

## NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2021

# **events** This month

JAN. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

JAN. 5 School Resumes

JAN. 18 SCHOOL CLOSED for MLK Day

JAN. 22 Crazy Hat Day!

JAN. 25 See's Candie's Orders Due!!!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Well hellooooo 2021!! We made it!! Now onwards to another year full of adventure, good health, gratitude and love...together. #FDSfamily

This month we get to have some fun with our annual Crazy Hat Day! It's on Friday, Jan. 22. Come to school in your coolest, wackiest, inventive, coziest, any kind of hat!

Also, this month we will be doing our annual See's Candies Fundraiser. Can you smell the chocolate and sweets already?! Keep an eye out for your flyer that is being sent home, as well as an email with the details/ reminders. All orders are due Monday, January 25th! Thank you for your \*sweet\* support!

### OVERHEARD IN THE CLASSROOM

Teacher: "What do we need to add to the snowman's body?"

Child: "Pockets!"



#### LOOK WHO'S TURNING

 2! Emma S.
3! Alexis A., Rene L.
4! Shai C., Rhys C., Oliver F., Freddie K., Lola B., Alexandra G.

STAFF BIRTHDAY Jan. 15: Mr. Andrew

## This month we get to learn about our Amazing Admin!



#### **MS. MARY**

Thanks to my parents Mr. & Mrs. Brooks whom started Fountain Day School. I started working here when I was 19 years old. I began as a teacher for a 2 & 3-year-old class and of course taught swimming every summer. After my mother passed in 1989, I officially became the Director of FDS. It's my love of people and children that keep my young. You are all like family to me.



#### **MS. JANE**

Jane Evangeline Brooks Dwinell attended Immaculate Heart High School and College and then attended Sawyer's Business College. I had a brief singing career including touring with Harpo and Chico Marx. I also worked as an office manager for Rochlin and Baran architectural firm and continued my working career as a Government Contractor's Administrator for a psychological research engineering firm, Canyon Research. In 1980 I came to Fountain Day School and worked alongside my mother (Evangeline Brooks) and sister (Mary Nouskajian) as Principal, Corporate President and Treasurer. I've been married to Clark K. Dwinell for 60 years and I'm the proud mother of Kristina, David, Scott & Jeffrey.



MR. TERRANCE celebrates his 4-year anniversary! And we celebrate him! He embodies hard work, dedication, joy and positivity and we are so blessed to have him in our Fountain Day Family. Thank you for all that you do, for always being there and making the school a better place.

# IN OTHER NEWS...

## This month we get to learn about our Amazing Admin! continued





Mr. Andrew is originally from Montreal and speaks 4 languages fluently. He graduated from USC & UCLA with a B. A in Classics and Economics. Before FDS he worked in marketing for like Calvin Klein Cosmetics and Max Factor. He was an entrepreneur and owned Who's on Third? Cafe, Who makes Sense? (fragrance company) and Band of Infinity (jewelry company). He sold his companies to be a stay at home dad adopting his son Seth (now 22). He brought his son to FDS and began volunteering as a interested parent. Soon Ms. Mary asked him to join FDS. After taking some ECC classes he was part of the FDS Staff Family...18 years later I'm still here, and I love it. More than any other job FDS helped me understand love, kindness and patience and I have all of you to thank.



#### MS. TORI

10 years ago, I began my journey at FDS. I taught in the 2-year-old room for 7 years, then with the 4-year old's for 2 years. This past year I made the move into admin as the Communications Director, and now Assistant Director. FDS has and always will be like a second home, and everyone here like family. Working with young children & their families is my passion, and I feel so lucky to be a part of this school. I have a gorgeous 4-year-old girl (who attends FDS) and a loving partner of 8 years. Fun fact: As a teenager I raced auto & rally cross for a few years! I love cars, nature, films, music (one of my favs is The Plasmatics) and getting time to myself (ha!).



#### **MS. EVELYN**

Hello all, I received my degree in ECE over 30 years ago. I couldn't be more happy at FDS. I celebrated my 10-year anniversary on 10/4/20. I was hired as a two-year-old teacher & I worked there for 6 years. This is my 4th year working with Administration & Admissions. The 2's are my favorite age; they keep you on your toes! What you may not know is that I'm from the East Coast. I collect children's alphabet books and elephants. I love to travel, eat good food and go to nice restaurants. I really like art museums, art galleries and interior design. I also paint, enjoy reading magazines and watching tv.



#### **MS. JESSICA**

My name is Jessica and I'm the Academic Director at Fountain Day School. My grandmother Evangeline Brooks started the school over 60 years ago, and I'm proud to say Ms. Mary is my Mom. I started working at FDS as a high schooler teaching swimming and started working full time in the classroom 30 years ago. I love FDS. It has always been a huge part of my life and like a second home to me. I enjoy coming to school and being part of a wonderful team and watching all the kids play, learn and grow. I have a son Mr. Gavin who is now teaching swimming here at school part time as he pursues his career of becoming a firefighter. I enjoy spending my free time with my family and my two dogs Louie and Nola, going to Disneyland, relaxing at the beach and taking vacations anywhere the sun is shining!



#### MS. BECKY

Hi! My name is Becky Nouskajian. I am proud to say that my grandmother Evangeline Brooks started this school! Now it is in the care of my mother Mary Nouskajian, whom I'm sure you all know. I also have a sister Jessica Nouskajian who is very involved in the school as well and a great asset to the school. She has a son Gavin who is 19 years old and teaches swimming, whom the children all love. It has been a joy and a very big part of my life. My daughter Brooke Nouskajian who's almost 8 years old attended Fountain Day for a great start in her education as well as learned how to swim!



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