

# June 2012



## Mount Kisco Child Care Center

PARENT CONNECTION – A family newsletter

### The Guthrie Concert for Families: A benefit for Mount Kisco Child Care Center

The children are so glad that June, and **The Guthrie Concert for Families**, is finally here!

Thanks to MKCCC Parent **Anna Canoni**, whose grandfather is the legendary folk singer **Woody Guthrie**, MKCCC is presenting **Sarah Lee Guthrie** (daughter of Arlo/granddaughter of Woody Guthrie and her husband, **Johnny Irion**, along with the **pre-school children** of MKCCC in concert, as they sing Woody Guthrie classics and songs from Sarah Lee & Johnny's 2009 children's CD, *Go Waggaloo*. Anna and **Gina Bergamini** have been teaching the songs to the children and the sweet sounds of their voices have been filling the center for weeks!

**THE GUTHRIE CONCERT**  
**For Families LIVE!**  
 featuring  
**Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion**  
 with a special vocal performance by the children of  
 Mount Kisco Child Care Center  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2012**

*"She took the tradition that (her grandfather) Woody began with kids' music and made it better."  
 -Kathy O'Connell, host of Philadelphia's WXPN radio show Kids Corner (via USA Today)*

**Chappaqua Crossing | 480 Bedford Road | Chappaqua, New York**  
 Doors open at 6:00pm, Performance begins at 6:30pm  
 General Admission tickets are available at \$35 per adult & \$15 per child\*  
 \*\$50 per adult & \$25 per child at the door.  
 Children under 3 are FREE when they sit on the lap of a paid adult.  
**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE at [www.mkccc.org](http://www.mkccc.org)**

proceeds from the concert benefit...  
**Mount Kisco Child Care Center**

in collaboration with...  
**The Woody Guthrie Family & Woody Guthrie Publications**

For more information, contact MKCCC at 1-914-241-2135 (x243) or [info@mkccc.org](mailto:info@mkccc.org)

The concert is a fundraiser for MKCCC and we hope that parents, grandparents, friends, other relatives of our children and the general public will join us in celebrating MKCCC and this year's Woody Guthrie Centennial.

P.S.: Children performing in the concert attend for free (please see Ruth or Dawn). For parents, grandparents and children in our MKCCC family, tickets (\$25 adults/\$10 children) can be purchased from Renee at the Front Desk, Keri Reitman, our Development Director, or online at <http://mkccc.org/guthrie-2012-06-15.html>. Tickets for the general public are \$35 adults/\$15 children, and **ALL children under three are free when seated on the lap of a paid adult.**

Copies of the *Go Waggaloo* CD can be purchased from Keri before the concert, or at the concert, for \$12.

We hope to see you on June 15<sup>th</sup> at **Chappaqua Crossing** for this fun, family night!

#### Mark your calendar:

**June 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
The Guthrie Concert for Families

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
Preschool Graduation

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
MKCCC Closed

**July 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
Sparkle for A Cause at Crabtree's Kettle House to benefit MKCCC

**August:**  
A special night at Ben & Jerry's – stay tuned!

#### Feed Me Fresh Wish List

Food Processors and Blenders are needed in the classrooms to help us shred, puree and blend ingredients for our recipes.

## News from the Classrooms

In May, the **INFANT** program was happy to welcome our new friend Dhiren. We said goodbye Miss Lauren and welcomed Miss Laura, too! The infants have been taking advantage of all the sunny days May brought them and hit the great outdoors looking for signs of Spring. They took stroller rides, saw and heard birds, found a caterpillar, and saw some butterflies. They've also been picking clovers and dandelions on their playground, too!

The **TODDLERS** have been busy learning about all kinds of animals – pets, zoo animals and farm animals. Last month they celebrated their mothers to thank them for all they do and next month they will be celebrating Father's Day as well as exploring water and transportation. In May, Toddler birthdays included Meghan, Zachary, Timothy, Tristan, Ryan, Miss Tracy and Miss Tami. In June, we will wish a celebrate the birthdays of Tyler, Jayden, Kaitlyn, Sophia, Robert and Will. The Toddlers also said goodbye to Miss Laura in May, who is now an Infant Head Teacher, and we wish her the best. And finally, we prepare to bid farewell

to some friends who will be moving to Pre-K in the summer. We are looking forward to the summer season.

The **PRE-SCHOOL** children have been studying bugs, fairy tales/storybooks, shapes, manners, motorcycles and scuba diving! They have been busy gardening and have carrots, cabbage, pumpkins, eggplant and beans growing in their raised gardening beds. In addition to all of that, the pre-school children have been very busy rehearsing for the *Go Waggaloo* concert on June 15<sup>th</sup> and their "moving-up ceremony" on June 19<sup>th</sup> and hope to see their friends and families at both events.

The **SCHOOL AGE** children have been enjoying their time outdoors making volcanoes in the sandbox, playing baseball, planting in the garden and mastering jump rope and monkeybar skills! When indoors, there have been countless Lego creations, amazing artwork in the dramatic play "Art Studio", and tasty recipes from our little chefs during our Feed Me Fresh show.



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## Bits and Bytes by Elise Weatherup

The new computer lab has enabled MKCCC to combine the children's love of technology and their creative sides to write three one-act sequels to the film, *National Treasure*. The original film is built upon a legend that the Knights Templar secretly buried the "treasure of all treasures" in the new world after coming here as Free Masons. The heroes of the film take an action-packed thrill ride to unearth the mystery.

A film many of the children have seen, I found a YouTube video that speculates that the actual Knights Templar treasure is buried in a place called Oak Island, in Nova Scotia. I had the children watch the Oak Island documentary and we have combined the two stories to write sequels to *National Treasure*.

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## JEWEL by Nancy Loden, Intergenerational Coordinator

The leaves are in full bloom and JEWEL is in full warm weather mode. The preschool classes are playing vegetable bingo and sharing with the seniors their experiences that they are having planting their classroom gardens. The Infant classes are busy gluing and talking about spring flowers. Toddler A's animal theme was incorporated into the JEWEL program with games and other activities. Dog therapy continues, with Layla the Labrador Retriever. Layla is very patient with toddlers, preschoolers and the seniors. The children especially like it when she eats carrots for her treats.

The US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) reached out to MKCCC/MSH in May after they read an article in [The New York Times](#) dating back to 2007 about the *Feed Me Fresh* program and the intergenerational program. As a result of a conversation, MKCCC/MSH was asked to be one of three participants in a Webinar that was held on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The other participants are from San Diego and Chicago. The program is called [Let's Move Faith and Communities](#). HHS reached out to programs that highlight healthy eating, physical activities and intergenerational programs.

May was *Older Americans Month* according to the U.S. Administration on Aging. This year the theme was "Never to Old to Play". MKCCC/MSH has embodied these philosophies for over 10 years.



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## The Bottom Line from Ruth Goodman, MSW



June is here! How can it be that summer is coming so soon? The end of the school year is a time of transition for kids and parents alike. A time of celebration as summer routines and festivities begin, but also for many, a time of farewells to trusted and beloved teachers and friends. During this time of transition, extra "check ins" with your kids is a good idea. Invite them to talk about how they are feeling about the changes and goodbyes as well as the anticipation of summer fun. It always helps to communicate! If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please stop by or give me a call. Happy Summer!