

APRIL NEWSLETTER

It's Circus Month at SVMA!

As we return from spring break on Monday, SVMA is abuzz with enthusiasm and excitement. The weather is warmer, birds are singing and flowers are blooming.

April's theme is **Under the Big Top**. The circus brings out the performer in everyone. Children will dress as clowns, jump through hoops and pretend to walk a tightrope. Under the big top, children will juggle new skills and share their talents. SVMA will transform into the Greatest Show on Earth as students practice their circus acts through song, rhyme, movement, numbers and more.

Circus Day is Friday, April 26th. (MWF & M-F Students are welcome to attend.) This fun-filled morning will include crafts, games and goodies. As an added treat, the beloved Great Zucchini will visit. His hilarious performance is designed to entertain preschool audiences. To learn more, check out The Great Z's website, <https://thegreatzucchini.com/>

Afternoon enrichment classes are at capacity. Therefore, we cannot accommodate additions or drop-ins for the remainder of the school year. As a reminder, there will be no Afternoon Enrichment on Circus Day 4/26 and May 22nd.

As children dress for the warmer weather, please remember to put names in jackets and sweaters. For safety precautions, we ask that children do not wear open sandals or flip flops. They should also wear appropriate shoes for sports & games.

On April 8th, there will be a solar eclipse beginning at approximately 2:04 p.m. with maximum solar coverage at approximately 3:20 p.m. This is a special event and learning opportunity. The teachers will explain to the students that a solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between Earth and the Sun. The Moon blocks the Sun. Therefore, people on Earth cannot see the Sun for a short time. To safely experience the solar show, use special-purpose eclipse glasses or a solar viewer to block the harmful rays. You can make your own SOLAR VIEWER at home!

It's time to secure a babysitter. The Spring Parent Cocktail Party for current and future parents is April 26th.

Invitations will also be sent through Paperless Post.

Spring Parent Cocktail Party

Friday, April 26th

7:00 to 9:00 pm.

At the home of Brittani and Travis Cushman

5221 Massachusetts Avenue

Bethesda, MD 20816

*The Cushman's house is in walking distance from SVMA. You are welcome to park at the school and walk to the party.

Important Dates

Monday, April 8 Check out the Solar Eclipse!

Friday, April 26 No Lunch Bunch & Afternoon Enrichment

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Wed, May 22 No Lunch Bunch & Afternoon Enrichment

Thursday, May 23 End of Year Program 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Followed by a gathering at Westmoreland Park to celebrate the
school year!

Busy Bee Camp Registration deadline is May 1st.

Hooray! Camp begins June 3rd. BUZZ! BUZZ!