

# Playful Wonders After-School



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## March 2020 Newsletter

### Playful Wonders After-School Enrichment Program

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### Gentle Reminders:

- ◆ Children **Absent** from School or **Not Attending After-School**, Please let us know before 2 pm.
- ◆ **Sessions end at 6:00 pm.** If you will be late picking up, please call us & arrange for your emergency contact to pick up your child.
- ◆ Children must be dressed in appropriate winter attire to play outdoors.

### PW Closed:

- ◆ Friday, March 20:  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

### Looking Back:

#### Dear Parents,

In the month of February, our younger children dove into literature and made connections with arts and crafts, architecture through building with various materials and, dramatic play. Some topics explored via literature were: **Valentine's Day**; **Friendship**, **Presidents Lincoln & Washington** and **Mardi Gras**.

The children explored the United States map and some of the most recognized monuments such as: **The White House**, **Washington Monument**, and **Lincoln's Memorial**.

We welcomed **The Body Blueprint (TBB)**, a boutique gym in Pelham, on **Friday, 2/7**. TBB offers a kids' program that aims to develop overall athleticism and proper movement mechanics. Children's instructor, **Lou Charles Fundales**, lead grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> in a **variety of fitness drills**.

**Artist, Kathy Nesi**, returned to Playful wonders on **Friday, 2/28**, with a next level drawing project. Mrs. Nesi taught the children in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> **about Pop Artist, Andy Warhol**. Kathy introduced Andy Warhol's famous Campbell's soup cans which are perhaps the most well-known images of American modern art. The children created their own silly flavor of Campbell's soup and designed their cans which were only limited to their own imaginations.

### Looking Forward:

In March, our younger children will continue to explore other topics through **literature**, **dramatic play** & **art expressions**.

We will explore the many wonders of **New York State** by researching about the beautiful Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and more.

Other play-based themes for this month include the following: **Holi** (the Hindu Festival of Colors), **St. Patrick's Day**, **Dr. Seuss** and **Earth Day**.

Artist in Residence, Kathy Nesi will return to Playful Wonders with another fun and creative art project for children in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> on Friday, March 13. The art lesson will be inspired and in honor of **National Scribble Day**.

On Friday, March 27, Susan Maysonet, an independent Dance & Movement instructor, will present a new, fun, and interactive performance for all children.

*See Pictures of the children having fun throughout the month of February on the next page...*



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*Children enjoying creative indoor & outdoor play and special snacks.*



*February special events: Kathy Nesi presented Pop Artist, Andy Warhol. Children celebrated Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras.*

