

Dear Hop, Skip & Jump Families,

Our roles are changing at Hop, Skip & Jump and with that comes exciting changes that we are very happy to share with you! Last year was a trial run, merging The Make Shop and Hop, Skip & Jump Preschool programming together under one roof. With a very successful year behind us, we are moving forward and have formed a partnership with Jill Pimental, the owner of The Make Shop. From here on out, our two businesses will be housed at One Park Place. Hop, Skip & Jump Preschool will continue to be an award winning preschool that offers a developmentally appropriate learning environment that prepares children for kindergarten academically, socially, emotionally and physically. We are so fortunate to have the same wonderful, loving, kind-hearted teachers to continue to offer young children an enriched preschool experience. Melissa, Joanne and Emily value the multi-sensory, hands-on, discovery teaching philosophy that fuels our curriculum design while meeting the standards of the Common Core and the Massachusetts Framework. This merge will not affect our existing program but only offer additional enrichment opportunities for children outside of normal school hours. Here is summary of how our roles are changing for the better!

Congratulations to *Melissa Kelley-Connell* for obtaining her *Director License\**! Melissa has worked very hard these past years and has completed all the course work required to become qualified as an EEC Director! She will continue to teach and plan curriculum as well as taking on director responsibilities at the preschool.

Congratulations to *Joanne Cruetz* for obtaining her *Lead Teacher License\**! Joanne also has worked very hard this past year to complete the course work requirements to become EEC Lead Teacher. Joanne will continue to be an amazing educator and bring her creative teaching talents to the preschool.

*Emily Wallace* is EEC *Teacher* qualified and is just a few credits shy of becoming Lead Teacher. Emily will continue to add her talents to our staff with her endless amount of energy, patience and creative talents in preparing hands-on learning lessons. You will also see Emily teaching wonderful programming with The Make Shop.

Congratulations to *Patrice Headd Stutzenberger* who recently earned a Master's Degree in Education and a dual license from the Department of Education for Early Childhood and Special Education. Patrice will move into the role of *School Advisor* and will oversee all preschool operations and curriculum development.

*Jill Pimental* will take on the role of *Business Manager and Licensee* for Hop, Skip & Jump Preschool and will be responsible for all legal regulations, marketing, advertising, accounting, tuition, enrollment, and general business responsibilities. Jill will continue to be the *CCO (Chief Creative Operator)* of The Make Shop which offers wonderful enrichment programs for children and adults as well as a variety of homeschooling classes.

We are thrilled with the merge of two amazing business that combined will offer a safe, loving, creative, place for children of all ages. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our staff if you have any questions. Thank you for being part of our Hop, Skip & Jump family and helping to create a very special place for young children to learn, grow and discover the world around us.

*Sincerely,*

*Patrice Stutzenberger*

*\*Pending state paperwork approval*

