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The Garden Road Expresses Itself with an Art Show at the Peekskill Coffee House



Having a rockin' time with guest musical artist Kathleen Pemble

Art Show at The Peekskill Coffee House

On Thursday evening, March 6th, the young artists of the Garden Road School had their very first art show reception at The Peekskill Coffee House. Children, parents, family and friends came and enjoyed a delightful evening of beautiful art, music and lots of dancing! Kathleen Pemble volunteered her musical talent for the evening and had the children dancing to her fun-loving music the whole time.

In preparation for the event, guest artist Lowry Reinauer (a Garden Road Parent) made beautiful murals with each of the school's companies. With themes of spring, outer space and mythical creatures, every child contributed to a collective work of art. These masterpieces were auctioned off, and some will find a home in our new school. From murals, to silk scarves, comedia del arte masks, charcoal drawings, watercolor paintings and poetry, the night was filled with the celebration of human expression.

A Celebration of Human Expression: The Garden Road Art Show at the Peekskill Coffee House...

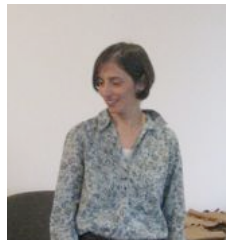


Special Thanks to Kathleen Pemble who came, broken wrist and all, and Nick Pohlchuk, who accompanied her. Kathleen offers musical classes called "LOVE NOTES" for children in Cold Spring. For more info call 914-906-4586 and check out her original music at www.kathleenPemble.com. More thanks to Lowry Reinauer for helping the children create beautiful murals for the show, Laura Gillen and James Lorr for hosting the event, Andreas Engel for the photography, and Kathryn Corena for pulling it all together!

The Keepers of Respect and Friendship present two short plays at the Croton Library



K-1 performing "The Rough-faced Girl" Under the direction of our very own veteran actress and teacher Terese Giammarco, the children of the K-1 class performed two plays for their parents and friends on Friday, April 11th. Along with Terese, Kani Bynoe assisted the children in making their beautiful costumes, props, and designing and painting their sets. Our music teacher Elizabeth Nolf provided music direction and accompaniment.



From learning their lines and how to narrate, to stage directions and blocking, the children got to experience every aspect of putting on a production. The stories, "A Drum" and "The Rough Faced Girl," carried messages of generosity, thankfulness and the importance of having confidence and believing in oneself. Bravo to the Keepers of Respect and Friendship!



Getting ready for the performance

The Garden Road School is moving!

We are relocating to the Mohegan Colony School House in Crompond, NY, just fifteen minutes from our current location. This new home boasts a stone schoolhouse building, a playground, an outdoor amphitheater, a basketball court and a tennis court on six acres of land.

For over 30 years, the schoolhouse has been home to the Mohegan Colony Nursery School. Director Ellen Conklin will be retiring this year, leaving behind a legacy of quality childcare for preschoolers. We are pleased to announce that Donna Sabia Marino, who has been the assistant director to Ellen, will be joining the Garden Road staff in September. We are looking forward to merging forces and building upon the successful history of the Colony. (Speaking of history, Cortlandt's Town Supervisor Linda Pulglisi once ran the Colony Nursery School!)

This new and much larger facility will enable us to offer elementary programs through third grade this coming September, with room for us to progressively grow the elementary grades in the coming years.



Outdoor amphitheater sets a perfect stage for Garden Road talent

About Mohegan Colony:

The Mohegan Colony was built on Lake Mohegan in 1923 by idealists who wanted to escape materialism and educate their own children; the nature of the Garden Road programs is harmonious with those original intentions. The historic Martha Guinsberg Pavilion stage, adjacent to the schoolhouse, has been home to legendary performers such as Paul Robeson, Isadora Duncan, Theodore Bikel and Pete Seeger.



The Squirrels and Owls are Growing

The Owls and Squirrels are growing all over the place! Their class has grown, welcoming two new friends and their families to the school. Now they



are watching closely as the tiny seeds they planted sprout into seedlings. It doesn't happen all at once; it takes time and we must have PATIENCE...

Observing life's little miracles

THE KITTENS COMPANY

HAS THEIR 100-DAY PARTY!

After 100 school days of counting, at last the Kittens Company celebrated the 100th day of school. At the start of the year, the children set a goal to count to 100 days, and when they got there, to have a party. This year, they decided to have a pajama and pizza party with fun games and yummy snacks like 100 chocolate chip cookies.



Kittens Co. proudly celebrating 100 days of school

A Garden Road Glimpse:



What ARE they doing?

Written by Eileen McGowan, OT

There are a few good reasons for sucking through a crazy straw with your eyes closed. First of all, it helps to improve interhemispheric integration, with the two sides of the brain working better together. Good interhemispheric integration is needed for many important things we do in life, such as processing language, reading, writing and math. Another function it serves is to help the eyes team together. Try the following experiment, and you will be amazed: Get a crazy straw (because they are harder to suck and therefore more effective); hold it in the center of your mouth; CLOSE your eyes and then sip and swallow repeatedly, allowing a rhythmic pattern to develop. Most people actually feel their eyes physically pulling together towards midline while sucking. Amazing! It also helps with light and sound sensitivity, but that's another story. (Note: If it is uncomfortable for any reason to close your eyes while sucking, i.e., your eyes tend to over-converge, then don't close your eyes.)



Sippy Straws are more than just fun!





Our Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner: "GROWING OUR DREAM"

will be taking place at the new schoolhouse on Saturday, May 10th from 6-9pm. At the dinner, we will be honoring Terese Giammarco for her years of service to The Garden Road mission, her incredible gifts as a teacher, and her efforts towards creating Project Brilliance for children with special needs. We are hoping that many of our friends, families and supporters will join us for this special event as we celebrate the unfolding of our vision to create an alternative school for children. Find out more information about this event on our website: www.thegardenroad.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

Grandparents Day at The Garden Road School 10:30am-12pm

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

Elementary School Presentation 10-11:30am at Mohegan Colony and Clean Up from 12-3pm

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

4th Annual Benefit Dinner 6pm

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

OPEN HOUSE at the Garden Road School 10am-2pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

OPEN HOUSE at the Mohegan Colony Schoolhouse 10am-2pm



K-1 class hooping with Judy Kropf. THANKS JUDY!

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