ECE Committee Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2012

1. Reviewed committee responsibilities and upcoming events, and chose chair people:
    a. Parent Education and Jewish Connections Committee:
        i. Co-Chairs: Michal Herzfeld and Moire Madden
        ii. Will coordinate a monthly Shabbat visitor to lead our Shabbat Service. The committee will revisit the once-monthly visit structure in January to determine whether we should have visitors more or less often (or remain monthly).
    b. Fundraising Committee
        i. Chair: Mercedes Vance
    c. Social Committee:
        i. Co-Chairs: Ana Jacobs and Sabrina Novick
        ii. Erin McAllister will create an electronic flyer for our apple picking event, and will post a paper flyer in the entryway with an envelope for nametag stickers for people to wear to the event
        iii. Romy Weiss is organizing the Parents' Night Out event at Bayside Bowl
            1. Determining ticket prices
            2. Advertising and collecting RSVPs
            3. Ordering appetizers
    d. Mitzvah Committee:
        i. JFS Subcommittee Chair: Kimberly Gladman
            1. Food bank donations on Friday: kids bring in items and will receive a sticker.
            2. JFS Subcommittee will help JFS coordinate donations for non-food items as well.
            3. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, contact Kimberly Gladman: kgladman@gmiratings.com
        ii. Green Initiative Subcommittee Chair: Sasha Rose
            1. Monthly tips on "going green" will be in our monthly newsletter
            2. Will coordinate activities with classrooms to help students learn to recycle
            3. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, contact Sasha at ddrose@wildwoodmedicine.com
        iii. Mitzvah Meals Coordinators: Mitzvah Meals will be coordinated by Room Parents
    e. Room Parents:
        i. Toddler Room: Michelle Goldman and Katie Brunelle
        ii. Nursery Room: Shannon Auritt and Whitney River
        iii. Pre-K Room: Erin McAllister and Moire Madden
        iv. Room Parent Responsibilities:

1. Contact teachers to set up a meeting to discuss how Room Parents can support the classrooms
2. Coordinate Mitzvah Meals for families with new babies or who are experiencing a difficult situation
3. Possibly plan a social event for families in the classroom

2. Director's Update:
    a. Enrichment Classes will start in October
    b. School Pictures: September 27th, with a rain date of October 4th. New photographers will post pictures online to view before purchasing.
    c. New substitute teachers and student teachers are in classrooms.

3. Upcoming Events:
    a. Back to School Night: September 10th, 6-8 PM. Please sign up. Mary will send information to families that cannot attend.
    b. Apple Picking and Hay Rides: September 16th, 10-12 at Orchard Hill Farm in Cumberland. An information flyer will be in the lobby and you can pick up a sticker to wear to show you are a JCA family!
    c. Parents' Night Out: Saturday, October 20th, at 7 pm at Bayside Bowl in Portland. More info coming soon!

4. Next Meeting: Friday, October 12th, 8-9 AM in the JCA Conference Room.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our meeting! I think this is going to be a very fun, engaging and exciting school year with all of your participation and help!