



## NEWSLETTER

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February 2018

### **Important Dates**

If you haven't already received one, be sure to grab the February calendar for important dates at the center.

### **Spring Staff In-Service Day (Friday, April 27, 2018)**

OUAT will be closed for the day on Friday, April 27, 2018 for a Staff In-Service Day. We want to be sure to give you as much notice as possible to schedule alternate care for this day. We will hold a staff meeting and participate in training on this day. Thank you for allowing our staff time to continue their education and training. This allows us to better serve you and your children.

### **Fall Staff Work Day (Friday, August 31, 2018)**

Each year OUAT closes for a day at the end of the summer (usually before the Labor Day holiday and the first day of the Verona Area School District classes) so that teachers can clean out their classrooms, exchange toys/materials and prepare for the new school year. This year OUAT will be closed on Friday, August 31, 2018. This will allow staff to prepare before new children come into the classrooms the following Tuesday.

### **Now is the time to join a CSA!**

This is the time of year to join a Community Shares farm. Many farms are sold out by the end of February/early March. Here is the website for the Madison Area Community Shares farm guide [www.macsac.org](http://www.macsac.org). This website provides information on many, many farms in the area. It is really worth it to eat fresh food 5-8 months out of the year for only a few hundred dollars!

OUAT partners with Vermont Valley Community Farm out of Blue Mounds, WI. Many OUAT families, as well as families from the community pick up produce here each week. OUAT also receives shares and the children eat fresh farm produce weekly and love it! This is always a great thing for the center and also a very convenient way for OUAT and local families to eat fresh produce weekly. Sign up soon, shares go quickly!

### **Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

Parents are always welcome to volunteer at the center or in their child's classroom at any time. We encourage parents to come in and read books, work on special projects, assist in the classroom, help teachers with preparing activities (i.e., cutting out items, laminating, repairing toys, etc.), eat lunch with your child, anything! We always ask for adult volunteers on field trips, so please feel free to come along anytime. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk with your child's teacher or with De De, Jenny or Ann and we can help you get set up!

### **Sharing Family Traditions**

Many classrooms ask families to share family photos for collages and activities; many ask families to come in and share stories, special foods and special traditions. We encourage everyone to share family traditions and culture at any time. Please do not wait to be asked or for a special occasion or holiday. We embrace the diversity of our planet and welcome everyone to share their culture! Please talk with your child's teacher about coming in and sharing.

### **Staff Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to ~~

Jennifer O'Brien (Pea Pod Classroom) – Sunday, February 25

### **Anniversaries**

Happy Anniversary!!

Courtney Schreiber (Butterfly Kisses Classroom) – 2 years, February 11