibility: Children who turn five on or before September 1, 2026.

***Tiburon, Reed Kindergarten and TK Information:**

<https://www.reedschools.org/registration/pre-k-registration>

***Corte Madera School District:**

<https://lcmsschools.org/en-US/enrollment-ddcf9044>

***Sausalito School District:**

<https://sausalitomarincity.aeries.net/enrollment/>

Billing:

For billing questions, please message “Administrator” on Brightwheel and Rose will reply.

As we wrap up the year, we’re grateful for the generosity our community has already shown—thank you! As a nonprofit preschool, we’re eligible for many employers’ donation-matching programs, which can double the impact of your support. We’re also able to accept gifts of stock for those who prefer to give in that way. If you’d like more information, please reach out to Rose via Brightwheel anytime.

Health Reminder:

*Please keep your child home if not feeling well. 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 recovery may take longer without proper rest.

*As part of State requirements, if a child starts to show illness symptoms at school, a teacher will isolate with the child away from the rest of the group and contact the family for pick up. Parents must have an emergency plan, that includes people in the emergency list who can come pick up a sick child within a short time. Children who are sent home with a symptom must check with the director to make sure the illness is not contagious. The health department has a list of contagious illness we are required to report.

*We follow a 24-hour health policy: 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 can 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!

*If your child suffers from allergies, please inform the teacher. Even with allergies, children may not be at school with severely runny nose or cough, as it can bring discomfort to the child. When allergies are acting up and are not under control, children are just not well enough to participate in school activities.

*Students must be lice and nit free to attend our preschool. Lice and nits are not a health risk, but they are highly contagious, especially in preschool where we play close to each other. Lice and nits are hard to get rid of at schools, as well as at home, so we do our best to prevent spreading it. Thank you for your diligence and support as we try to prevent more cases.

Hope you have a wonderful start to the holiday season!
Marcela and the Tam Teachers