

Dayspring

P R E S C H O O L

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Hello Spring!

Spring is finally here! With flowers blooming and days getting longer, we are excited to embrace all that this beautiful season has to offer. After months of rainy weather and indoor activities, it feels wonderful to get back outside. This April, our students will have many opportunities to enjoy the sunshine—climbing, running, jumping, playing ball, and exploring with bubbles and water. Our curriculum will focus on nature as children learn about flowers, plants, bugs, insects, the earth, birds, and the traditions of Easter. These engaging experiences will help strengthen their muscles and support growth in math, science, language, and communication skills. We look forward to a month filled with learning, fun, and fresh air!

Learning Highlights

This month, children will embark on an exciting journey of exploration and discovery across four engaging themes:

- **Insects & Bugs:** Children will learn about the fascinating world of insects and bugs. Through hands-on activities and observation, they will discover how insects live, their unique characteristics, and their role in nature.
- **Birds & Butterflies:** Children will explore the beauty and diversity of birds and butterflies. They will observe these creatures in their environment, learn about their life cycles, and understand how they contribute to the ecosystem.
- **Recycling:** The concept of recycling will be introduced, helping children understand the importance of reducing waste and reusing materials. Activities will encourage creative thinking and environmental responsibility.
- **Earth:** Children will discover ways to care for our planet, learning about Earth's resources and the impact of human actions. This theme will inspire appreciation for nature and highlight the importance of conservation.

These learning highlights will help children develop curiosity, environmental awareness, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

Danville Congregational Church Egg Hunt

We invite you to join us for the Annual Danville Congregational Church (DCC) Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch, a cherished tradition for our community. This event offers a fun-filled morning for families and friends to celebrate together.

Date and Time

The Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch will take place on Saturday, April 4th. The festivities begin promptly at 9:00 AM, so please plan to arrive around 8:30 AM to get ready for the hunt.

Location

The event will be held in the backyard and vineyard of Bette and Jim Felton, located at 6 Sky Terrace, Danville. For parking, please park facing down the hill on the opposite side of the street from the house.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please call or text Bette at 510-220-0489.

Rainy Day Plan

In the event of rain, the Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch will be relocated indoors at Kairos Hall at Danville Congregational Church, next to Dayspring.

Dayspring Egg Hunt Donations

We are pleased to announce that Dayspring will be hosting an egg hunt for the children on Thursday, April 2nd. To make this event a success, we invite families to contribute with plastic eggs, and items that can be placed inside the eggs. Suitable donations include stickers, stamps, bracelets, small toys, and candy. Please note that candy donations should not contain any nuts to ensure the safety of all participants. If you wish to donate, kindly bring your items to Dayspring by Monday, March 30th.

Storytime with Ms. Donna

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Donna back for storytime on Wednesday, April 8th, at 10:00 and 10:30 AM. This engaging session will offer children the chance to enjoy stories, songs, and activities that foster early literacy skills in a fun and interactive environment. We look forward to seeing your child participate in this enriching experience.

No Spring Break Closure

Our facility remains open for the entire month of April. We do not observe a spring break and there will be no interruption to our usual schedule during this period. If you plan to be away at any time in April, please notify us in advance. We are concerned about the well-being of the children when we do not see them and want to ensure their safety and care.

May Tuition Statements

If your child will not be returning to Dayspring in the fall, you will notice a deposit credit reflected on your May tuition bill. Please note that the due date for May tuition remains unchanged and is set for May 7. In addition, your statement will include charges for any summer programs in which your child is enrolled. The full payment for summer program tuition is required by May 15. If you are using autopay through Brightwheel, please be aware that the summer tuition amount will be automatically withdrawn from your account on May 15.

Fall Enrollment

For families who plan to return to Dayspring next year, please be advised that your enrollment statements will be placed in your folders soon. There are still openings available for the 2025-2026 school year, so we invite you to help spread the word to your friends and neighbors who may be interested in joining our community. We are always happy to connect with prospective families and answer any questions they may have about our programs. Remember, if you refer a family and they enroll, you will receive a referral bonus as a thank you for helping our community grow.

Transitional Kindergarten

Dayspring will continue to offer a dedicated Transitional Kindergarten classroom for the 2026-2027 school year. This program is specifically designed to better meet the needs of our families, providing a developmentally appropriate environment for children preparing for kindergarten.

For your convenience, we offer both 4-day and 5-day attendance options, allowing families to select the schedule that works best for them. Additionally, you may choose between a half-day program, running from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, or a school day, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM or full day 7:00- 5:00 pm. To further support our families, before and after school care will be available as needed.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Transitional Kindergarten classroom, please let us know as soon as possible. Enrollment forms are available at the front desk upon request. We encourage you to reach out with any questions or to pick up the necessary paperwork to secure your child's spot.

A Big Thank You!

- To the Anwar family for helping us learn about Ramadan
- To the Boyd-Jaiswal family for the Holi book and stickers
- To Lucy's grandma, Jean, for the yummy treats for Japanese Girl's Day
- To the Gee family for the pastries
- To Paige's grandma, Terry, for the donuts
- To our families who created the Haft Seen table and shared their traditions around Nowruz and the Persian New Year
- To our amazing teachers for all their hard work preparing for the conferences
- To board member, Penny Davis, for the delicious staff breakfast
- To the BOD for lunch on Teacher Workday

Reminder

Great Hall and Outdoor Area Usage After Sign-Out

Great Hall Restrictions

- Once your child has been signed out for the day, please be aware that the Great Hall is **not** available for use. This space is reserved exclusively for Dayspring activities and is only accessible to children who are actively participating in our program. After sign-out, entry to the Great Hall is strictly prohibited due to liability concerns. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining the safety and compliance of our facility.

Outdoor Patio and Basketball Court Guidelines

- Families are welcome to use the outdoor patio and basketball court after signing out, provided that all health and safety guidelines are followed. Please ensure that children do not throw rocks or other objects at the windows, as this could result in property damage or injury. Your attention to these safety practices helps protect both our facility and the well-being of all children.

Important Dates

April 3rd	Farm Worker Appreciation Day	DAYSPRING CLOSED
May 4th -8th	Staff Appreciation Week	
May 13th	Graduation Ceremony	Room 2- 9:00am Room 3- 10:15am
May 14th	Graduation Ceremony	Room 4- 9:00am
May 25th	Memorial Day Holiday	DAYSPRING CLOSED
May 27th	End of The Year Carnival	Great Hall at 5:00pm
May 29th	Last Day of School	
June 1st-5th	Dayspring Closed for Services	NO SCHOOL
June 8th	First Day of Summer Program	

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PRESCHOOL

Snack Menu-April 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1			1	2	3
			Trail Mix Strawberries Milk	Toast Fruit Spread Milk	Dayspring Closed
Week 2	6	7	8	9	10
	Nilla Wafers Pineapple Milk	Pita Bread Hummus Water	String Cheese Baby Carrots Water	Animal Crackers Oranges Milk	Cheerios Craisins Milk
Week 3	13	14	15	16	17
	Toast Fruit Spread Milk	Gold Fish Apples Milk	Graham Crackers Oranges Water	Club Crackers Bananas Milk	Pasta Cucumber Milk
Week 4	20	21	22	23	24
	Waffles Applesauce Water	Animal Crackers Raisins Milk	Cheez-Its Bananas Water	Life Cereal Apples Milk	Bagel Bites Cucumbers Milk
Week 5	27	28	29	30	
	Trail Mix Apples Milk	Graham Crackers Oranges Milk	Wheat Thins Greek Yogurt Water	Saltines Apples Milk	

- We serve fresh fruits and vegetables whenever possible
- Substitutions may occur based on availability

- We serve milk for lunch and water for AM & PM snacks
- Children bring their own lunches from home