



**Wrightsville United Methodist Preschool News**  
**May 4, 2009**

**Please Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates:**

May 1		<b>All Tuition Payments Due</b>
May 6	Wednesday	<b>All Lunch Bunch Forms Due.</b>
May 6	Wednesday	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> No classes will be held. Please See back for important details.
May 14	Thursday	<b>Beach Day</b> -Please see attached form for details and return by Thursday, May 7.
May 20	Wednesday	<b>End of Year Celebration DVD Order Forms</b> are attached and payment due. See back for details.
May 21	Thursday	<b>Last Day of School</b> <b>End of Year Celebration Program</b> <b>Covered Dish Luncheon</b> (Please see sign up sheet)
Aug. 3	Monday	<b><i>For returning students -</i></b> <b>The Enrollment Packets for 2009-2010 due.</b> They will be mailed out in early July and must be returned no later than this date to continue to hold your child's spot.
Sept. 1	Tuesday	<b>Open House for 2009-2010 School Year</b>
Sept. 2	Wednesday	<b>First Full Day for Students for Four's and Five's Classes</b>
Sept. 3	Thursday	<b>First Full Day for Three Year Old Classes</b>

## **Year End Celebration Program and Covered Dish Luncheon:**

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, will be our last day of school. An exciting day is planned. Our preschoolers will provide entertainment during an informal program in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am. They will share some of their favorite songs which they have learned throughout the year. This will be followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Teachers will post sign up sheets for food. Please be sure to list the number of people from your family who are expecting to attend. We hope everyone will be able to come to this very special event! Grandparents are welcome too! If you sign up for the ham and turkey platter or the chicken nuggets you will be making a donation towards the cost of the platter and that money will be due no later than Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We already have a committee member and parent volunteer to pick these up. If you plan to have more than 4 people from your family attending our luncheon, please consider bringing an extra side dish so that there will be plenty for everyone.

One of our Associate Pastors, P.D. Midgett has his own video production company. He will be making a special DVD of our Year End Celebration Program. An order form for a copy of this DVD is attached. This is a great chance to get a professionally made DVD for just \$15.00 and gives parents an opportunity to sit back and enjoy the show! Please remember to make checks payable to Midgett Video Productions.

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

On Conference Day, Wednesday-May 6, regular preschool classes will not be held. Childcare for your preschooler and siblings will be provided by Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Lorain in the Parlor on the main hall beside Mrs. Megan and Mrs. Stephanie's Class. Sign up sheets for conference times are posted on top of the class cubbies. Please be courteous to other parents by helping us stay on schedule. Please arrive on time and understand that conferences should not exceed 15-20 minutes. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher on the 6<sup>th</sup>, you may reschedule for a time that is mutually convenient.

## **Beach Day!**

Don't forget! Beach Day will be held on Thursday, May 14 from 9:15-12:15. We will gather one mile north of Johnnie Mercer's Pier (south side of Duneridge Condominiums-L shaped parking lot). Public parking, bathrooms and beach access are available at this location. Please remember to bring money for parking. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the preschool. We need to know who will be providing adult supervision for your child so please be sure you have turned in your form by Thursday, May 7 (extra forms are available on the bulletin board). With proper supervision, siblings are welcome. Remember to bring plenty of sunscreen! In the event of rain, we will meet at the preschool for a regular school day.

## 2009-2010 Enrollment Packets and Start Up Dates

Children returning to W.U.M. Preschool in the Fall will be invited to an Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 1 and our first full day of classes will be on Wednesday, Sept. 2 for our Four and Five Year Old Classes and on Thursday, Sept. 3 for our Three Year Old Classes. In early July, you will receive an Enrollment Packet in the mail. To continue to guarantee your child's placement for next year, the forms in the packet will need to be returned NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget to include an up to date copy of your child's shot record. If your address has changed or you will be out of town when packets are due, please let me know. If your plans for the upcoming school year change, please be sure to contact me as soon as possible. I would greatly appreciate it! In this economy, it is more important than ever that we stay fully enrolled. This keeps costs down for everyone.



To Angela Carson (Sam's Mom) for visiting during "Vv" Week and sharing information about volcanoes. All the children assisted in making a volcano erupt in their classrooms. This is a fun activity to do at home on a rainy day. It's a little messy, so it should be done in a deep plastic tub or at the kitchen sink. Just take a small vase, add a couple of tablespoons of baking soda, a little dish soap, some food coloring, then pour in about a half cup of vinegar! Let the eruption begin! The recipe listed above isn't precise and changing up the measurements is part of this experiment and adds to the fun, because your child will want to do it over and over and over again. Note: the food coloring is just for fun but not required, the dish soap also isn't required but it makes the eruption last a little longer and is a bit more spectacular.

To Laurie Merrell (Ella's Mom) whose presentation during "Xx" Week was enjoyed by all the kids. Laurie played a beautiful CD of xylophone music, taught the children about the different parts of the xylophone and showed how the short keys make the high sounds and how the long keys make the low sounds when you strike them with the mallet. Then Laurie gave each child an art activity for them to create their own xylophone!

**To all the parents for being so wonderfully supportive of our program throughout the school year. Snacks, parties, Letter of the Week – We couldn't have done it without you!**

### K.C. Kardos Memorial Scholarship Fund

Just a reminder as the school year ends, if you would like to make a special gift to our program, we have a wonderful scholarship fund in memory of K.C. Kardos which helps us assist preschool families in times of need. K.C. was very involved in our Church Congregation, Preschool and Young Mothers' Bible Study. She passed away in the spring of 2005 after a courageous battle against cancer. Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship fund may drop it in the preschool tuition box or send a donation to: WUMC, Box 748, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480. Please make the check payable to Wrightsville United Methodist Church and indicate that the donation is to the K.C. Kardos Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### Parental Involvement

To parents of children entering kindergarten, we encourage you to be active volunteers in your child's school. Room parents, field trip volunteers, tutors, PTA committee members, etc. are always needed. Your child will be thrilled that you are participating and it is a great way for you to get a really good picture of what is going on at your child's school.

*It's hard to believe  
another school year  
is coming to an end.  
We have enjoyed your  
children so very much!*

*Have a safe and happy summer!*

*With love,  
Ruth, Carey, Manuela, Lorain,  
Tina, Janet, Stephanie and Megan*



