

The Playground Observer

The Official Newsletter of Providence United Methodist Church Weekday School
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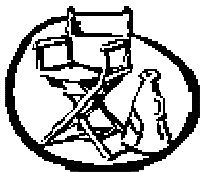
January 2010

The Month at a Glance:

- 12 & 13 Creative Movement – In house field trip
15 School Tour 10:30AM for priority registration applicants
18 **NO SCHOOL** – MLK Holiday
25 & 26 **NO SCHOOL** – Parent/Teacher conferences
28 **Priority REGISTRATION forms DUE by 1PM**
Feb 8&9 School Tours 10:30AM for public registration



"Learning Through Play"



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy 2010 to all of you!

The New Year is beginning in a great way here at the Weekday School. The children have once again filled the halls with their beautiful smiles and infectious laughter. They have been busy sharing stories about the special times they shared with their families during the Christmas break. It sounds like you all did a wonderful job keeping the magic alive during the holiday season. I hope that your family felt the many blessings that were promised with the birth of God's son.

The teachers are starting the year well prepared with many exciting new activities to help your children learn and keep them happily engaged with their friends. The cold weather is really helping them out as they focus on the season of winter, winter animals and the different types of weather the season brings. The end of the month will bring one of the children's favorites. . . Pajama Day. Please check your child's class calendar for their special day to stay in their pajamas and drink hot chocolate with their school friends. What fun!

January proves to be an important month for you, as parents, as well. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 25th and 26th. The school will be closed for children on both days. The teachers spend a lot of time preparing for this time with you. They look forward to sharing with you the many wonderful things they have observed your child doing since the beginning of the school year. I hope that you will make it a priority to attend.

As we begin another year, I wish only the best for you and your family. May the magic and promise of Christmas stay in your heart and your home throughout the New Year. May your family stay safe, your children stay healthy and your love for each other and God continue to grow stronger everyday!

Blessings,

Anna Smith

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

The preschool will be closed on Monday & Tuesday January 25th & 26th for parent-teacher conferences. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing valuable information about your child's progress. Sign-up sheets are located outside all classrooms. Thank you for making this conference a priority.

HEARTS & BODIES WARMER

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to deliver many new socks, mittens, coats, hats, sweaters and scarves to Crisis Assistance Ministries from our annual Sock and Mitten Tree!! These items will warm the bodies of children in need in the Charlotte community this winter. Thank you for participating!! Thank you also to preschool parent Grey Brownlow and her family for delivering your donations for us during the busy days before Christmas.



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.

REGISTRATION 2010-2011

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Priority registration forms and fees are **due by 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 28, 2010.** You may register by mail or by bringing your form and fee to the office any time prior to the deadline.

Registration forms will be grouped and processed in the following order:

- ⇒ **Currently enrolled students**
- ⇒ **Siblings of currently enrolled students**
- ⇒ **Children of PUMC members**
- ⇒ **Former Weekday School families**
- ⇒ **Grandchildren of PUMC members**

A lottery will be used to place children in classes in the event there are more requests than spaces available. If a listed class does not fill, that class will no longer be offered. Please mark your application with a first, second and third choice of class.

A school tour for priority registration applicants will be held on Friday, Jan. 15th at 10:30AM.

GENERAL PUBLIC REGISTRATION

Please call our Registration Hotline at **704-714-9388** February 5, 2010, for information on class availability. Tours of the school will be held on February 8, 2010 & February 9, 2010 at 10:30AM. Registration forms and fees from the general public are due in the Weekday School Office by **1:00 PM on Friday, February 12, 2010.** If there are more applicants for a class than there are spaces available, a lottery will be held for the remaining spaces.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Account statements for 2009 are available upon request. If you would like a statement showing your tuition payments for the year, please let Karen know in the office. Klattimore@providenceumc.org

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



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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For decisions on school delays, closings and early dismissal due to inclement weather, PUMCWS follows Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. For example, if CMS schools are closed, we are closed. If CMS schools dismiss at 11AM, our school will dismiss at 11AM. CMS decisions are broadcast on all major television networks and radio stations in the Charlotte area.



Tune in to your favorite station for official information about school delays and closings, but please use your own good judgement when in doubt. The safety of our students, families and staff is our highest concern.

PUMC OUTREACH

Providence UMC is leading a collection effort for needs of the people of Liberia. They are in need of gently used toys, books & children's clothing. As you clean up and organize after the holidays, please remember this mission and bring items to the collection box in the church atrium.

Theme for January...

Jesus is the Light of the World – Matthew 5:16