

# Sydney's School May Newsletter

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### It's a Boy!!!



### Congratulations Ms. Debra!

Luca Douglas  
Drabina was born  
April 19, 2011  
at 5:25 pm  
He was 7 lbs.  
8 ½ oz. and  
21 ¼ inches

Mom, Dad and Baby  
are doing great!

## News from the Office

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break. It's hard to believe the regular school year will soon be coming to an end. June will be here before we know it!

At the end of this week and on Tuesday of next week there will be a photographer here to take class pictures. A short video of the children will also be made available at the end of the year.

The teachers are busy preparing the students for the end of the year activities and are focusing on review. See our May Calendar for the May 20<sup>th</sup> change and upcoming June Dates for details.

Please help us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week this first week of May. A simple card, flowers or a small gift to say thanks is

## Classroom News

What a busy month for our themes, spring and farm animals.

Uncle Mike from the Granma-Hug-N Farm brought his petting zoo to the school on May 15<sup>th</sup>. All the children enjoyed being with the animals.

Ms. Mary's love of science got the children in on the action with the life cycle of a chicken. The incubator in the classroom had over a dozen fertilized eggs

always a nice way to show your appreciation. Ms. Marcia and Ms. Hannah and Ms. Mary and Ms. Zenaida (Ms. B) are very dedicated in what they do every day...they love the children here at Sydney's School!

The school has enrolled twelve students for VPK and several three's for the upcoming school year. We have two VPK spots available and will then go to a wait list. We also have our summer programs starting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

May will be the last month for Tumblebus. Time 11:30 am to 12 Noon with pick up at the gate. There are five Tuesdays in May. Ms. Shirley will give Renee a balance total for anyone who has a credit.

and a total of 8 eggs hatched over Spring Break! The children have really enjoyed the chicks and the learning process.

Our final field trip to the Aquarium on April 19<sup>th</sup> was indeed a success. Thank you parents for all your help, we couldn't do it without you.

The staff at Sydney's School looks forward to our final weeks of class and the start of our summer program.

### The Puzzling Piece I-Pad Challenge Update

To date, there have been 10 Necklaces and Key Chains sold by Emily Filuta. Her son Julius was a student here at our school. Emily posted the challenge on her FB page and instantly had 10 purchases. That means we only have 50 items to go and we will have a brand new I-Pad for our school. With your help we can do this! For every 60 Puzzling Piece necklaces, key chains or combination of both that we sell, Sydney's School will get a brand new iPad to use with the children during therapy!

Check out the The Puzzling Piece Website for product info and details: [www.thepuzzlingpiece.com](http://www.thepuzzlingpiece.com)

## Events & Fundraisers

### Cycling Out Autism

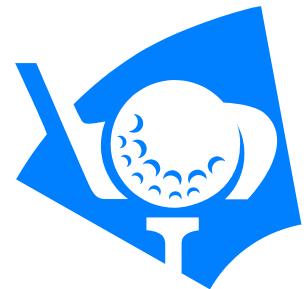
Sydney's school is proud to announce that the Cycling Out Autism event in March raised over \$19,000 for our school! Thank you Interbay Rotary for your hard work and dedication in making this event so successful.

There will be a check presentation on May 19<sup>th</sup> and the school will thank the Rotary with a framed copy of the children's artwork they completed with the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

### Autism Speaks Walk for Autism

The Sydney's School / ABS Stars Team that walked in the Autism Speaks Walk on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> raised over \$6,000!! A very big thank you to Jennifer Kerschner who spent many hours organizing this event and to everyone who volunteered and walked... thank you! It was a great turnout for our school with many families, staff and friends attending this wonderful event.

### UD Golf Tournament on July 17, 2011 to benefit Sydney's School



The Tampa Bay area Alumni from the University of Dayton is hosting a Golf tournament on Sunday, July 17th at the MacDill Air Force Base Golf Course. Start time is 7:45 am. Everyone of all skill level is encouraged to come out and play in this best ball format.

You may sign up as an individual, or as a group. There will be a Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive contest for both the Men and Women. Teams will compete for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will go to Sydney's School! The cost of the tournament is \$65 and includes golf, prizes, and lunch. Hole sponsorships are \$100 each and a Beverage Cart Sponsorship is \$500.

To register, donate prizes or inquire about sponsor opportunities call Joe Daum (813)839-3791 or email [JoeDaum@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:JoeDaum@tampabay.rr.com).



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# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Class Picture Day	6 Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 am- 12 Noon	7
8	9	10 VPK Picture Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Chic - Fil- A Spirit Night 4pm - 8pm	20 Half-day for students 12 Noon Dismissal	21
22 Happy Birthday Cayden Goehring!	23 Happy Birthday Patrick Hyde!	24	25	26	27	29
29	30 No School Closed for Memorial Day	31				

**Please Note the following:**

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** is a Half-Day for all students - 12 Noon Dismissal. This is a change from the original school calendar.

**Mark your June Calendar:**

\* **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>:** VPK Graduation 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Sydney's School in the St. Patrick's Church Social Hall.

\* **Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>:** End of the year Picnic at Kate Jackson Park from 9:00 am to 12 Noon.