



Wrightsville United Methodist Preschool News
May 1, 2016

Please Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates:

May 1		All Tuition Payments Due
May 3	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL- See below
May 4	Wednesday	All Lunch Bunch Forms Due: Please note there are only <u>three</u> Lunch Bunch dates this month.
May 13	Friday	Teacher Work Day and OPTIONAL Parent/Teacher Conferences Please see back for important details.
May 17	Tuesday	Beach Day- ALL CLASSES AGES 2-5 Please see mandatory attached form for details and <u>return no later than Thursday, May 12th.</u>
May 18	Wednesday	Last Day for Fun and Friends Twos Class
May 24	Tuesday	Last Day of School End of Year Celebration Program Covered Dish Luncheon (Details on back)
July 29	Friday	The Enrollment Packets for 2016-2017 along with a \$50 supply fee are due <u>no later than this date.</u> Packets will be mailed to your home address in early July.
Sept. 6	Tuesday	Open House for 2016-2017 School Year
Sept. 7	Wednesday	First Full Day for Students in the Four Year Old and the Four/Five Year Old Classes.
Sept. 8	Thursday	First Full Day for Three Year Old Classes

IMPORTANT NOTE: NO SCHOOL TUESDAY, MAY 3rd. If you refer to your yearlong calendar, you will see that May 3rd has always been a scheduled day off. The schedule was written last summer, as we were following the Public School calendar. The original Public School Calendar was revised in October to accommodate Public Schools being out the day of the Primaries, Mar. 15th, instead of a day off on May 3rd. We continued with our calendar and went ahead and held classes on March 15th, even though they didn't. Since we did not budget for school on May 3rd, we will stick with our calendar and have no school that day. It costs approximately \$500 a day to operate our program, so you can see how it would have a big impact! Thank you for your understanding.

Teacher Workday and Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent/Teacher Conference Day will be held on Friday, May 13th. Many of you already know your plans for the upcoming fall, so **we are making these conferences optional unless your child's teacher specifically asks you to schedule a time.** We love all of our preschoolers and will be happy to meet with any and all families to discuss the progress we have seen over the school year!

Beach Day- Tuesday, May 17th!

Don't forget! Beach Day will be held on Tuesday, May 17th from 9:15-12:15. We will gather one mile north of Johnnie Mercer's Pier (on the 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 or debit card 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 12th (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.

Year End Celebration Program and Covered Dish Luncheon:

Tuesday, May 24th, 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 signup sheets for food. You will find these on top of the cubbies later this week. 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 platters and that money will be due no later than Thursday, May 19th. We will have committee or parent volunteers scheduled 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.

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 in your child's school.

2016-2017 Enrollment Packets and Start Up Dates

Children and parents attending W.U.M. Preschool in the Fall will be invited to an Open House on Tuesday, Sept 6th and our first full day of classes will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7th for our Four and Five Year Old Classes and on Thursday, Sept. 8th 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 along with a \$50 supply fee will need to be returned NO LATER THAN Friday, JULY 29th. **Don't forget to include an updated 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! It is important that we stay fully enrolled. This keeps costs down for everyone.**

Announcing Staff Changes for the 2016-17 School Year

Three of our staff members will be leaving us at the end of the school year.

Ms. Lorain will be re-retiring after teaching preschoolers for the last 36 years!!! She had retired last year, but returned to fill in for Mrs. Janet while she recuperated from a broken pelvis. Unfortunately, Mrs. Janet has determined that she will be unable to return. Both of these ladies have served us so well! I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication over the last 15-18 years.

Mrs. Caroline will be leaving us to return to "full time Mom status", keeping up with a very active family (Wayland, Beau and Buck) .

We are sooooo going to miss these very special members of our preschool family!!



New Staff Members for 2016-17

We are very pleased to announce we have hired Johnna Munn to Co-teach with Mrs. Mandy in the Younger Threes Class. Many of you know her as Alina and Gavin's Mom and she is married to Johnny. Johnna is an experienced elementary educator, has frequently substituted for us this year and is a VBS volunteer. She also worked at PPD before having children.

Cara Myatt will be the new assistant in Mrs. Manuela's Class for Four Year Olds. Cara comes with a lot of energy and enthusiasm to share with our kids and will be a great hands on assistant! Her experience includes working at another area preschool and a paraeducator at the elementary level. Cara and her husband, Craig, have two elementary aged boys, Will and Tate.

We are very excited about plans for the upcoming school year and welcoming these two bright, energetic, talented women to our staff!!



To Mary Lawrence Sadler (Liza and Scout's Mom) for visiting during Vv week and introducing us to a wide variety of vegetables! Some of our adventurous preschoolers tried new veggies they weren't familiar with!

To Peyton Earey (Holt's Mom) for our special "Ww" week activity. She brought in lots of live wiggly squiggly worms for the kids to observe and enjoy for our "Ww" week activity. We also read a couple of great wormy books so we could learn more about these helpful underground creatures!

To Melissa and Neil Brooks (Max's Parents) for scheduling a Pirate named "Beard Black" from No Sleeves Magic to visit during Xx Week for a comical "Xx marks the Spot" magic show. The kids absolutely LOVED his performance.

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

**It is 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 and thanks,
Manuela and Lorain, Caroline and Mandy,
Teresa and Megan, Shannon and Ruth**



Please detach bottom of form and place in preschool tuition mailbox no later than Thursday, May 12th.



TUESDAY, MAY 17TH IS BEACH DAY!

We are planning a school wide Beach Day for Tuesday, May 17th from 9:15-12:15. Over the past years, this event has been a tremendous success and we're really looking forward to it again. We will gather one mile north of Johnnie Mercer's Pier (on the south side of Duneridge Condominiums - L shaped parking lot). Public parking, bathrooms and beach access are available at this location. **Don't forget to bring money for parking!** Refreshments will be provided by our preschool staff (fun and games provided by Mother Nature). FOR THE FUN AND SAFETY OF OUR PRESCHOOLERS, EACH CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT OTHER THAN OUR STAFF. With proper supervision, siblings are welcome to attend! **Bring plenty of sunscreen!**

To help us plan for this special event please **fill out form below, detach and place in tuition mailbox.**

Child's name _____

(Please check one)

Yes. My child will attend Beach Day and will be supervised by: _____

No. My child will be unable to attend beach day.

Number of siblings attending _____

By signing below, I understand that the supervising person listed above will be totally responsible for my child(ren)'s safety and welfare during this Beach Day event.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Please be sure to turn in this form on time – Wed. May 4

Thursday Lunch Bunch

Child's Name _____

Please check the days your child will be staying for Thursday Lunch Bunch this month:

May 5 _____

May 12 _____

May 19 _____

Number of Lunch bunch days _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Please turn this form in no later than Wednesday, May 4 and add total to your tuition check for May. Reminder: 3 day a week tuition is \$180.00/month and 4 day is \$200.00/month.

Thank you,
Ruth

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Vacation Bible School

Registration is underway for...
Vacation Bible School: OCEAN COMMOTION!
June 13 - 16 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$10.00 per child
Ages 4 and Up

Ocean Commotion is not possible without wonderful volunteers. If you want to have a fun week hanging out with kids and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus and others, then please contact **Nicole Roche:** nicole@wrightsvilleumc.org to help figure out where you can volunteer. Perhaps you can volunteer all week, or a couple of days, or just one day...whatever God is calling you to do. We are excited to welcome you to our VBS team!