



December 2011

2012 - 2013 Registration

Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are now being accepted. Our currently enrolled children, their siblings and members of the Lake Harriet UMC have priority for registration. Applications are due no later than **December 31st**. You may include a check for the \$50 registration fee or indicate on your application that you wish to be billed on your tuition statement.

Families who are new to Lake Harriet UMC Preschool who submit applications prior to January 31st, 2012 will be part of our random selection process. Please ask your friends who are interested in the preschool to visit our web site www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org for more information and an application or give us a call.

The random selection process applies only to families not currently enrolled in our program.

Peace Coffee

Thank you to everyone who orders fair-trade Peace Coffee through us. This month's order is due on **Thursday, December 1st** and will be delivered before winter break. Purchase 5 pounds this month and get one free. A pound or two of Peace Coffee makes a great gift! If you missed the order deadline, give us a call and we'll place a special order for you.

Book Orders

The December Book Orders are due on **Thursday, December 1st**. We expect the books to be delivered before winter break. If you are ordering books as gifts and would like them packaged in a paper bag, please let Sue Jordan know. Each time we place an order, the Preschool is able to add to our classroom libraries. We earn extra books when you order online! Thank you for supporting literacy in our Preschool!

Coffee & Sweets

Our next sale will be **Wednesday, November 30th**. Your purchase of a delicious cup of Peace Coffee and/or sweets helps support our financial aid fund.

Sign up sheets to help with baking or working the upcoming sales are posted outside Room 102. Thank you for your support!

Hands In Nepal

When you stop for coffee & sweets, check out the beautiful, handmade items also for sale. Proceeds benefit Hands In Nepal which supports education in rural Nepal. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated to our preschool. Thank you Nicole M for organizing this benefit and for your work in Nepal.

TUBMAN HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Once again the preschool will be partnering with LHUMC and Tubman to treat families to a special Christmas through a toy drive and party. Information, including gift suggestions, has been sent home and gifts are being collected in the blue bin by the door. Tubman is an agency that promotes safe and healthy families, individuals and communities through evidence-based intervention, prevention and education.

Winter Break

Our last day of Preschool in December will be **Thursday, December 22nd**. Classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 10th**. We hope your break is filled with fun, family time and safe travels for everyone headed out of town.

Conferences

Thank you to everyone who attended conferences. We appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about how your child is adjusting to Preschool. If you were unable to attend, a written summary has been sent home. Please speak with your child's teacher if you did not receive it or if you have any questions.

THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in their child's classroom. Children take such ownership of their classroom when they are able to share it with their parents/guardians and our teachers appreciate the extra pair of hands! Look for more opportunities in your child's classroom.

A special thanks to our Charlie Brown Thanksgiving & woodworking volunteers.

Thanks for the Food Shelf Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated food and other items for the Joyce Food Shelf. Your enthusiastic response modeled generosity to our preschool children and made an impact in many peoples lives.

muscle room safety

Please send your child to preschool with tennis shoes or other rubber soled shoes every day. We ask that children not wear slip on shoes, dress shoes, or cowboy boots. We also ask that you send shoes to change into from rain/snow boots. It is difficult for children to climb safely when they are slipping or when their shoes are sliding off. Tennis shoes are best but even Crocs with the heel strap are safer than slippery-soled, slip on shoes or rain/snow boots.

Illness Reporting

We'd like to remind you to call the Preschool to report your child's absence when ill and give us a brief description of their symptoms. Please also let us know if your child has a contagious illness over the weekend (ie: strep throat).

Safety at Preschool

A few reminders regarding keeping children safe at preschool:

- Please use the playground gate only if you have special circumstances and have talked with your child's teacher about coming and going through the gate.
- Please have your child walk (rather than being carried) while at Preschool. This is especially important on the stairways and once we have snow and ice.
- Please send snack in the unopened, original packaging. This allows us to determine if a snack is safe for all children in the class by reading the ingredient label.
- Please do not leave children or valuables in your vehicle in the parking lot. There have been thefts from vehicles in the area.



The winner of our drawing for Peace Coffee is posted at the preschool. All current families who follow us on facebook were entered into the drawing. We'll have another drawing in January – make sure you “like us” on facebook and you'll have a chance to win!

Find us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/lakeharrietumpreschool>

Contact Us

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please share them with us. You may leave us a voice mail: 612.926.8043, use one of these email addresses: info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org, mrs.caskey@lakeharrietumpreschool.org, mrs.rockhold@lakeharrietumpreschool.org or talk with us at school.