

NEWSLETTER

September-October-November 2018

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year!



Administrator notes

Welcome to our new school year and our first newsletter for the 2018-2019 school year! After a bit of a worrisome start (no word on our license) to a wonderful second day of class, (our license came in around 12:00 on that first Monday) we are off and running!

Please be on the lookout (via your child's school bag) for reminders of new physicals needed for your child. I try to get them out to you about 6-8 weeks before they are due at school. I know that it is hard to schedule well child checkups and I want to give you plenty of time to help us stay compliant with the state regulations.

I am hoping that the new patio for the bikes will be framed in soon - concrete was poured on September 20th! After that part of the play area is complete, we can then get our fence put up and get the children outside! We might be starting with a temporary fence until the final fencing installation is complete. This has all been such a learning experience for me!

Thank you to all of you for your patience that you are showing. As we have "gotten our feet wet" in the new facilities, we are learning the "best" ways to keep the areas clean and safe for the children. If you were one of the volunteer parents in the first 2 weeks of school, there may be some changes to the routine cleaning, etc. Feel free to ask anyone of the staff members if you need help in remembering some of the cleaning suggestions for the end of the class day.

I am truly enjoying getting to see all of you in the hallway at school and getting to be with your little people also!

Thank you for Co-oping with us and please remember to tell your friends that we are open for business and that we have some extra spaces available in our 3s and Pre-K classes.

Jan Johnson

Three's News

What a fun and busy class we have this year! The children are becoming aware of their new friends and some have actually started to play together already! During September we spend a lot of our time learning about each other and how to be a friend. It is hard to sit still and to sit “criss-cross-applesauce, hands in your lap”, but we have already made so much of an improvement! Have your child show you how we do it! Ask your little ones about their day also. Take turns at the dinner table talking about their day and yours.

In October we will have so many fun adventures together. We will be taking a fall hike on October 16th to the Winton Woods Parcours trail. It is a lovely trail that just loves to “show off” a beautiful fall day. We will be looking for signs of fall, etc.

We will also be having our annual Pumpkin Night. We will carve pumpkins with Dad, (or uncle or grandpa, or some other wonderful male person that is willing to sit at our little tables). We will read a story or two and sing a few songs also. We finish off the evening with sharing some donut holes and apple cider. What a fun night! The children and adults all enjoy the evening! AND THEN we will have our Halloween party during class time on October 30th ! More information will be coming home about that day, but please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets for party supplies.

During November we will be learning about where our food comes from, the Pilgrims and Native Americans, Thanksgiving traditions and, Mrs Doose and I are thinking of combining our classes for a non-traditional Thanksgiving Feast. More information will be coming home about all of this also! We will also have our first individual conferences on November 7th and 8th . There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway for these. Please make sure that you sign-up on our class lists.

Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful children with me. I am enjoying getting to know and love each of them.

Co-operatively yours,
Jan Johnson



Four's News

Well, another year has begun and we are so excited to be in our new home at Messiah Lutheran Church. The folks here have been so welcoming and so kind. We are very excited to be working with them – and we love our new space! We would also like to welcome you to the Four's program. We are looking forward to working with and getting to know your children and your whole family, as the year goes on. We have gotten off to a great start, as the children are making new friends and becoming reacquainted with old ones.



During the month of September, the Fours are spending time learning about themselves and talking about what makes each of them unique and special. We made face cookies for snack, began our journals, began our individual photo albums, worked on our "All About Me" posters, and even had our bodies traced for a class portrait. On Teddy Bear Day we brought our bears to school. We had lots of fun together – and the bears were very well behaved.

Buddy Bear will begin going home with the children that week. If Buddy hasn't visited your house yet, be on the lookout because he will be coming soon. He will be sent home according to the order of the hook tags. **Reminder: Please return Buddy Bear the following class day. You may use one side or both sides of the page in Buddy's book, and please make sure that younger siblings don't scribble in it. Wash Buddy in a pillowcase when he seems dirty or if your child has had him and has been sick. Also, please make sure that all of Buddy's belongings (his clothes, toothbrush, crayons, pencil, and pencil bag) are in his bag, too. The children notice right away when something is missing!**

We will spend the last week of September having fun with apples. Our activities will include an apple tasting contest, making Apple Crunch, and making a very cool apple tree using coffee grounds for bark. (We know many of you coffee lovers will enjoy sniffing that bark!). We also will begin working with letters and letter sounds (one letter per week – the children will have fun trying to think of words that start with the letter of the week.)

We will spend the second week of October talking about fire safety and prevention, the proper use of "911", and how the firefighters and police officers are our friends. We will drive to the Greenhills Fire Station on Wednesday October 10th. The kids will get to practice fire safety, sit in a fire truck and an ambulance, and squirt a fire hose. It is a really fun field trip and we hope all of you will be able to participate!

October 17th is our second annual Bike-a-thon, a fundraiser/fun-raiser! We are hoping that all the children will participate and have lots of fun raising some extra funds for our school. Written information will be going out very soon to explain the event. If you have any questions, check in with Mrs Doose (our Pre-K teacher) or Jeannie Stephens (our fundraising chairperson). And pray for good weather!

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Four’s News (cont.)

During the month of October, we will be discussing Autumn and its many changes. We will enjoy cooler weather (we hope!), and be on the lookout for busy squirrels and beautiful fall leaves. (We will write some very cute stories about our good friends, the mysterious leaf creatures, so check them out in the hallway.) We will be doing lots of fun things with pumpkins, too. Along with Autumn come the many activities of Halloween. We will have Pumpkin Night with Dad on Wednesday, October 24th and we really hope that all of our dads can make it. (A grandpa or uncle or mom could fill in, if necessary). Our Halloween party and parade will be on Wednesday, October 31st . Watch for more information on all of these events.

During the month of November, we will talk about Community Helpers. The children will enjoy playing doctor, nurse, veterinarian and/or patient. We will make pizzas on restaurant day and have our very own classroom grocery store. We will be learning about the Native Americans, and on “Indian Day” the children will receive an Indian name. They will dress up in “school-made” headdresses and vests and sit around a pretend campfire eating popcorn for their snack. We will learn about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving, and talk about all the things we are thankful for. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with our traditional Co-op “Thanksgiving Feast”. We will make butter and fruit salad and enjoy a “pot luck” of other delicious treats (dressed up as Pilgrims, of course!) Also, please note that fall conferences will be held on Thursday Nov. 8th, with no school on the 9th.

The children are having lots of fun running and climbing and playing in our new “muscle room” and also playing soccer in the hallway. We are all anticipating the completion of our new playground (hopefully by the end of October.) As the weather changes and it becomes cooler outside, please dress your child according to the weather. We will be going outside whenever possible. Thank you!

Co-operatively yours,
Kathy Curry

Four’s Recipe for Apple Crunch	Caramel Fondue (by Mrs. Gaige)	Mrs.Curry’s Circle Song
In a muffin pan or baking dish, layer: 1. Graham cracker crumbs mixed with melted butter 2. Applesauce 3. Cinnamon and sugar Repeat 1, 2, and 3 as desired. Heat in warm oven and serve warm. Yummy!	1 pkg. (14 oz.) caramels 2/3 cup light cream ½ cup miniature marshmallows Put cream and caramels into pot on low. Add marshmallows. Add more cream if too thick. Serve with apple chunks. Great around Halloween!	Put a smile upon your face, let’s hear you whistle (whistle). Put a smile upon your face, let’s hear you sing (la la la). Put a smile upon your face, and clap your hands (clap). What a lovely way to start each day, with a smile upon your face! (Sing it again!)

Pre-K's News

Welcome to the wonderful world of preschool! We have a year of fun and exciting learning activities planned for your child and you! As we walk along the alphabet, week by week, we'll explore everything from dinosaurs to robots.

I always encourage parents to get involved and be as big a part of their child's education as they want. You are always welcome! We've already jumped into the letter "Aa" (is for apple). Next week, September 24-27, we'll explore the letter "Bb" and the world of bears.

Later in Sept and Oct. :

C - colors of the rainbow

D - Dinosaurs

E - Earth and solar system

F - Fall

As always, you can always feel free to contact me for any concerns, at 513-827-4037 or at poet63@hotmail.com.

Heidi Doose



Fall Fundraising Update

The fall is jam-packed with fundraising opportunities! Please don't get overwhelmed! We offer so many different fundraisers so that you can choose the fundraisers that appeal to you. Here's a review of what's happening now. As always, thank you so much for supporting the Greenhills Co-op!

Wrapping Up: Yankee Candle

The Yankee Candle catalog sale is nearly complete. Please submit your order form and payment by Wednesday, October 3. Just pin the envelope to your child's school bag and the teachers aids will get it to me. Don't forget that the Yankee Candle online sale stays open through December, so keep shopping! To shop online go to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Our group number is 990075799.

Coming Up: Bike-A-Thon

Sponsorship forms will go home soon for our annual bike-a-thon, which will take place during school hours on Wednesday, October 17. The event will feature a bike safety presentation from the Greenhills Fire Department followed by about one hour of our students riding laps around the school parking lot. All children must bring their own bike helmet and a riding toy (bike, tricycle, Big Wheel, scooter, etc). Although the 3s students are not in class that day, they are still welcome to participate as long as they are joined by an adult. As you can imagine, this event is adorable, fun, and slightly chaotic! So, parents and/or grandparents are welcome to attend and cheer for their little ones.

On-Going: Kroger Community Rewards

If you have not already selected the Greenhills Cooperative Preschool to receive donations from your Kroger Plus Card, please do so as soon as possible! It is easy money—Kroger gives us a donation for every purchase you make! And it does not deduct from your personal Kroger Rewards. Go to www.Kroger.com, sign in to your account, and then click on "Savings & Rewards." Select "Kroger Community Rewards" from the dropdown menu. Choose "I'm a customer" and from there you can select the Greenhills Cooperative Preschool as your organization. Thank you so much for helping the school in this way!

On-Going: Buddy Cards

With a LaRosa's Buddy Card you can buy one large pizza and get one large cheese pizza free. Each card is \$10 and includes 14 free pizza deals. The offer lasts for one year after activation. Buddy Cards are available in our school office. To buy one, just ask your student's teacher or teacher's aide. Each card sold earns \$5 toward your family's fundraising goal.



If you have questions about these or any other fundraisers, please let me know. You can reach me by text at 513-602-4618, by e-mail at jeannecstephens@gmail.com, or in the hallways on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Jeanne Stephens
Fundraising Chair

Special Events

Hello from Special Events! We had great success with Popsicle Night! Thank you to everyone that came and enjoyed popsicles with us!

Looking ahead, Pumpkin Night with Dad! 4's Pumpkin Night will be Wednesday, Oct 24th and 3's/Pre-K will be Thursday, Oct 25th.

We encourage your ghouls or boos and their dads (or another male with a special connection) to come to the school for an evening of pumpkin carving and fall fun! Pumpkins will be provided, please bring carving utensils.

Erin Hopster
Special Events

Housekeeping Assignments

We still have quite a few open slots for cleaning weekends. Please sign up if you have not already done so! Check your emails for the Sign Up Genius invitation. Reminders will also be sent through Sign Up Genius. Thank you!

Kimberly Bain
Housekeeping

Special Request

Fall is here and with it comes all the comforting memories of family traditions and embarking on new adventures. We'd love to hear about your family's Fall traditions! You can email me (titusgreen4@gmail.com) or bring in pictures with a little story and/or recipe to be shared with others on our hallway board!

Bonnie Titus
Recording Secretary

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Greenhills Fire Station Field Trip for 4s on October 10th

Fall Hike Field Trip for 3s on October 16th

Bike-a-Thon - All Classes: October 17th

Pumpkin Night: 3s & Pre-K October 25, 4s October 24th.

Halloween Parties: 3s October 30th, 4s & Pre-K October 31st.

Fall Conferences: 3s November 7&8th, 4s November 8th, Pre-k November 8th. NO SCHOOL NOV 9TH

Thanksgiving Parties: 3s & Pre-K November 20th, 4s November 19th

Thanksgiving Break: November 21st-25th.