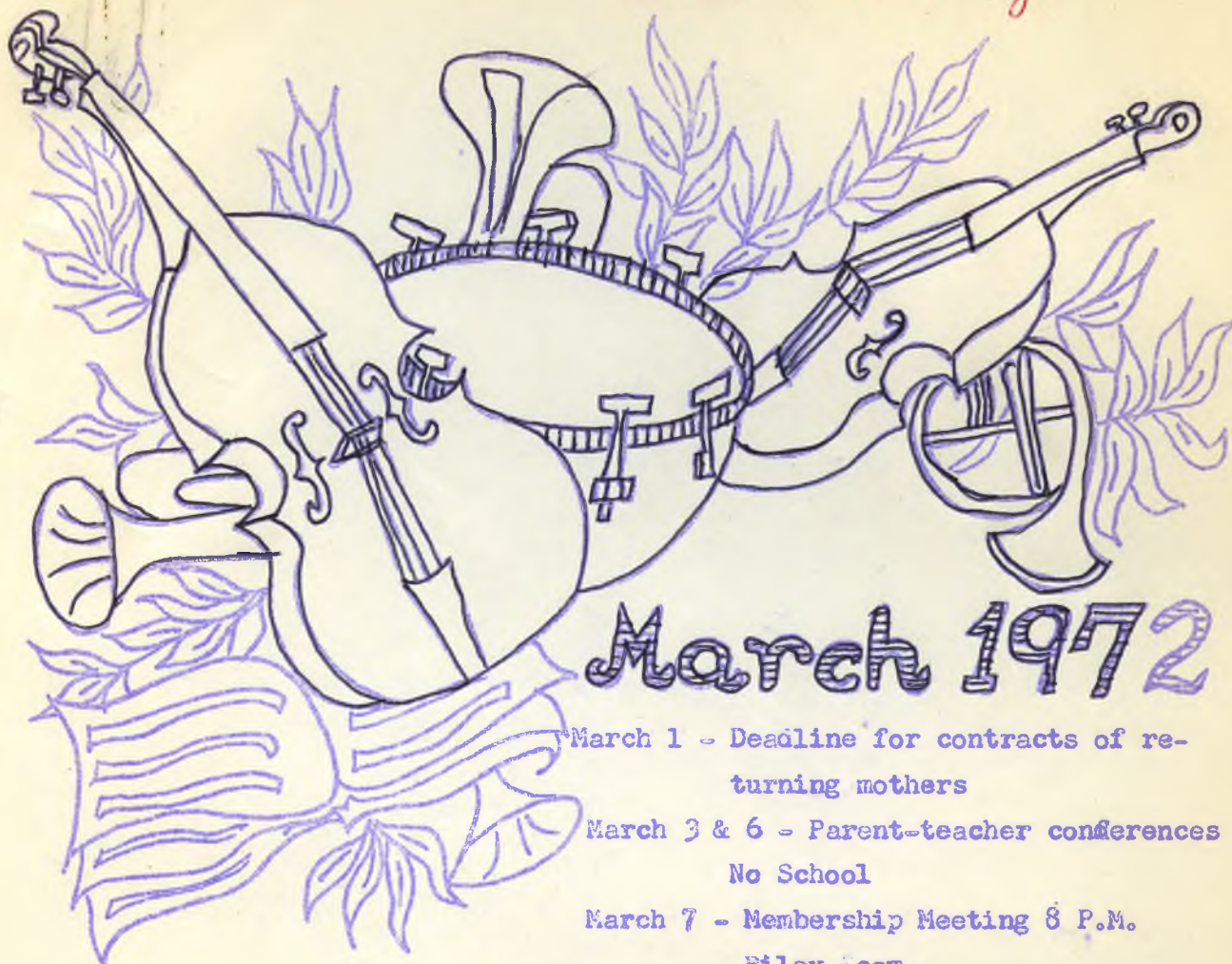


Wacker Radding



March 1972

March 1 - Deadline for contracts of re-
turning mothers

March 3 & 6 - Parent-teacher conferences
No School

March 7 - Membership Meeting 8 P.M.
Riley room

March 9 - PACT Meeting - Substitutes

March 16 - Music Field Trip - both classes
Swanson Jr. High

March 20 - Exec. Board Meeting 8 P.M.
Home of Louise Dudley

March 24 VAECE Conference - Substitutes

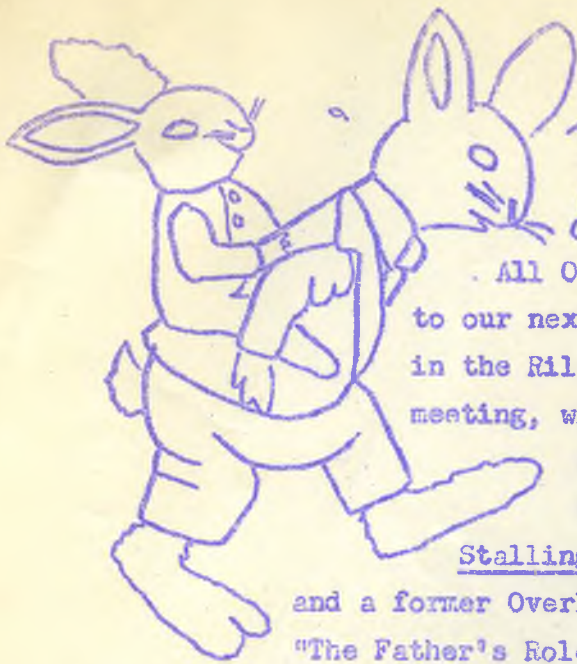
March 31 - Spring Vacation begins at noon

April 10 - School Reopens

Bring to Membership Meeting:

① Tuition Check
Scholarship Proposal
Questionnaire (unsigned)

OVERLEE
PRESCHOOL



March Meeting Spotlights Father's Role

All Overlee mothers and fathers will want to come to our next membership meeting on March 7 at 8 P.M. in the Riley Room. Following our regular business meeting, which will highlight the discussion of the scholarship proposal, we will be privileged to have as our guest speaker Dr. James Stallings, highly respected Arlington Pediatrician, and a former Overlee parent. Dr. Stallings will speak on "The Father's Role in Raising Children" followed by a question and answer period. This is the chance you have been waiting for, to ask a real expert about some of the problems which are plaguing you in the area of father-child relationships. Join us then, both of you, for an informative evening and refreshments too.

By now you have probably received the annual Overlee questionnaire. This is your big chance to express exactly how you feel about the school -- both pro and con. Please be candid, thoughtful and prompt. The completed forms should be returned anonymously to Louise Dudley, Carpool #3 at or before the membership meeting on March 7.

The results will be tabulated and all suggestions carefully considered in the hope of making Overlee as rewarding as possible for parents, children and teachers.

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Overlee will hold PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES March 3 and 6. There will be no school. Please sign-up for your conference on the posted sheets in each room, and if both you and your husband would like to meet with Mrs. Ward or Mrs. Hewitt, check with them for a conference time, if the morning hours are not convenient.

In addition to scheduled conferences, please feel free to call the teachers at home anytime you have a question or a problem concerning your child's day at school.

From the Bluebirds...

The last month has been a full one for the Bluebirds, with a visit to the firehouse, and visits to the classroom by a mailman, policeman, nurse (thank you Mrs. Warden), and many observers, both adult and child for next year--and then Valentine's Day, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and the first real snow to celebrate too! It has been busy, but fun, and I am proud of how well the children take the many variations in schedule in stride. We are happy to have Sam back with us too; it's good to have all twelve again.

We have been spending time talking about color, snow things, and preparing for our trip to the library. March will bring exploration of wind, music, instruments, and Easter before our Spring vacation. I would love your contributions and participation in any of these areas, particularly music if you play or own any instrument. Special thanks in the month past go to Mrs. Frisk for our delicious Valentine cookies and doilies, and to Mrs. Rollins for helping us make and bake gingerbread for an authentic colonial treat on Washington's birthday.

I'd like to thank all the Bluebird mothers for helping eliminate our problems with outdoor clothing and dressing as were outlined in a previous newsletter. The results of home and school efforts are dramatic: all the children can handle their own jackets, hats and mittens; most can get on their own snowpants and boots with a little encouragement; and a few can now zip and help both themselves and others. I am constantly praising and helping, and large doses of praise at home will help the children become even more independent and happy!

Mrs. Hewitt

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February 24th Mrs. Hewitt observed two three-year-old classes at Beverley Hills Preschool in Alexandria. Joan McDermott substituted.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Hewitt will be attending PACT (Potomac Association of Co-operative Teachers) March 9th at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington. Mrs. Ward is President of PACT this year.

March 24th our teachers will attend the VAECE (Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education) conference in Richmond.

Overlee will have school both days, using substitutes: Harriet Ahalt in the Bluebird class; Marjle Gustafson in the Redbird class.

From the Redbirds...

More noise and active play. Great deal of interest in "readiness" games. Much use of marking pens, pencils and scissors to make badges, radios and letters. Much big muscle activity using the bikes, the magnets, the wheel parts, and the tire swing.

By the time this is read we will have gone to the grocery store, picked out vegetables, made soup with the vegetables, and played store with the cash register and play money. Later on in March we will have the music trip to Swanson Junior High. Any and all musicians are welcome to perform for a most uncritical audience of Redbirds and Bluebirds. Then it will be Easter Egg time with bunnies, fancy hats, and a big Easter Parade. Be sure to read about egg blowing in the newsletter because the eggs are used for the egg tree at school and the children like to decorate several eggs, and extras are needed because some are lost through attrition.

Just one reminder: If the easels are wiped off each day by the participating mother, the job is easier for everyone.

Mrs. Lard

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HOW TO "BLOW" EASTER EGGS

Start with raw eggs. Hard boiled are a little difficult to work with.



Poke a small hole in both ends of the egg with a skewer or hatpin type device. Slip the stillie into the egg and break the yoke. Place the lips to one of the holes and blow the contents into a bowl. Then you use the eggs to bake a cake to freeze for our next Boot and Bake Sale in the Spring.

Bring them in soon.

Thank you.

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THE TEACHERS ALSO REQUEST:

Netting or veiling and artificial flowers for the girls to use in making Easter bonnets.



THE TEACHERS INVITE YOU TO

Place yourself in this situation:

You are bundling up your child since the carpool is about to arrive. He makes a sudden decision to take his toy alligator to school with him. For a moment you are undecided. You have observed other children bringing things to school on the days their mothers are not driving or

participating; but you also know that the school prefers children to bring things to school on days their mothers DO participate or DO drive. Your child, sensing your indecision, presses harder, tears come to his eyes, he clutches the alligator tightly, stamps his foot and says, "I want my alligator!" At that moment the carpool horn honks. What do you do?

A. You allow the child to take the toy to school with the admonition that it is just this once. You know the teachers can handle the situation at the other end and the carpool driver is a good friend who won't mind watching out for the alligator. The result is that you have rewarded your child for creating a scene. The next time he will cry a little harder and persist a little longer and so on and so on.

B. You take the alligator from him, ignore his protests and deposit him in the car. You know he will quiet down once he gets on his way and after all the carpool driver is a good friend. But now your child has learned that it's all right for mother to grab things away without any reason so it must be all right for the child to do the same.

C. You clearly explain the rule to the child, offer a proper time to take the toy to school, have the child put it in a safe place until he returns, and firmly but cheerfully escort him to the car. You have taught your child well. He now understands the rule. He knows his mother values reasonable rules and so he will value them too. He has once more been assured that bringing pressure to bear on mother at an inopportune moment will not work for him. He is comfortable knowing that his mother responds each time in the same way. And he is learning that there are certain areas in which he has no choice. In other words, there are limits to his freedom.

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There are always exceptions to the rule concerning bringing things to school. A call to the teacher will justify bringing something timely or very important to school on a non-bringing day, And this too, can be clearly explained to the child.

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N... "to clear up a misunderstanding" "Fluffy Brownie", our guinea pig, about putting peanut butter out for hungry birds--

They like it so much that they fight over it, but it should never be put out unmixed. homes to visit for the March 2-7 conference weekend and for Spring vacation April 1-9. Please sign up.

It can, and does, gum up the bird's beak and throat if eaten alone. Be sure to mix only a small quantity in with the regular wild birdseed that you put out. The peanut butter with "chunks" in it is best."

Ranger Ricks

"Witcher," the little white mouse, has its own sign-up sheet. The mouse is just as sweet as Fluffy, and is even easier to transport. Witcher is also adoptable.

Princess Rabbit is wintering at the Appelbaums, but she seems to miss the Bluebirds and Redbirds. She'll be back at Overlee after Spring Vacation. If you would like to visit her some afternoon, call and come.

Amy Appelbaum - Pets

The Northern Va. Council of Cooperative Schools will re-schedule its program on "Children's Television and Programming" early in March. The meeting was postponed because of snow. Watch for more information on the bulletin board at Overlee.

Sheila Gell

SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

ARLINGTON*FAIRFAX CENTER

2920 Arlington Boulevard

Month of July

3 - 4 - & 5 year olds

Call: Shirley Eisen

536-4876

Please save some of your child's best art work for an exhibit being planned by the Council in the near future at a local shopping center.

The January REDBOOK Magazine has several fine articles of interest concerning discipline, pets, etc. Did you know that back issues of periodicals can be checked out of the Library as well as books?



Merci Beaucoup!

Thank you to the following mothers who helped with a major housekeeping before the dinner - Dede Brough, Louise Dudley, Bess Radding, and Maryse Anderson.

Thanks to their efforts, fathers could be creative in a clean atmosphere!

My sincere thanks to you all for your generosity and gracious help with our February dinner. Your appointments certainly made the tables attractive. The food was delicious with compliments from all.

There have been many requests for copies of your recipes. If you care to share yours, please type it on a 3x5 card and send it to Mary Page Rollins, who has kindly offered to Xerox them.

Maura Warden

Have you seen our lovely new brochure? It was compiled by Mrs. Ward, Joan McDermott, Marjie Gustafson, and Mary Collier, who would like to thank Libra Jan Gysel and Bess Radding for the re-write and art work to prepare it for the printer.

We would all like to thank Maura Warden. February was a busy month for her. Besides her visit at school in her nurse's cap to tell the children about good cleanliness habits, she arranged a delightful dinner, which we all enjoyed immensely.

are grateful to Bess Radding for allowing the children to come visit her 5 new baby kits who were born on Feb. 11.

In the Spring, they will be available for adoption, so reserve your choice now. They are half Siamese and half ? and they are adorable. Hurry, the supply is limited!



The Redbirds would like to thank Mrs. Belair for the lovely Valentine cookies, and Mrs. Caudell for the yummy cherry tarts on Washington's birthday.





Places to go - in March

Free Concerts

U.S. AIR FORCE SINGERS

Sundays at 3:00

Constitution Hall

For whole family.



MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Special Exhibit thru March 12

"Greenland: Arctic Denmark"

Total view of Greenland -
its culture, history, natural re-
sources, and contemporary life.
Recommended for all ages.



FREE SKATING

TUCKALOEE SCHOOL GYM

Saturdays at 2:30

Rink skates available

Rental - 10¢



The Loneliest Swamp

Original play for chil-
dren. Dates:

Fri., March 3 - 7:30

Sat., March 4 - 11:00

2:00

7:30

Sun, March 5 - 3:00

OPEN STAGE - 3133 Dunbarton St, N.W.
(off Disc. Ave.)

Info and reservations: 244-6333



The Wizard of Oz

Children's Theatre of Arlington

Stratford Junior High

50¢

March 4 - 11:00 and 3:00

March 5 - 3:00

March 11 - 11:00 and 3:00

March 12 - 3:00

Live production on stage.



Free Films

Arlington Central Library

Children's Room - Fridays at 4:00

Ages 6 - 12

March 3 featuring The Red Balloon

