

TINY TALES NEWSLETTER

Trinity Church Day School

October 2008

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parents,

September 22 marked the official end of summer and the beginning of fall with its beautiful colors and crisp, cool air. Before long we will pack away our shorts and sandals and take out sweaters and jackets. Colorful leaves, apples, pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns will be seen everywhere and the squirrels on our playground will be busy collecting acorns getting ready for their winter nap.

The school year is off to a great start. Music, physical education, chapel and library have begun and the children have settled into comfortable routines. The first events of the school year sponsored by the Parents' Club were very successful. The turnout for both the Parent Orientation meetings and Ice Cream Social were great and we thank everyone involved for their efforts.

The next special evening on our school calendar is **Back-To-School Night**. As a reminder, it will be held on Tuesday, October 7. The general meeting will begin at 7:00. I will be addressing Early Literacy Development. Sue Cusick, our music specialist will talk to you about the importance of music and movement in Early Childhood. Dr. Fran Stanford will discuss our weekly chapel service and Bill Wiley, Chairman of the **Grow A Bright Tomorrow** Capital Campaign will

give an up-to-date report on the progress we have made thus far. Classroom visitation will follow this meeting and conclude by 8:30. Please keep in mind that this is not a night for individual conferencing. The teachers will review the year ahead and answer any general questions. Please plan to join us.

There are several important dates in October that I would like to highlight for you. The Kindergarten children will be attending the Episcopal Church Service at St. David's School on Wednesday, October 15. The service begins at 10:00 and the children will be back at school by 11:30. Permission slips will be coming home shortly. All of our classes will be going on fall farm trips this month. The trips are all outdoors, so please dress your child accordingly. Halloween will be here before we turn around. Each class has a Halloween party and teachers will make arrangements for the party with Room Mothers. Some young children are frightened by Halloween costumes, therefore, our school policy is that costumes are not allowed. Our good friend, Mrs. Schuette, will be back to visit us with a Halloween puppet show. The puppet shows will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31 at 11:30.

October 5 through the 11 is Fire Safety Week. The Long Green Fire Department will be visiting Trinity on Wednesday, October 8.

We will have several practice fire drills before their visit. Please discuss with your children the importance of practicing the proper way to exit your home in case of fire and show them how to dial 911.

Attached to the September newsletter was a survey entitled, **Title I Participating Nonpublic Schools Family Survey**. This form needs to be completed and returned to your child's teacher or the school office. Our school has been very fortunate over the past several years to receive grant money from the State of Maryland for books. This grant money is used to defer the cost of books used to supplement and enrich our curriculum that would otherwise be included in your tuition. Last year's grant amounted to approximately \$29 per child. The completed surveys need to be on file in the office as part of the application process. Please return the forms as soon as possible. If you have misplaced yours, we have extra forms in the office.

As a reminder to all, the fenced-in area at the top of the playground is designated for our two-year olds only. If you are using the playground after school hours, please refrain from allowing older children in this area. Also, when using the playground after school hours please be aware that no child is allowed to enter the school building unless accompanied by an adult. If a child should fall and get hurt there is no guarantee that a teacher will be around to help. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

The Pre-K Enrichment class is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon in the front room of the Parish Hall. If you are picking

your child up from Extended Day before 3 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, please use the back entrance to the school building so as not to disturb the class.

I look forward to another great year and hope to see everyone at our Back-To-School Night. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by the office at any time.
Sincerely,
Lynn

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

Extended Day care is available from 8 – 9 a.m. Monday to Friday. Afternoon care is available from 12:00 – 5:30 Monday to Friday. Extended Day sheets are posted monthly. **Lunch Bunch** will begin on Wednesday, October 1. Mrs. Danielle O'Ree will be having Lunch Bunch with the children on Wednesday and Friday and Mrs. Debbie Young will have Lunch Bunch on Thursdays. Lunch Bunch sign-up sheets are posted one week in advance. If less than 3 children sign up for Lunch Bunch, it will be cancelled.

As a reminder, your child's name should only appear on one list per day. You will be charged for Extended Day services if your child's name is on the sheet regardless of whether or not your child attended that day. **If your child is absent, please call by 9:00 a.m.** and we will remove your child's name from the list. We also ask that you notify us if your contracted child will not be attending extended day.

Please note: Payment is due on the day of service for Lunch Bunch and Extended Day for non-contracted children.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Care of Creation

Global warming, carbon foot prints, water pollution, famine – these are bit beyond the grasp of young children; but the love and care of animals – this they can understand. Therefore, the Blessing of the Animals, traditionally held in early October in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, can be a wonderful way to introduce your child to our obligation to care for all creation. St. Francis considered all of creation a blessing from God. He called the sun brother, and the moon sister. He gave thanks and cared for all in need, humans and other creatures alike. We would do well to teach our children to follow his example, to treat all animals with respect, to care for their habitats, and to thank God for the blessings they bring into our lives.

I invite you to attend our Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5 at 11:30 on the church lawn. Encourage your children to bring their animals to be blessed – if needed, bring a picture or a stuffed toy as a substitute. We will have a brief service where I will talk a bit about how we can care for God's wonderful gift of creation, and especially how we can care for our animal friends. Then I will walk among those gathered blessing each one of the animals (or surrogates). God has charged us with the care of creation. No child is too young to begin learning how to do that
Dr. Fran+

MUSIC NOTES FROM MS. SUE

Welcome to another year of fun and learning in music class!

The Kindergarten class started the school-year with a unit about classroom rhythm and band/orchestra instruments. We read three books about instruments, Marching Smitherines, Tubby the Tuba and Out and About at the Orchestra. The students played Classroom and Orchestra Instrument Bingo, and most of these students can now identify instruments such as violin, flute, trombone, and various types of percussion instruments. (Ask them what is used to make violin bows!). They also enjoyed being part of "Old MacDonald's Band" with their own rhythm instruments.

The four-year-old classes made music with a poem, "There Was An Old Singer Named Fred", using rhythm instruments, voices, and hand/body movements.

This year, the Explorer 2's classes will be having music every Thursday. The two- and three-year old classes participated in a sound activity – music is all around us, can you make the same music that a cow makes, a fire truck makes, etc.? The three's classes also read Franklin's Music Lesson as an introduction to rhythm instruments. The 2's and 3's learned to play "Row Your Boat" on the instruments, just like Franklin's class. We're still practicing the concept of starting and stopping at the same time!

All the classes sang a name game, "Willabee, Wallabee", to help

me learn the children's names. participated in a "listening" activity such as, "Shake Your Sillies Out" or "Hot Potato", when they had to listen and then follow the directions given in the song. In addition to the musical concepts of rhythm and tempo, these songs promote cooperation and team skills.

During October, we'll be preparing songs for Thanksgiving Chapel and learning seasonal songs about autumn and Halloween. The five-day-fours and Kindergartners will also be learning the musical alphabet (scale) and the Sol-Fa hand signs for each note of the scale. We'll also be learning some new songs for Wednesday Chapel.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please let me know
Musically,
Sue Cusick

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS FROM MS. JANET

My name is Janet Ciattei (Ms. Janet) and I will be your child's physical education teacher on alternate Fridays. They will be engaging in locomotor skills by participating in a variety of activities.

Manipulatives, obstacle course activities, games and positive reinforcement will be utilized to stimulate and motivate participation.
Sincerely,
Ms. Janet

A NOTE ABOUT MOVEMENT AND PHYS. ED. CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for movement and phys. ed. on Fridays. Children should be wearing tennis shoes (**no** boots, high heels, crocs or sandals). Also, the girls need to be

During each class, children wearing long pants or shorts. Skirts and dresses, long or short, restrict movement and make it impossible to fully participate in activities.

Thanks for your help with this.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our friends who celebrated birthdays in **September:** Michael Waite, Caroline Held, Sophiane Beauvois, Cole Maits, Paige Rhoten, Mrs. Lizzie Radebaugh and Ekaterina Forakis. **And..to those celebrating birthdays in October:** Benjamin Ryan, Mrs. Lynn Abplanalp, Weston Banks, Anna Schwatka, and Drew Yelton.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is now officially open. The children were very excited to check out books! The library schedule is as follows: Monday is the library day for M/W/F classes and Kindergarten. Tuesday is the library day for Tu/Th and Five Day 4's classes. **Please remember to return signed out books the following week on your child's library day.**

Parents can donate a book to the library by recognizing a child's birthday. A bookplate is placed on the front cover of the book. Please let the office know if you would like to donate a "Birthday Book".

Trinity has a Parent Reference Library located in the hall next to the children's library. The books cover a variety of topics from positive discipline to potty training. Feel free to browse and borrow any book. Remove the signature card from the pocket on the back cover of the book, sign your name and place it in the plastic holder next to the reference library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK orders for September and October have been ordered. It usually takes about two weeks for delivery. Many thanks to those of you who ordered books. The school earns points from each order to be used to purchase books for our library and teacher classrooms.

TCDS DIRECTORIES have been distributed. We ask that you please not use the information in the directories for business purposes. There is an **updated calendar** on the last page for your reference.

Directory Changes:

Correct birthday for Timothy Hartka: November 7

Correct email for Lou Hearn: ljhearn@verizon.net

FOR SAFETY SAKE we ask that when you include grapes in your child's lunch or as part of a class snack that the grapes are cut in half. Our concern is that a whole grape accidentally swallowed will lodge in a child's throat and cause choking.

Popcorn is another food that can cause choking accidents. In order to eliminate this possibility we ask that you refrain from sending popcorn as a snack.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

AS THE SEASONS CHANGE

please remember to dress your child appropriately for outside playtime. Our playground tends to be a bit cooler than other areas. You may also want to change your child's extra clothes that are left here at school from shorts to long pants.

TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

PAUL'S PLACE

A major outreach program for Trinity Church is Paul's Place, a

soup kitchen and community resource center located in Baltimore City. Trinity provides two lunches a month to the center. In addition, volunteers deliver donations to the center twice monthly. Paul's Place accepts donations of gently used clothing, (in season only), small household items, travel size toiletries, books in good condition, sheets, towels, clean working toys and non-perishable food items. A collection box is located alongside the ramp outside the front entrance. Our school will collect food items for Paul's Place as part of our Thanksgiving Chapel Service.

CAT'S MEOW replicas of Trinity Church are available for purchase in the school office. The cost is \$20.00 with proceeds going to the day school.

JOIN "TRINITY'S ANGELS" in the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, Sunday, October 19 in Hunt Valley. You can join our team, support our team with a pledge, or let us know of a loved one you would like us to walk in honor or memory of. Go to www.komenmd.org and click on "view our website for Race Information". On the right hand side you will see "Team Rank". Scroll down to "Trinity's Angels" and you can make a team donation or sponsor a participant. OR, register as a participant on the Trinity's Angels team and join us on the 19th! You can give us the name of the loved one you would like us to walk in honor/memory in the church or school office or on one of the sheets posted by the back entrance or in the parish hall.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

The school year is off to a great start. Thank you to everyone who came to the Parents' Club Orientation Meeting and showed their support. We need all our volunteers and appreciate their efforts. The Ice Cream Social was a fun night and a great chance to meet new families and catch up with old friends.

The **Sally Foster** fundraiser is in full swing and I hope everyone is getting their orders in. This is a big fundraiser for us and we earn 50% of every order. Online ordering is easy at www.sallyfoster.com. Our account number is 866119 and we can continue to earn profits throughout the year when ordering online. Please help us by placing an order and encouraging friends and family to place orders as well! Orders are due in the school office by Friday, October 3rd! Thank you for your support.

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 7 – Trinity's annual **Spaghetti Dinner**. Information will be coming home shortly.

Please keep an eye out for the **Box Tops for Education** symbol found on many products including: Ziploc, General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Kleenex and many more. This project runs all year and is as simple as cutting out the Box Top and putting it in the designated collection box at school. Last year we redeemed our Box Tops for \$96 cash and that was our first year for this project. Look for more information on Box Tops from our Co-Chairs, Christy Bleach and Amy Lime.

Hopefully, everyone has received information about our spring fund raiser, **Basket Bingo**

We are excited about this addition to our event schedule. With the support of our Trinity Day School families now, the Longaberger baskets and prizes can be purchased and Long Green Fire Hall reserved. All that will be left to do in the spring is to come and enjoy a fun night out. Thanks for all your support!

Mary Laudeman
Parents' Club President

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Trinity Book Fair in November is a great chance to start your holiday shopping, buy a book for your child's classroom, and add to your home library. This event starts Tuesday, November 4th and will be located in the conference room. The Book Fair will be open for shopping the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Fair will also be open for fun family shopping during the Spaghetti Dinner on the 7th. Every \$5 purchase on Tuesday and Wednesday will include you in a raffle for \$10 gift certificates from Scholastic Books. Each purchase on Friday will win a free dessert at the Spaghetti Dinner. See you there!

October Calendar

6	Staff Meeting 8:00 a.m.
7	Back to School Night 7 p.m.
8	Long Green Fire Dept. visit
15	Episcopal Schools Day Kindergarten to St. Davids
20	Mon. 2's & M/W/F 3's to ROHA Farm M/W/F 4's to Cromwell Valley
21	Tu/Th 2's & 3's to ROHA 5 day 4' to Cromwell Valley
30	Halloween parties and puppet show
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