



Tiny Tales



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2009



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parents,

September 22 marked the official end of summer and the beginning of autumn 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, movement class, 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 was great and we thank everyone involved for their efforts. If you have not had a chance to volunteer for one of the Parents' Club events, it is not too late. Please contact Kate Matulonis.

The next special evening on our school calendar is **Back-to-School Night**. As a reminder, it will be held on Wednesday, October 7. The general meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. "Raising a Child Ready to Learn", a book by Rosemary Wells, will be the topic of a short presentation. Sue Cusick, our music specialist, will talk briefly about the importance of music and movement in Early Childhood. Dr. Fran Stanford will discuss our weekly chapel service and Jonathan Deford, Senior Warden of Trinity Church, will give you an up-to-date report on the progress of our building project. 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 and early November that I would like to highlight for you. All of our classes will be going on fall farm trips this month. The trips are all outdoors, so please dress your child accordingly. The field trip schedule is posted in this newsletter. Halloween will be here before we turn around. Each class has a Halloween party and teachers will make arrangements for the party with Room Parents. From past experiences we have learned that 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 29 and 30 at 11:30.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 7:00—8:30 P.M.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

From the Director's Desk (cont.)

October 5 through the 11 is Fire Safety Week. The Long Green Fire Department will be visiting Trinity on Wednesday, October 7. We will have several practice fire drills before their visit. Please discuss with your child/children the importance of practicing the proper way to exit your home in case of fire and show them how to dial 911. Friday, November 4 is the date for our annual **Spaghetti Dinner**. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a fun-filled evening of delicious food and great company.

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 to the school office. Our school has been very fortunate over the past several years to receive funds from the Non-Public School Textbook grant. 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, children **are not allowed** to use the back swings or to play behind the school building due to the construction. Also, please do not allow your child to enter the school building after hours 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.

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 is available Monday—Friday from 8—9 a.m. and 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. for all students who are at least 3 years of age and potty trained.

Lunch Bunch will begin on Wednesday, October 7 in Ms. Jessica's room. Ms. Beth and Mrs. Jessica will be taking turns having lunch with the children on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12:00—1:00 p.m. FYI, children may use the Extended Day program until 1:00 p.m. on days that Lunch Bunch is not offered. If less than 3 children sign up for Lunch Bunch it will be cancelled, however, children may go to Extended Day for the hour. As a reminder, your child's name should appear on only one list per day. You will be charged for Lunch Bunch and Extended Day if your child's name is on both lists. If your child is absent, please call by 9:00 a.m. and we will remove your child from the list. We also ask that you call us if your contracted child will not be attending extended day. The sign up sheets for Lunch Bunch and Extended Day are posted on the bulletin board outside Mrs. Ryan's room along with other school information.



FROM OUR RECTOR



What an exciting year to be at Trinity Church Day School! Not only will we have a new building to move into by the first of the year, we have dozens of new faces in our classrooms. Chapel will look a bit different as well. With no K class this year, the younger children will get more “up-front” time. I look forward to their energy and unpredictability.

Every Wednesday at 11:40, TCDS will gather in the church (or if the weather is bad, in the parish hall) for chapel. The service includes several favorite songs with clapping and hand movements. We open with “Thank you Lord for this fine day” as the candles are lit, and then recite an opening prayer. One of the classes presents a song they have worked on in music class, and then I give a short talk. I talk about Jesus, about how he wants us to love God and love our neighbor, about worship and about the special events of Christmas and Easter. Whenever possible, I bring a visual (fishing pole, stuffed animal, pumpkin) to catch their attention and illustrate my message. Then we recite the Children’s Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. We end with the Candle Prayer and “This is the Day”. Parents are invited to join us for chapel, sitting near the back so as not to distract the children.

Many children find Chapel to be a high point of their week. Come and see why.

Dr. Fran+

*A major outreach program for Trinity Church is **Paul’s Place**, a soup kitchen and community resource center in Baltimore City. Paul’s Place accepts donations of gently used clothing (in season), 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.*

MUSIC NOTES

Welcome to another year of fun and learning in music class! For those of you new to the school, my name is Sue Cusick, and this is my seventh year teaching music at Trinity. I also teach Creative Movement class. My degree is in Music Education, and I really enjoy working with preschool age children. I want to stress the importance of music and movement in early childhood curriculums. Please see the attachment to this newsletter.

This year, Ms. Amy’s class has music on Wednesday. Ms. Kelley Jo’s and Ms. Danielle’s classes have music on Wednesday and Thursday.

Ms. Lizzie’s, Ms. Debbie’s and Ms. Jessica’s classes will be having music every Wednesday or Thursday. Creative Movement is every other Friday for all classes, except Ms. Jessica’s. **Note:** On Fridays, please dress your children appropriately for movement—no sandals, crocs or open toes shoes, no boots, no long dresses or skirts.

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.

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.?

All the classes sang a name game, “Willabee, Wallabee”, to help me learn the children’s names. Every class also learned to sing and sign (ASL— American Sign Language), “God is so Good”, which we shared with Dr. Fran during our first chapel on September 30th. During each class, children participated in a “listening” activity such as, “Shake Your Sillies Out”, or “Driving in My Car”, when they had to listen and then follow the directions given in the song. In addition to the musical concepts of style, 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.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Musically, Sue Cusick



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. Tuesday is the library day for Tu/Th and five day classes. The Explorers 2's 2's will have library on Tuesday & Friday after the first of the year.



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".

Scholastic Book orders for September should be arriving soon. 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. October book orders are attached. Please return by 10/21 and make checks payable to Scholastic.



As the seasons change, please remember to dress your child appropriately for outdoor play. Our playground tends to be a bit cooler than other areas. You may also want to change the extra clothes that are left here at school. from shorts to long pants.

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.



Join Trinity's Angels in the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure, Sunday, October 18 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/memory of. See Sue in the church office or Martha in the day school office, or go to www.komenmd.org. Thanks for your support.



FALL FIELD TRIPS

Please refer to the schedule below for your child's class trip:

Monday, October 19—ROHA Farm
Monday 2's, M/W/F 3's and 5 day 3's

Monday, October 19—Cromwell Valley
3 day 4's and 5 day 4's

Tuesday, October 20—ROHA Farm
Tu/Th 2's & 3's

Wednesday, October 21—ROHA Farm
W/F 2's



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our Trinity friends who celebrated birthdays in **September:** Alana Finn, Michael Waite, Caroline Held, Sophiane Beauvois, Cole Maits, Paige Rhoten, Ross Trawinski & Mrs. Lizzie Radebaugh. **AND..** To our friends celebrating in **October:** Juliette Held, Laura Bishoff, Ian Rupprecht, Drew Yelton, Peyton Whittle & Mrs. Lynn Abplanalp.

OCTOBER EVENTS AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday, October 4 12:00 noon
Blessing of the Animals—bring your animals and gather around the Celtic Cross for a brief service of Blessing and Thanksgiving.

Friday, October 9 7:00 p.m.
Let's go to the movies!
Madagascar, Escape 2 Africa

Sunday, October 18 10:00 a.m.
Trinity celebrates its 190th Anniversary with a celebratory eucharist followed by a chicken barbeque at 11:30 a.m.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS



The school year is off to a great start. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Parents' Club Orientation meeting and showed their support. The Parents' Club is still looking for a chairperson for Artware which will take place in the spring. The Sally Foster fundraiser is winding down and I know everyone will be set for wrapping paper this holiday season. This is a big fundraiser as we get 50% of every order.

Online ordering is easy at www.sallyfoster.com. Also please keep an eye out for the Box Tops for Education symbol found on many products including: Ziploc, General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker, Kleenex and many more. This project runs all year and is simple as cutting out the Box Top and putting it in the designated collection boxes located around the school. A fun BoxTops collection sheet is attached to this newsletter. Our biggest fund raiser of the year is the spring Silent Auction. Please take a few minutes to read the attached information regarding the Silent Auction and committee sign up sheet.

The Ice Cream Social was a fun night for both children and parents alike. As we look ahead, I know the Book Fair and Spaghetti Dinner will also be huge successes.

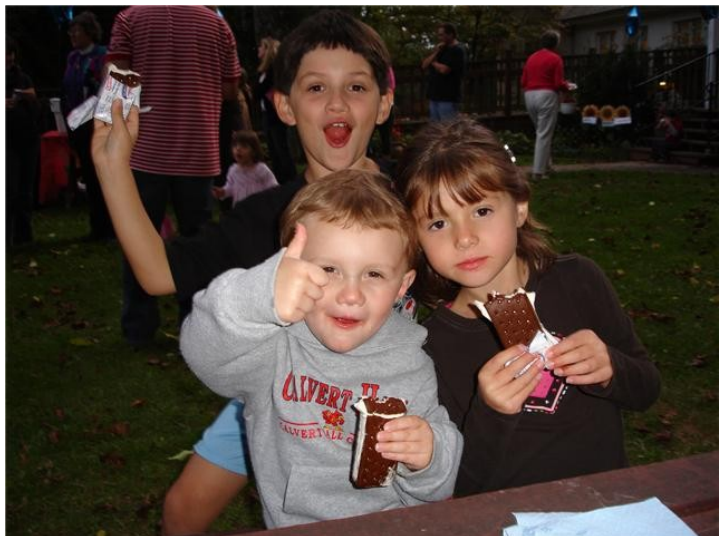
Thanks for all of your support so far, we all know that parent involvement is so important in a child's education.

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Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the annual TCDS Scholastic Book Fair beginning Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 6. This is a great way to encourage reading with your child and support Trinity at the same time. You can shop each day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and during the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a large selection of children's books, so plan to get a head start on your Christmas shopping! If you would like to volunteer to help sell books, please contact Kathleen Becker at thebeckers7@verizon.net.



Family Fun at the Ice Cream Social



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TRINITY'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009