

# Tadpole Times

*Ms. Fawn's Welcome Newsletter 2016-2017*



Dear Families,

The beginning of a new school year is filled with so many emotions: excitement, anticipation, joy, apprehension, and feeling overwhelmed! Whether you are new to LEEP, or a veteran, there is so much information to take in and review during these first few weeks that I will keep this welcome brief and tell you the most important thing you need to know this year: We Love Your Child. Yes, I know, we do not know your child yet, and some of us haven't even met your child! But trust me, the more we get to know each precious child in this class, the more we fall in love with their unique personalities. So, after reading through the mountains of 'beginning-of-the-year-paperwork' and filling out all of those forms, remember to take a break, lean back, and look at your beautiful child and know that it is going to be a great year!

## **Who's Who in Room 7?**

Fawn Deitsch- Lead Teacher

Krystal Munroe- Teacher Assistant

Janet Bornstein- Teacher Assistant (*long term substitute*)

Stephanie Doris- Teacher Assistant

Donna Prokos- Speech & Language

Susan Richardson- Occupational Therapy

Cheryl O'Shea- Physical Therapy

## Supplies List

- Backpack, labeled (*please make sure the backpack can fit your child's take-home folder and snack bag*)
- One labeled 2-pocket folder for home-school communication, to be kept in your child's backpack all year (*poly-folders hold up the best*)
- Pack of 25 page protectors, labeled (*Staples or Avery brand preferred for durability*)
- Underwear & socks, labeled in a ziplock bag (*an entire extra set of clothes is also helpful*)
- Snack bag, labeled (*see below for more information*)
- Family Photo (*or snapshot of your child with a parent, feel free to email the photo!*)
- A book wrapped and labeled with your child's name (*this will be a gift for your child during our LEEP Family Gathering in December*)

Additional supplies we are always in need of if you have any extras to send in:

- Paper plates
- Paper towels
- Ziploc bags, any size (*slider opening preferred*)

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## LEEP Family Handbook Highlights

A copy of the LEEP Family Handbook is available on the Moose Hill School website under the tab "Information", then "Student Handbook." **Updated copies for the 2016-2017 will also be sent home.** As you read through the handbook, please pay extra attention to the following information:

**School Hours:** Our class runs from 8:45-11:00 AM. Information about drop-off and pick-up will be provided during orientation. Please email me if you have any questions.

**Communication:**

- **Email:** The best way to reach me is via email at [fdeitsch@londonderry.org](mailto:fdeitsch@londonderry.org). I will respond within 24-hours, during school hours. *I am a part-time teacher at Moose Hill, therefore any messages received after 12:00PM may not be seen until the next school day.*
  - **Please email me ASAP with the following information:**

1. Your child's name
  2. Both parent's names
  3. Best phone number to reach you
  4. Any other information you may want us to know about your child!
- **Website:** Our classroom website can be viewed through the Moose Hill homepage (see "Academics," then "Teachers," then "LEEP"). This tends to be a 'static' site, meaning it does not change much throughout the year. Our main classroom site will be hosted through Shutterfly. You will be receiving an invitation via email to view the site as soon as I get it up and running (within the next week or so). We take LOTS of pictures and upload them to the Shutterfly site frequently. It will be the best way for you to stay connected to what your child is doing at school each day, as well as other news and events.
  - **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** November 17th and 18th are the dates of our fall Parent-Teacher conferences. Sign-ups will be in October. Spring Parent-Teacher conferences are March 16th and 17th.
  - **Notes:** Please include a 2-pocket folder in your child's backpack for Home-School Communication. These folders remain in your child's backpack all year and should be checked on a daily basis for any notes home or any work your child may have completed at school. You can also reach us by putting a note in the folder. We check the folders daily as well.

**Open House:** LEEP Open House is in October 27, 6:30-7:30 (parents only).

**Illness and Absences:** Detailed information about student illness is provided in the LEEP handbook, please read through it carefully. The Moose Hill absentee line is 437-5192. You can also send in a note for any upcoming absences (such as appointments or vacations), or email me directly.

**Clothing and Footwear:**

- **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL!** Label your child's outerwear (jackets, coats, backpacks, etc).
- **Extra Change of Clothes:** Place a change of underwear and socks in a ziplock bag, label it, and leave it in your child's backpack in case of messes or accidents.
- **Sneakers:** Your child will be engaging in many physical activities throughout the morning, including climbing on playground equipment. Sneakers are the best option for school!

- **Sunscreen & Bug Spray:** Please apply these products to your child before sending him or her to school.

**Snack:** Your child will have the opportunity to eat snack daily. Please send **ONE** small snack and drink for your child in a labeled bag, **with the ingredients list for each item (see handbook)**. LEEP is a nut-safe program, so please check ingredient labels carefully. Due to this policy, we may send snacks home from time to time if we are unsure if it is nut-safe.

**Transportation:** Drop-off and pick-up procedures are described in this section, please read through this section thoroughly! You will also be receiving a map of the parking lot, and a bright pink sign for the vehicle your child will be riding in. If your child rides the bus, please contact Kathy Kelly if any changes arise: 437-5855, ext. 7223.

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## **The First Day of School**

We gave you a little wink and smile  
as you entered our room today,  
For we know how hard it is to leave  
And know your child must stay.  
You've been with them for three years now  
And have been a loving guide,  
But now, alas, the time has come  
to leave them at our side.  
Just know that as you drive away  
and tears down your cheeks may flow,  
We'll love each as we would our own  
And help them learn and grow.  
So please put your mind at ease  
And cry those tears no more,  
For we will love them and take them in  
When you leave them at our door.

Lots of love,

*Ms. Fawn and The Tadpole Team*