

October 2011

Coffee & Sweets

Our first Coffee & Sweets sale will be Wednesday, **October 5th**. Plan to grab a hot cup of coffee and/or some goodies after dropping off your preschooler. Proceeds benefit our financial aid fund. Thank you for your support.

Book Orders/Coffee Orders

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Thursday, October 6th**. You may order online or return the order forms and a check to the preschool. If you'd like to order coffee, just return the order form by the **6th**. You will be billed for the coffee ordered and it will be delivered on the **12th**.

Dinner Date

Our first adults-only social event is Monday, **October 10th** at the Town Hall Tap near 48th & Chicago beginning at 7:30pm. Plan to join other preschool parents/guardians for dinner at the Tap. A generous portion of food sales will be donated to the Preschool's financial aid fund. See you there!

Picture Day

A photographer from Rich Osness, the Photographers will be at Lake Harriet UM Preschool on **Thursday, October 13th**. Each preschooler will be photographed at no cost to you. If you'd like to have younger children photographed or have siblings enrolled at the preschool and would like them photographed together, please arrive at preschool at 8:50am or 12:20pm. They will be photographed first. Prior to Thanksgiving, we should receive the pictures for you to review. You may purchase as many as you like or return the photos to us. We have been very pleased with the quality of the photos in the past and are happy to offer this service to you.

Handbook Corner

Just a reminder to be sure to read our Family Handbook. Hard copies are available from your child's teacher or you can read or download it from our website. Thank you.

Fall Break

Preschool will be closed on **Thursday, October 20th**.

Pumpkin Patch

On **Tuesday, October 25th**, we will have a Pumpkin Patch at the Preschool. Each child will have the opportunity to find a pumpkin in the straw. We are looking for volunteers. Please let Heidi know if you can help.

Halloween Program

On **Thursday, October 27th**, we will be presenting our Halloween Program. The children may wear costumes to Preschool and will perform some special Halloween and fall songs for family and friends. More information will be posted on our Family Info Board.

TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Just a reminder... we need a completed Transportation Plans sheet for all preschoolers – even if you drive your child each day. Please update the information if your plans change during the school year.

Fall Conferences

In November we will be offering optional Fall Conferences. The purpose of this conference is to discuss your child's adjustment to Preschool. The conferences will be held after school or on days when school is not in session. Please do not bring children to the conference. If you will not be attending a conference, a written observation form will be sent home with your child on Thursday November 17th.

Snacks

Several of our classes have students with special dietary guidelines. While we are not a dairy, gluten, nut (etc) free environment, if you would like some snack ideas, please ask your child's teacher.

Old Friends / New Friends Picnic

Thank you to all who were able to attend our potluck picnic. It was a great way to kick off the new school year. We hope you connected with old friends and made some new friends, too!

MINNETONKA APPLE ORCHARD

What a beautiful morning at the Apple Orchard! We rode the hay wagon, picked apples, had a snack, played on the hay stack, saw the goats & chickens (wandering free) and rode the school bus! Thanks volunteers.

Absences

When your child is ill and will not be attending preschool, please call us to let us know. It is very important that we keep track of the symptoms that are keeping children out of school. When leaving a message please give a brief description of your child's symptoms.

Please remember to also let us know when a child has had a contagious illness like strep throat over the weekend. We are required to document illnesses during the school year.

When an illness notice is sent home, the illness has occurred in the preschool, not necessarily in your child's classroom.

Please also let us know if your child will be absent for a reason other than illness.

Parking Lot & Gate

As mentioned in the email update, we ask that you park in the parking lot and enter the playground through the school doors. The playground gate may be used by families who walk to preschool but please do not park on the street to come to the playground. Limiting use of the gate helps us keep all the children safe. Thank you.

Updated Lunch Bunch Information

Lori and Kris are the Lunch Bunch coordinators this year. They will be supervising the children in outdoor play, lunch time and occasionally muscle room play.

While any child is welcome at Lunch Bunch, there are some who may not be ready yet for an extra hour at Preschool. You know your child best.

The Lunch Bunch schedule and sign up dates are posted on our website and on the Info Board.

Please let Lori know if you have questions or if your child will not be attending a scheduled Lunch Bunch –

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to Soren for his ongoing work on our telephone system. Thanks too to Krista for running our Peace Coffee program. Thank you to Eleanor for cleaning up our gardens. Thanks to Jim for working tirelessly around the Preschool on what ever needs fixing. Thank you to Emily & Brian for working on book orders. Thanks to Steve for pitching in when we need him. We are lucky to have so many willing volunteers!

Thanks Preschool Board

Thanks to the Preschool Board for helping us out at our Old Friends/New Friends Picnic and for hosting our Welcome Coffee and the Coffee & Sweets sales. We are grateful for their help!

GOOD ADVICE...

"In the final analysis it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings."
Ann Landers

CONTACT US

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