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*Education is not preparation for life,  
education is life itself. ~John Dewey*

## Dates To Remember:

September 21- General Meeting at 6pm  
October 5- Board Meeting at 6pm  
October 7- Bottle Cap Fundraiser  
October 10- No School (Columbus Day)  
October 19- General Meeting at 6pm  
October 24- No School (Professional Day)  
October 30- Fantasy Fest Children's Day

## Fundraising

Don't forget to mark your calendars: our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser of the year is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Bottle Cap is a local bar/lounge that donates their gratuities during their Friday night happy hour (5-8pm) to non profits. You can read all about it on their website ([www.bottlecapkeywest.com](http://www.bottlecapkeywest.com)). Please come support the school, have a drink or two, play Spin to Win, or go for a silent auction item or 50/50 raffle. It is a fun event! More info on October events coming next month!

## Parent And Me News

My name is Tina Jaferis and I am very excited to welcome you to the KWPC Parent and Me class! I have recently moved to Key West from Fayetteville, North Carolina. I have a three year old son and am currently perusing my degree in Early Childhood Education. I have spent the last six months working as an assistant in one of the local schools in Key West and I can't wait to incorporate all of my creativity into working with you and your precious child!

Parent and Me class meets every Thursday in the music room. Please wear comfortable clothes that you both won't mind getting a little bit dirty during the class (I love outside exploration and painting).

Ms. Tina

## Two's News

Welcome back to school! Seems like it was a long summer but we're glad to be back in class and getting to know a whole new group of students. Since class sizes are currently smaller than years past, we will work with one working parent professional in the classroom until spaces fill up or ratios dictate otherwise. Two's are curious individuals and the need to get used to sharing and taking turns keeps us adults very busy. We are enjoying getting read to, creating art or crafts, moving and singing, and of course lots of playing (which is the best form of learning at this age, especially with peers). We are learning to try and use words and our walking feet in class and to the playground. I think both groups are doing very well indeed!! We've decorated our room with ripped paper apples and trees with the leaves made from our own hand prints. I'm excited and I can tell it's going to be a great year!! Thank you to all my parents for all of your help thus far.

Ms Alison

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## NEWS FROM THE THREE'S CLASS

The Three-Year-Old Class is a center-based, theme-oriented program. The activities available in our classroom centers are designed to help children develop language, thinking, movement, and social and emotional skills. This month we have been concentrating on colors, shapes, and numbers while we have been getting used to school, our routine, and getting to know one another. We also will be starting our unit "All About Me" in the middle of the month. We will learn about our bodies- names of body parts, direction words (like over, beside, in front of, etc.), our five senses, and describing ourselves- and our feelings and emotions. We have a lot to do this month! Ms. Sharon

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## VPK NEWS

We are very excited to begin another school year! The Voluntary Pre -Kindergarden (VPK) curriculum at KWPC has three main components. One aspect is ZOO-PHONICS. This programs incorporates acting out each letter in song and movement. The second part of our curriculum is called Creative Curriculum. This allows us to explore many topics throughout the year bringing into play beginning math, science, and social studies. And lastly, we use a program called Handwriting Without Tears. This is a great program to introduce each child to writing in a fun, relaxed way. Overall, we aim to have fun while introducing the children to skills they need for elementary school. Ms. Dana



### The Recipe Box

#### ~Oatmeal Pancakes

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 cup flour         | 2 eggs               |
| 1 cup oats          | 1/2 tsp vanilla      |
| 2 tbsp sugar        | 1 1/2 cup milk       |
| 2 tsp baking powder | 4 tbsp vegetable oil |
| 1 tsp baking soda   |                      |
| 1 tsp salt          |                      |
| 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon  |                      |

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- \*Put oats in a food processor and mix until smooth.
  - \*Combine dry ingredients and mix.
  - \*Add wet ingredients and stir to combine.
  - \*Heat griddle or skillet over medium high heat.
  - \*Pour approximately 1/4 cup batter for each pancake.

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Happy Birthday!

Sept. 27, Kane Leach (2's)

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## JUST FOR FOMI

Parents Night Out: Good to know that September is a great month to go out for deals on food and drinks- local appreciation month!

- \*Grand Cafe has 50% off food, wine, and liquor
- \*Prime Steakhouse has 50% off all appetizers and 25% off all bottles of wine.
- \*Le Bistro at Croissants de France has 50% off dinner entrees on Thursdays and Saturday nights with mention of newspaper ad.
- \*Martin's has 50% off lunch every Thursday
- \*Antonia's and Smokin' Tuna have deals too!

Let us know if you have any events for families in town or out (like Miami area attractions) and we can post it online or in the newsletter.

