

The Playground Observer

The Official Newsletter of Providence United Methodist Church Weekday School
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The Month at a Glance:

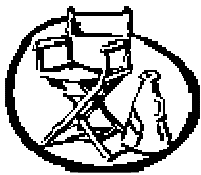
- 2-9 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 13 & 14 Creative Movement – in house field trip
- 19-21 St. Jude Trike-a-thon
- 27-29 My Gym Fitness

Looking Ahead.....

- May 5 Muffins for Moms (4's & TK)
- May 17-25 Class picnics
- May 25 LAST DAY of SCHOOL



"Learning Through Play"



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Welcome back!

I hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful Easter holiday and spring break with your families. For me, Easter always brings feelings of hope and peace. My favorite part of the Easter church service each year is when we affirm, "The Lord is risen. . . the Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!" What a powerful moment in our Christian year! God certainly gave us glorious weather to enjoy this year as we focused on his sacrifice and promise for eternal life. Thanks be to God!

We are now in our final stretch of the school year and we have a multitude of exciting activities planned for both April and May. Activities in April include: Creative Movement, Chapel, Tiny Chapel and My Gym. One of the children's favorites is the 9th Annual Trike-A-Thon that will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Please make sure to check your child's bookbag for sponsorship information as well as the time that your child will ride. For those of you that are not familiar with the Trike-A-Thon, it is an outreach opportunity for our children benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Our preschool has been one of the largest school sponsors of St. Jude's since we began our Trike-A-Thon nine years ago. We have given just under \$70,000. Let's keep our tradition of giving generously alive this year! If you have not seen the Trike-A-Thon in action, I invite you to come and watch. It is quite a sight watching the children smile and laugh as they ride their bikes, trikes, scooters and big wheels around Charter Hall. Seeing their joy as they help others less fortunate is worth every minute of your time. I hope that I will see you during the festivities next week. I wouldn't miss it for the world!

Blessings, *Anna*

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU

Thanks so much to all who helped make Family Fun Night a great time and a big success! We would especially like to thank Sara Elizabeth Bradford, Meredith Murr, and Lucy Williams for their efforts in planning and organizing the evening. We are fortunate to have such dedicated parents at our preschool! Thanks also to those families that donated items to the silent auction and who helped decorate! A fun night was had by all, especially the little ones, and that is the whole idea!!

- Family Fun Night Committee



SUMMER FUN DAYS

Preschool Summer Camp

Registrations are currently being accepted for Summer Fun Days, the summer camp program offered here at Providence. Camp will be held July 12-15 and July 19-22, 9:30AM-1PM. This program is offered to children ages 2 years old by 1/1/10 through rising 1st graders. Cost is \$225 for the 2 week program (8 days) or \$125 for one week (4 days). Come by the office for an application and registration information.

Information about other Summer Camp opportunities for preschoolers is available outside the Weekday School office.

Providence United Methodist Church Weekday School is an outreach ministry of Providence United Methodist Church. The mission of the Weekday School is to communicate God's love, as it is revealed through Jesus Christ, to children by providing an environment that encourages each child to grow spiritually, socially, cognitively, physically and emotionally. We are a Christian program, but we do acknowledge and respect the different religions and cultures represented in the program.

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2010-2011 PUMCWS Calendar

Tue, 9/07/10- Fri, 9/10/10	1 st week of school	Inf/toddler/2 - ½ day 9:30-11:30 3/4/TK - full day
Mon, 9/13/10- Thur, 9/16/10	2 nd week of school	INFANTS ONLY - ½ day 9:30-11:30 Full day all other students
Fri, 10/29/10	No School	Teacher Workday
Thur, 11/11/10	No School	Veteran's Day
Wed, 11/24/10- Fri, 11/26/10	No School	Thanksgiving Holi- day
Mon, 12/20/10- Fri, 12/31/10	No School	Christmas Holiday
Mon, 1/03/11	No School	Teacher Workday
Mon, 1/17/11	No School	MLK Holiday
Mon, 1/24/11- Fri, 1/28/11	Early dismissal	Parent Conferences Early Dismissal at 12:00 each day
Fri, 2/18/11 – Mon, 2/21/11	No School	Presidents Day
Mon, 4/18/11- Fri, 4/22/11	No School	Easter/Spring Break
Mon, 4/25/11	No School	Easter Monday
Tue, 5/24/11		Last day school

Note: PUMCWS will be OPEN on the following dates.
CMS schools are closed.
September 9, 2010
September 10, 2010
January 21, 2011
March 18, 2011
April 1, 2011

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ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON

Our ninth annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon is scheduled for April 19-21. The Trike-A-Thon is a way our children, families and staff support the efforts of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. With your help, your child will secure pledges from parents, grandparents, friends and relatives. Your child will ride laps on his/her bike, trike or bigwheel for 30 minutes in Charter Hall on his/her designated class day. Check with your classroom teacher for the specific date and time. The children always love the event and it turns out to be great fun for the parents and teachers too. Please watch for more information to come home soon in your child's book bag and plan to support this exciting outreach opportunity.

PLEASE USE SUNSCREEN

Please remember to put sunscreen on your child each morning before school. We go outside daily on a very sunny playground. Also, please be sure that your child does not have a reaction to the sunscreen you use.



LOAVES & FISHES COLLECTION

Please help us feed "Ralph the Mouth" and those in need by sending non-perishable food items with your child on his/her designated Chapel or Tiny Chapel day. All donations are welcome. Priority items needed are:

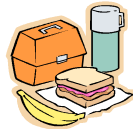
- Canned Meat/Fish
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Beans
- Soup
- Canned Fruit



LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

Please consider purchasing Harris Teeter Brand items for our monthly collection. You will be helping families in need and our school. We will earn 1% of your purchase if your VIC card is linked to #5445.

LUNCH BOX REMINDER



Please remember to label your child's lunchbox with the date every day. This lets the teachers know that the food your child is eating is fresh. In addition, please include an ice pack if your child's lunchbox includes refrigerated food. This is required to guarantee that the refrigerated food is not spoiled. These requirements are for the safety of your child. Thank you for taking the time and effort to keep your child safe.

TUITION PAYMENT REMINDER

Just a reminder that the last tuition payment for the 2009-2010 school year is currently due. If your child is registered for next year, one month's tuition plus the one-time activity fee is due on May 1st.

Activity fees for '10-11:

Inf \$10, Tods \$20, 2s \$30, 3s \$45, 4s \$70, & TK \$100

Tuition for '10-11:

Inf \$220; **Tod/2/3/4** - 2 days \$200, 3 days \$245, 4 days \$295, 5 days \$340; **TK** \$365

VBS at Providence

Vacation Bible School at Providence will be held July 26-30. Registration begins April 18th. For more information contact Tara Bain, Minister with Children & Families tbain@providenceumc.org.

Theme for April.....

God Made a Promise – Noah Genesis 6:14