

Reciprocal Support and Program Updates

Under these unprecedented circumstances we feel a lot of gratitude for the continued support from our families and the broader community. Our community is so strong that even through social distancing and school closure our feeling of connection with all of you persists.

Thank you!

Program Updates

We have applied for multiple government financial assistance programs, as well as grants. We have not received any external funding at this point, but are hopeful that something will come through over the next few weeks.

We have been moving forward with Friends of Pisgah Collective, which is now officially a NC tax exempt entity, approved and accepted! We have done our part to file at the federal level, and are waiting for approval. Stay tuned for summer fundraising plans! We hope to have an online store selling new tie-dye shirts and other PC merch (stickers, pint glasses, etc.). This is a really helpful, fun way for you, your friends, and family to help us rebuild and move forward!

We have been enjoying creating online content for the kiddos and some of the videos have been compiled on our [YouTube channel](#). Please share this with friends and family with young kids, or any educators you know.

We hope these videos are a useful resource for your family and that having them on YouTube encourages repetition, which is a key feature of learning and brain development during early childhood. Our neurons connect through their dendrites and every repetition adds myelin sheaths which facilitate brain connectivity and solidifies the learning process.

Preparations for Returning to School

We know this time has been very unique for everyone and imagine that schedules and habits have changed. We heavily encourage everyone to begin transitioning back towards a routine in preparation for returning to school!

If you are signed up for summer session 1 and we are able to open as planned, this would mean, by May 25, adjusting school night bedtimes back so that waking up early enough to be ready for school is possible.

Exciting Staff Updates:

Mrs. Ellen had her baby, welcome to the world Stotts!

Ms. Kelsie's outdoor gear store is open and practicing safe, curbside service, [check out Hiker and the Hound!](#)

Ms. MK has been making and selling sunglasses and jewelry, check out [Lost Girls Creations!](#)

Ms. Corie took a new job that started April 1 and while we will miss her, we are so excited for her!

We are fully staffed for likely summer programming, and everyone is eager to be together again!

Greenhouse Update



Greenhouse construction has proven to be more complicated than anticipated, but we are excited to announce that we will be able to use it as a nursery throughout the summer, whether or not we are able to operate our full summer program. The plan for this season is to utilize this space for growing plants as another fundraising opportunity!

During these two weeks before school begins, practice getting up early and being ready to go by 8! Even practice getting dressed, packing a snack, checking backpacks, etc. Also, it will be very helpful for the children during these weeks, if you practice following a more rigorous morning schedule, along the lines of what we shared in [April](#).

Please reach out with any specific questions or suggestions about how we can support you during this transitional time.

In the Home

With so much extra time at home, there are many opportunities to expand your child's responsibilities around the house.

Check out the section on [Appropriate Responsibilities at Home](#) from March!

Bedroom:

- Organizing books and toys
- Matching socks, sorting laundry
- Dusting (this is a traditional Montessori Practical Life activity, that if presented with joy on the part of the adult, is often very pleasing to children!)

Outside:

- Raking, mulching, gathering sticks
- Weeding, watering
- Beautification (tempera paint on wood, chalk drawing, picking and arranging flowers, other decorative crafts)

Shared Spaces:

- Putting their possessions away when finished
- Tidying up seating areas (stacking pillows, folding blankets)
- Sweeping, more dusting

This is just a sampling of the multitude of ways your children can be busy and helpful all around the house!

LIVE VIRTUAL MEETUP TIMES

We will send out a separate email with reminders and details on how to join in!

In addition to the dates below, we are scheduling small group virtual meetings with interested families on Wednesday

May 6 and Thursday May 7 between 9 - 10:30 a.m. If interested please email Ms.Thea by Monday, May 4 by 6 p.m.

Kiddo meet-up:

Tuesday, May 5 | 10:00 a.m.

Circle Time with stories and songs!

Thursday, May 14 | 10:00 a.m.

Circle Time with stories and songs!

Adult meet-up:

Wednesday, May 13 | 8:15 p.m.

Adult Happy Hour and Check-in

CATERPILLAR UPDATE



These photos were taken just 12 days apart! We are excited to continue sharing their metamorphosis process with you!

Rooster Head Plantation

Rooster Head Plantation has been working hard along with other local groups to feed kiddos during this time, no questions asked. The farm store is still open as well, and they are offering curbside pickup. Check them out!

Wednesday - Saturday | 11 - 6

Located at 1200 Old Hendersonville Hwy

Important Dates

We are hopeful about being able to open for summer session(s), but will make the call based on what experts say about the safety of our community.

■ Summer Session 1
June 8 - 26

■ Summer Session 2
June 29 - July 17

■ Summer Session 3
July 20 - August 7

■ CLOSED:
August 8 - 23

■ First Day of Fall Sprouts
August 24

■ First Day of Fall Seedlings
August 31

Spring Payment #5 Due:

Wednesday, May 6

Summer Payment #1 Due:

Wednesday, June 3