



A Message from our Executive Director:
Dr. TaraColleen Macatee

The beautiful pastel colors of April never cease to amaze me with awe and beauty. It seems that all of a sudden the world becomes bright with daffodils, tulips, gladiolas, and a host of greens to welcome official sunshine with the promise of summer. The birds are singing, woodpeckers claiming their trees, and just an overall sense of “things are all going be ok” no matter what challenges we may be facing. Of course, it’s up to us to wake up and appreciate all of this seasonal change going on around us. We have to “smell the coffee” as they say. I always talk about responsibility and how, we as independent beings, have the choice to see the light, or not. I am reminded of a story I once heard where someone said the grass is always greener on the other side. The answer to that statement can be that the grass is always greener where it is watered more. That might just be the perfect metaphor for life.

Our Kaleidoscope Vision Statement this month is Encouraging Excellence. Since we created these visions that correspond with our name Kaleidoscope in 2014, many interpretations have inspired each one. One thing we know is that encouraging excellence goes hand-in-hand with the new colorful beauty around us that comes with April. It is so much easier to look at our patterns and those around us to evaluate where we can become better – enhance excellence both internally and externally amongst new beginnings. Try to take in the surrounding splendor and look for ways you can improve yourself and inspire others.

On another note, April is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. Since so much of what we do affects individuals with autism, their families and fellow stakeholders. We plan to embrace this month with success stories and milestones that are sure to bring a smile to your face. Honoring the amazing accomplishments that we are blessed to see every day truly depicts the meaning of excellence. Please feel free to send us any success stories that will make us proud and joyful. It’s a time to celebrate together ... can’t wait to see what April brings!

The Connections at KFS are Endless!

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This was a month full of rain and indoor fun! We had a number of Meet and Greets, matching individuals with new staff and we continue to hire to fill our increasing needs. Warmer weather is coming and we will all get out to soak up some sunshine...Finally!!! Enjoy these photos of fun, KFS comradery and lots of laughter from our March Bingo Event!





PEANUT BUTTER BIRD'S NESTS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pkg (12 oz each) white chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 pkg (12 oz each) La Choy® Chow Mein Noodles
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 75 mini candy coated chocolate Easter Egg



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STEP ONE

Place morsels and peanut butter in large microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave on HIGH 2 minutes or until almost melted, stirring after 1 minute. Then stir until smooth.

STEP TWO

Add chow mein noodles and marshmallows. Stir until well coated.

STEP THREE

To make each nest, spoon about 1/4 cup chow mein mixture onto waxed paper-lined baking pan. Place 3 eggs in center, pressing firmly to make indentation. Let stand 30 minutes or until firm. Store in sealed container in cool area.

<https://www.readyseteat.com/recipes-Peanut-Butter-Birds-Nests-7150>



In April, we celebrate:

- 4/1 – April Fool’s Day
- 4/3 – Find-A-Rainbow Day
- 4/8 – Zoo Lover’s Day
- 4/9 – Unicorn Day
- 4/15 – Passover (2022)
- 4/17- Easter (2022)
- 4/18 – Pet Owner’s Day
- 4/21 – Kindergarten Day
- 4/22 – Earth Day
- 4/23 – Home Run Day
- 4/26 – National Pretzel Day
- 4/29 – Arbor Day (2022)



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