

The Playground Observer

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

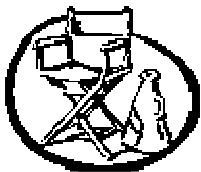
- 3-7 Scholastic Book Fair in Atrium at drop off & pick up
- 3-5 Story Café – In house field trip
- 17-24 Classroom Picnics – check class calendar
- 21 Registration deadline for Summer Fun Days preschool camp
- 25 **LAST DAY of SCHOOL**

Looking ahead....

- Aug 1 Re-link Harris Teeter VIC card to PUMCWS #5445
- Late August Teacher assignments sent by mail
- Sept 1 Family Night
- Sept 2 & 3 Classroom visits to meet teachers & see classroom
- Sept 7 First Day of School



"Learning Through Play"



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy May!

Can you believe the last month of school is here already? It seems like just yesterday this precious group of children was walking through

these doors wide eyed and excited about starting a new school year. My how time flies!

Although the end is in sight, the excitement continues, as the children are involved in many wonderful activities this month. Story Café is here this week with another opportunity for the children to experience a cooking activity combined with quality literature. A school favorite, Muffins for Moms, is also on the calendar for Wednesday. It is such a treat for us to have the moms visit and share some special time with their children. Our last Chapel and Tiny Chapel are next week and the third week of May our end of year picnics will begin. The picnics are always such a fun way to end the year. I hope that many of you will be able to join us to celebrate the ending of another wonderful year.

I want to express a special thank you to all of the children and parents that took part in the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon. Once again, it was a huge success. The children seemed to really understand that they were helping others. What a great lesson to learn at such an early age. Thank you parents for helping them understand that they can make a difference.

As the school year draws to a close, I hope that you have had a fantastic year here at the Weekday School. May the friendships you've made and the relationships you've nurtured remain strong and true. May your family have special times together this summer and may the memories you make last a lifetime. Stay safe and I will look forward to seeing you back here in September.

With warmest regards,

Anna

REQUIRED MEDICAL FORM

The required Medical Record Form will be sent to you via e-mail. It is **mandatory** than we have on file an annually updated form for each student. Please print the form, complete the Personal Data portion and have your child's doctor complete, SIGN and date the Medical Data portion of the form. You may mail, fax or hand deliver the completed form prior to the first day of school.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7.

Please look for us in the **Atrium** at drop off and pick up each day. We have a wonderful new selection and a sizable inventory. You are sure to find something to help your little one on the way to becoming a great reader, all at Scholastic's very reasonable prices!

We are seeking parent volunteers to help with the book fair from 9:00 to 10:00 each morning and from 12:30 to 1:30 each day. If you can help out for any portion of the fair, please contact Andi Hallinan at ahallinan@carolina.rr.com. Thanks, we look forward to seeing you there!



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Registration Deadline - May 21st

It's not too late to register 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. Forms & fees are due Friday, May 21st,

CLASSROOM VISITS & TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS



Specific teacher assignments for the 2010-2011 school year will be prepared over the summer and sent to you in late August. During the mornings of September 2 & 3 you and your child will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet his/her teachers. Our first day of school is Sept. 8th.

FAMILY NIGHT & OPEN HOUSE (IN LIEU OF PARENT NIGHT)

To get the year started off right, plans are already in place for a fun Family Night. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The Weekday School will be open to families for quick classroom visits and to gather important information for the new school year. The open house will be followed by a picnic and time for families to interact on the playground. Details about this event will come over the summer. We hope that you will make plans to join us!

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.

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

ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON



Our ninth annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon was once again a big success and a lot of fun for all!! Thank you for your participation and support. Together we collected over \$5,000, bringing our school total to over \$70,000. Your contributions will definitely make a difference for families of sick children. A special "Thank You" goes to **Lillie Cowan**, our student who collected the most donations. T-shirts have been ordered for children who collected over \$35 and will be delivered before the last day of school.

Retiring Committee Members

As the preschool year comes to a close, the PUMC Weekday School Committee wishes to thank **Stephanie Mason, Ali Hogston, Sherrey Makemson, Andi Hallinan & Phyllis Lautenschager** for their contributions and dedication to the preschool committee. Their years of service are greatly appreciated. We send them on with gratitude and best wishes in their future endeavors.



AUG 1st - "RE-LINK" YOUR VIC CARD #5445

Each school year it is necessary to re-link. Mark your calendars now for August 1st to "Re-Link" your Harris Teeter VIC card to PUMCWS #5445. HT typically doubles our earnings in August, so don't forget to re-link. This year our school will receive over \$1,800 in FREE MONEY from Harris Teeter – just because you took the time to link. Thank you.

CLASSROOM OPENINGS for FALL

We currently have openings in our program for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know someone looking for a preschool, please recommend PUMCWS!! Current list of openings includes the following: **3's M-Th, 3's TWTh, Older Toddler M/W/F & Older Toddler T/Th.**

Questions contact Beth Frick bfrick@providenceumc.org 704-714-9374.

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:

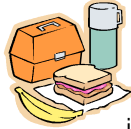
- Canned Meat/Fish
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Beans
- Soup
- Canned Fruit



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.

Vacation Bible School at PUMC

PUMC Children's Ministry invites you to attend Vacation Bible School 2010, July 26-30, 8:45AM-12:30PM. Open to all children ages 4 by 8/30/2010 through rising 5th graders. This year's VBS will take your children on an outer space voyage praising God! Through daily Bible stories, games, crafts, music and science, your children will gain a perspective on our planet Earth, learn easy "green" earth tips, and discover what it means to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ! Registration forms are located outside the children's ministry office or you can register online at www.providenceumc.org. Fee is \$10. Questions Tara Bain, tbain@providenceumc.org.

Thank You Corner.....

For Delicious Snacks

To everyone who put goodies in the mini-kitchen for the teachers and staff we say a huge THANK YOU. It was a great way to show your appreciation to us all.

For Our Awesome Parent Volunteers

Thanks to all of our awesome parents for helping the teachers when needed, coordinating class parties and activities, serving as room parents and helping with school communication. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

For Substitutes

Thanks to all of you who were so willing to substitute this year in a classroom for a teacher who had to be out. Many, many thanks. We couldn't have done it without you.

For Helping Others

Thanks to all of you for generously supporting our outreach ministry collections of food for Loaves and Fishes, hats and mittens for Crisis Assistance Ministries and money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Your generosity certainly made a difference for many people in need. Thank you.

For Fundraiser Support

Thank you for your support of our school fundraisers including cookie dough sale, Art-by-Me, Harris Teeter VIC card link-up, school pictures & the Scholastic book fair.

Theme for May.....

Jesus Feeds a Crowd – John 6:1-13