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# THE WINDOW

An inside look at Bethesda Nursery School

## Volunteer!

There are many ways for you to help with the Fair. Set-up beforehand on Saturday morning and clean-up afterwards are times that we always need help. If you are tall and/or good at putting together puzzles, please sign up to help assemble tents! The Tag Sale needs lots of "sales associates," and people are needed to man the games, bake sale, plant sale and the food area. When the fair is over, we need to put the church back in order as quickly as possible so we can all go home and get ready for the after-party! Please sign up either on the chart at school (just inside the front door) or online at Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/LGbvsz> We hope that each family can provide 3 hours of volunteer time. Remember, your children are so proud to see mom or dad working at school, and they will talk about it for weeks to come!



## Getting Ready for the Fair!

The hallways of Bethesda have been buzzing with activity as preparations for the Spring Fair intensify. The kids have watched the tag sale taking shape in the Campanius Room over the last few weeks, and all are eyeing the wonderful collection of toys with great interest. There is still a lot of work to do to get the tag sale ready. Sorting will take place from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm every morning this week until the work is done. Please come by and join in if you can, even if you can only stay for a little while.

On Tuesday night, May 3, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, there will be a special tag sale drop-off party in the Campanius Room. There will be pizza provided and children are welcome. The party is a chance for alumni to bring their donated items and to gather and reminisce about past Spring Fair glories, but current families are welcome as well. If you still have a pile of good stuff to bring over, seize this opportunity to join in a festive time with old friends and new.

## Celebrate!

Join us Saturday night (adults only, please) to celebrate another successful Bethesda Fair at 116 Crown Street in downtown New Haven! Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and there will be a cash bar. We haven't settled on the time yet, but we will let you know soon.

## Sara's class

Sara will not be in school Tuesday through Thursday this week as she finishes the classwork for her Director's Credential. We will all miss her, but she is happy to report that this will be the last of the classes!

It's not just the grown-ups who are working hard getting ready for the fair. The excitement level at school is ratcheting up by the minute as the kids talk about the fair and do their part to get the school ready. At morning meeting much of the discussion revolves around past fairs, favorite games or activities, and what kind of prizes will be awarded this year. We also sing songs about fairs during music, just to make sure everyone is getting into the spirit. During outside time the kids are helping to clean out the sandbox, picking out mulch and magnolia petals so the sand will be pristine for the treasure hunt game. On Thursday and Friday we will raffle off the coveted line leader spots during school, using old tickets from last year's fair. This activity has been a big hit every year!

In recent years the kids have made a piñata to include in the teacup raffle, similar to the ones we whack at our parties before Winter Break. The photo above shows Henry having a good time while gluing newspaper onto a big balloon. When the piñata is finished at the end of the week we will fill it with small toys and candy and it will be ready for some lucky family to win.



Teddy "shakes it" as we are "Going to Kentucky, Going to the Fair" during music time.