



St. Paul's Preschool May ~ June Newsletter 2010

SPRING FLING

The invitations are arriving in your boxes! You are invited to our *Spring Fling FIESTA* which will take place on Sunday, May 16th right on the St. Paul's Church grounds from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Parking will be available at Aldersgate Methodist Church if you find our lot is full.

With our FIESTA theme WE HAVE A NEW FOOD VENDOR who will provide a great deal on a taco plate. For \$5.00 you will receive 3 tacos, rice and beans. They will also do cheese quesidillas for the kids. **YOU WILL NEED TO PRE-ORDER YOUR DINNERS! SORRY YOU CANNOT ORDER FOOD THE DAY OF THE EVENT.** The committee will have a sign up table out in front of the school gate prior to the event. An order form will be included with this newsletter. Please fill it out, drop it off at the table and you will receive a ticket that can be used in lieu of money. This meal does not include a drink so be sure to BYOB!

Of course you may also bring your own picnic dinner if you prefer. A special treat will be on sale for the kids, and micro brewed beer for the adults will also be available. This year we are once again asking for families to bring their favorite dessert to our potluck dessert table to share. A sign up sheet will be provided for this donation.

Included with this fun afternoon will be a variety of children's activities. In addition, the staff will also provide an interactive ART FAIRE.

Haven't done your two-hours of volunteerism yet? There will be a sign up sheet posted outside each classroom window so **YOU** can help out. We are hoping to get enough volunteers so that everyone will only need to work in 30-minute shifts. We are also in need of a clean up crew. In addition we will post a list of items that need to be donated.

This year to help offset our costs we will be suggesting a \$5.00 per child activity fee. A collection envelope will be available on each classroom window. If you are able to provide a small cash donation to pay for our band etc. we would truly appreciate it. Bring your check into the school office and we will be certain to give you a letter for tax purposes.

As always, we want this to be a fun and memorable experience for every attendee. Our first priority is to make sure your children are safe and supervised throughout the day's event. Please make certain you are accompanying them as they participate in the activities and know where they are at all times.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

You should have received your invitation to our Mother's Day Teas being held on Thursday and Friday, May 6th and 7th. Morning classes are scheduled for 10:50 - 11:30; Afternoon classes will meet from 1:50 - 2:30. BOTH morning and afternoon PreK children will be singing on Friday at 11:45 - 12:30.

We do ask that each child bring in one flower from their garden to make a bouquet for the classroom tables. All groups will be meeting in the Parish Hall. You will be serenaded with a few favorite songs, followed by a treat and a Mother's Day surprise keepsake. If for any reason you cannot attend please let your classroom teacher know. See you there!



LAST DAYS AT ST. PAUL'S ~ TUITION DUE

Can you believe it? Your LAST tuition payment is now due before the 10th of this month. We thank you for your timely payments throughout this school year. Our final days of school will be on Monday, June 14th (for our M/W/F classes) and Tuesday June 15th (for our T/T and Pre-K children).

Please make sure to check the LOST AND FOUND for jackets and personal items. Any unclaimed articles will be donated to a local women's shelter.

Our tortoises and our bunny need a home for the summer. Our three tortoises and 'Latte' the bunny eat lettuce and a variety of produce. Please see Mrs. Anderson if you would like to provide a home for our animals.

GARDEN NEWS and DAD'S CLUB FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

We sincerely want to express our gratitude for all your support this year. We had an outstanding crew of dads who regularly participated each month. The garden committee has done an amazing job of organizing parties and coordinating classroom play dates as well as establishing a FACEBOOK page. YOU have done a wonderful job in taking time and allowing your child to explore the garden both before and after school. We extend many thanks to Mrs. Wimer, our nature/ garden teacher for her dedication to our children this school year.

We will continue our Dad's Clubs during the summer months sticking to our Saturday morning routine and time of 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. As you know summer time is when the garden needs the most maintenance. Please mark your calendars for July 10th and August 14th. We will be completing general clean up chores. Bring your gardening tools and gloves. Hope to see you there.

Speaking of Dad's - We would love to honor the dad's who have volunteered so many Saturday mornings to help out in our garden. On that note, will be serving a hearty breakfast at the last dad's club, June 5th. You don't want to miss out. We will be reminding you of this event as we get closer to the date.

A watering sign up sheet has been posted this past week. Spots are available through September. This is an excellent opportunity to have your family time out in the garden and to encourage your child to be part of our community. Bring your gardening tools, gloves and even your dinner to help maintain our garden.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

While the summer comes upon us we would love for our families to adopt all of our garden beds. In fact we need one family from each classroom to help their teacher out. This is a great way to provide a wonderful family memory with your children. You can plant whatever you like and maintain it during the summer months. Plan on bringing a picnic lunch or dinner and enjoy our children's garden throughout the summer. We will have a sign up in the school office for this bed adoption. First come first served!

GARDEN PARTY

Finally, the moment we have all been waiting for! The last garden party will have a Recycling theme and will take place during your child's regular school time on Thursday and Friday, June 3rd and June 4th. Each classroom will sponsor an activity and will post a supply list as well as volunteer work slots. Let's make this a special memory for our children.



SUMMER SCHOOL

This year's summer school program will run Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. School will begin on Monday, July 12th through Thursday, July 29th. Kid's Adventure Club will be offered every day from 11:30 - 2:00. The cost of the morning program is \$250.00 while K.A. Club fees remain at \$15.00 per day. A detailed flyer with a registration form will be in your boxes the week of May 24th. You will need to sign up no later than May 28th to secure your child's spot. We will be limited to 60 children so please be timely in your registration.

GOODBYE!

With grateful hearts we say goodbye to Leah Holcomb who is entering a new phase of work with the YMCA. Leah leaves us after seven years of service at St. Paul's. Although she will be greatly missed we all wish her well in her new career.

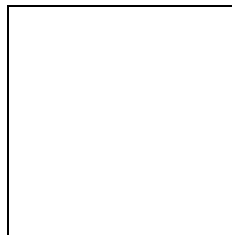
STAFF APPRECIATION

We are so grateful to all of you who offered your support for staff appreciation. It was such a relaxing afternoon of fellowship, celebrating who we are as a staff. We all feel extremely blessed to work with your children and be part of your family's life. We had so much fun and felt so honored. Thank you. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM PEG JENSEN

This year the Staff Appreciation Event was held after hours on Friday, April, 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00 at Mrs. Del's home. We asked the Staff to come and enjoy "Under the Tustin Sun". They were served Italian style foods, wine and some great deserts; all prepared by some very talented moms. I believe it was one of the most relaxing events given to date and hope that the theme of just sitting around relaxing and chatting will continue. They do such a wonderful job with our precious little ones that the one day we give back is sometimes just not enough.

I would like to thank everyone who helped put this event on. All the hard work that went into planning this event was truly worth it in the end. Those that donated money to the Staff Appreciation Event, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. With your help it truly made for a successful day.



LOAVES AND FISHES - This will be our last collection for the school year. We will be collecting canned vegetables in May and canned juices in June. We truly appreciate your support.

BOX OF SNACKS - Thanks to all of you who filled boxes of snacks for our guests that will be attending "Sunday Suppers." How wonderful that they can each take a box of snacks home to offer some nutrition after the event. It was very compassionate and it is our hope that the children will feel good about offering care and concern to others who are in need.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS and the BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Teachers will be planning for end of the year classroom birthday parties as well as 'un'-birthday parties for those children whose birthday falls during the summer months. Please check with your child's teacher to determine when these celebrations will take place. As always you are welcome to participate during the day or you may also consider purchasing a birthday book from the office as well. Happy Birthday to the newest club members: **Alexander Ortlieb, Nico Mancini and Emily Miller** Please let me know if I have missed anyone.



CALENDAR DATES

- ✓ Mother's Day Teas - Thursday and Friday May 6th and 7th
- ✓ School Tours - Thursday, May 17th and June 7th @ 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ **SPRING FLING**- Sunday May 16th 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ Memorial Day Holiday - Monday, May 31st - School closed
- ✓ Garden Party - Thursday and Friday, June 3rd and June 4th(during regular school hours)
- ✓ DAD'S CLUBS -Saturdays June 5th, July 10th and August 14th 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- ✓ Summer School Registration - May 24th - 28th
- ✓ Last Days at St. Paul's -Monday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 15.
- ✓ Summer School - July 12th - July 29th

Prayer Corner

- ✓ Health / surgery issues ~ Lauryn Hegarty, John Pickard, Charlotte, Lori, Micah, Linda, Ken Ford, and Cindy
- ✓ Other Concerns ~ Megan recovering in rehab, pregnancies for our Megan Shores and all expecting St. Paul's moms
- ✓ Pray for a teacher of ours, Leah Holcomb, as she transitions to new employment as a site supervisor for the YMCA.
- ✓ Peace and comfort ~ the Weinger family who lost their dad, Mark, suddenly; and the Hegemeister family who also lost their father, Steve, suddenly.
- ✓ Continued prayers for comfort ~ please continue to pray for the entire Jones family as babies Lilly Jude and Abby Joy were born early and are now with our Lord in Heaven.
- ✓ Praises for the Young Family with the addition of a new baby girl!

