The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School's Monthly Parent Newsletter

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Letter from the Director

It has been a fabulous year here at The Tree House. I can’t believe that it is almost over. I want to take time to thank each one of you for your faith and commitment to the mission of our school. It is your belief in our Episcopal Montessori education that sustains... Continue Reading

News from the Mighty Oaks

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** has been such a success and the teachers are really feeling the love from our students and parents! Thank you for helping make this week such a wonderful moment to recognize our teachers' hard work, dedication and commitment that make our school so outstanding.
- We'll see all the moms **this Friday at 11:30am** for the **Mother's Day Luncheon in Sandefur Hall**! Thanks to Lloyd Blue and all the dads who are organizing this luncheon!

Vestry & School Board Visit Day at Chapel

This past Wednesday the Church Vestry and Tree House Board of Trustees attended chapel with our students and toured the classrooms. Thank you to our leadership team for taking time to see the latest and greatest happening at our school!

Music in Pictures

This past Sunday the Rosemary Beach Foundation held an awards ceremony for the **2016 Music in Pictures** at Freeport High School! Congrats to all of our young artists who attended! CtK also honored our students at the 10:30am service this past Sunday. Music in Pictures is an educational art initiative and art contest presented by the Rosemary Beach Foundation. **Learn more about Music in Pictures**

administrative updates

Coming Soon! 2016-2017 School Calendar

The Tree House has set the following dates set for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Look for a complete finalized calendar released by the end of May.

- **Aug. 11, 2016** - Parent Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 15, 2016 -** First day of school for students
- **Sept. 5, 2016** - Labor Day (no school)
- **Oct. 7, 2016** - Teacher Work Day - Parent Conf. (students out)
- **Nov. 5, 2016** - Capes and Crowns 5k + Fun Run at The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Fundraiser
- **Nov. 11, 2016** - Veterans' Day (no school)
- **Nov. 21 - 25, 2016** - Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
- **Dec. 21 - Jan. 2, 2017** - Christmas & New Year's Holiday (no school)
- **Jan. 4, 2017** - Students return

- **Jan. 16, 2017** - MLK Day (no school)
- **Feb. 20, 2017** - Presidents' Day (no school)
- **March 10, 2017** - Teacher Work Day (students out)
- **March 13 - 17, 2017** - Spring Break (no school)
- **April 14, 2017** - Good Friday (no school)
- **May 26, 2017** - Last Day for Students (Noon - early release day)

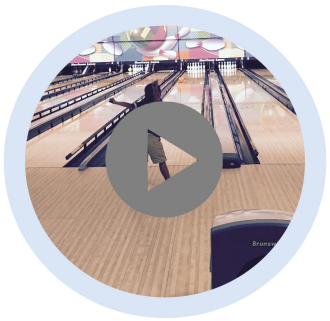
classroom happenings

enrichment programs

Music Class with Ms. Anne-Marie

This month at the Tree House, our friends are busy preparing very special songs for our Mother's Day brunch. **Click here to view a video**

of the Lower Elementary students practicing their song with Ms. Anne-Marie! We learned a new song for Earth Day and became more familiar with the ukulele! Coming up for May, we will become more familiar with rhythm and tempo as well as practicing a fun song for our graduation celebration.



P.E. Themed Field Trip

P.E. Class for our elementary students this month was 'off the hook' with in addition to their regular lessons, the students took an exciting trip to the bowling alley! This team building sport allowed the students to learn a new skill while cheering on their teammates. A few students even made strikes and spares! Thanks to our teachers and chaperones who made this field trip a great learning experience! **View bowling highlight video**

Art Class takes on Recycling

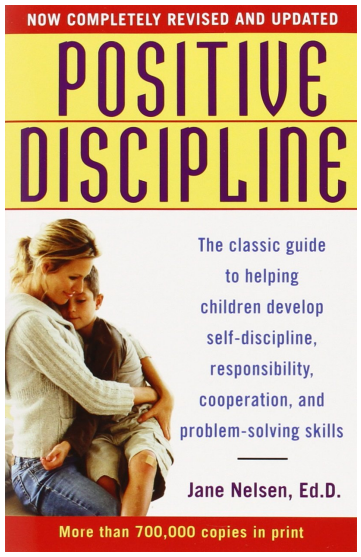
Art in April with Ms. Erin was all about recycling! Thanks goes to those who donated their old boxes and recyclables to allow the students to turn "trash" into creative artistic sculptures! The students also made mixed media sunflowers. The month of May will be all about the "science of art" and process. We will be conducting artistic experiments, experiencing "action art," and getting messy! **View collage in larger format**

news from our church

$10 off VBS Registration | Expires May 16

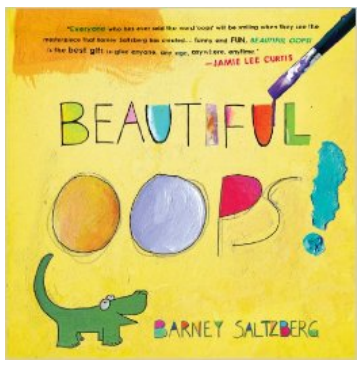
CtK has released registration for the upcoming Vacation Bible School! VBS is offered to students *entering* Pre-K4 though 4th grade for the 2016-2017 school year. Mark your calendars for Monday, June 13th through Thursday, June 16th from 9am - NOON each day at Christ the King Episcopal Church. Registration cost is $20 per student, but if you register *before May 16th* with promo code **EARLYVBS**, you will receive $10 off registration! Additionally, there is a nursery available for kids ages 1-3 if a parent volunteers at least one day during VBS. Interested in this? Contact Heather at youth@christthekingfl.org. Register for VBS

books of the month



Parent Book of the Month

According to Jane Nelsen, the key to positive discipline is not punishment, she tells us, but mutual respect. Nelsen coaches parents and teachers to be both firm and kind, so that any child–from a three-year-old toddler to a rebellious teenager–can learn creative cooperation and self-discipline with no loss of dignity. You can borrow a copy from Ms. Maureen's office collection, order at your local bookstore or view online.



Children's May Book Spotlight

Looking for some new books to read with your children this summer? Our librarian, Emily Proctor, suggests checking out some of the new arrivals at the school library. Inspired by Ms. Erin Bakker's (our art teacher) suggestions, the library has recently purchased several new books that encourage creativity and artistic exploration. A few of our favorites include: ***The Beautiful Oops*** by Barney Saltzberg; ***The Dot, Ish*** and ***Sky Color*** by Peter Reynolds; or one of our ***Dover How To Draw*** books by Barbara Soloff Levy. Your children can find these and more in the "Art/Colors" section of our library; teachers and lower elementary students can check them out. The summer is a great time to nurture your child's inner artist!

school calendar

Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 6th:

Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 6th: Mother's Day Luncheon at 11:30am, Sandefur Hall

Thursday, May 12th: The Tree House Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 3:30pm Vestry Room

sites to bookmark

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The Tree House Website

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Past eNewsletters/Archives

Christ the King Episcopal Church Website

Calendars

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Wednesday, May 25th: Kindergarten Celebration Ceremony & Reception at 9:00 a.m.

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Friday, May 27th: Last Day of School for Students: EARLY RELEASE at 11:30 a.m., NO AFTERCARE

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