



Tiny Tales



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

MARCH 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parents,



It is difficult to believe as we put on winter coats and hats that spring will officially arrive in a matter of three short weeks. Even though our playground is still buried in snow, if you look around carefully you will find signs of the changing seasons. Tulips and sunflowers are in abundance in all the flower shops and grocery stores and our days are getting longer. Jonquils are beginning to peek up through the ground. Before we know it, the sun will shine warmer and the children will be out running around the playground once more and the cold, snowy winter will be a distant memory.

There is excitement in the air as the countdown to our fourth Silent Auction begins. Thanks to Lisa Carroll, Jennifer Rommel and all of our other volunteers, the night promises to be a tremendous success. As you walk down the hall, I'm sure you have noticed that the office is filled with many of the fantastic items that will be offered for auction at the Long Green Gardens on Friday, March 5. There is an abundance of items that will appeal to just about everyone: sports items for the guys, a day at a spa for the ladies, zoo passes for the children and family vacation spots, just to name a few. If you haven't reserved your tickets yet, please stop by the office. Also, please feel free to invite friends and neighbor. It will be a great opportunity to socialize with other Trinity families, alumni and past and present staff while enjoying delicious food, great music and lots of fantastic auction items. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Registration went very well this year. There are a few openings still available, so if you know anyone who is looking for a school for next year, please have them call the office. Everyone should have received their enrollment agreement for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have not, please check with the office. **Remember, in order to guarantee your child's placement we must have the signed enrollment agreement and the first tuition payment in the office by Thursday, April 1.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our Easter chapel service is scheduled to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31. As always, we invite all of our families to join us for this service. **Unlike Christmas and Thanksgiving there will be just one chapel service for Easter.** Plan to arrive at school at 9:45 a.m. Children will be dismissed immediately following the service for Easter break. **There is no extended day on March 31.** School will reopen on Monday, April 12.

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We are now accepting applications for summer camp. The program entitled, "God's Amazing Creatures" will focus on the world of animals. Group discussions, story time, hands-on science activities, singing, movement, and outdoor activities will be incorporated into the camp day. Each week will feature a different animal theme. Camp is open to the community for all children ages 3—8, so please pass the word to your friends and neighbors. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to provide your child with a great summer learning opportunity.

The saying, "Time passes quickly when you are having fun", definitely holds true for the children in the school this month. It is very evident that the children are having fun at home reading up a storm for our reading program. The ice cream cones next to all the classrooms are getting taller and taller by the day. It's hard to believe that the children have completed the first month of Trinity's "Read to Me" reading program and have all been treated to an ice cream party in their classrooms. At the end of March, which is the last month of the reading program, all the children will receive a gift book and a bookmark from the school. The staff and I are so appreciative of the work that you are doing at home with your children. By spending time reading to your child every day you will instill in them a love of reading, enabling them to become life long learners.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the office. Our door is always open. Once again, don't forget to reserve your ticket(s) for the Silent Auction, just stop by or call the office. I look forward to seeing you there!
Sincerely,
Lynn

*Trinity Church Day School
Easter Chapel Service
Wednesday, March 31, 2010*



Arrival at 9:45 a.m.

Chapel begins at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Jessica's Monday and Tu/Th classes are invited to come to chapel at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Jessica's W/F class will arrive at 9:00 for their Easter party and walk to chapel as a group at 10:00 a.m. Tu/Th and M/W/F three year old children and their parents will meet their teacher in the classroom and walk to chapel together. Parents of four year olds may drop their child off in the classroom at 9:45 and go straight to church.

Dismissal is immediately following the service. There is NO morning or afternoon extended care on Wednesday, March 31.

FROM OUR RECTOR

March is supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. This year the lion part has certainly been true with below normal temperatures, high winds, and continued forecasts of wintry weather yet to come. I hope the lamb part comes true! That would mean calm and pleasant weather for Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter. We shall see.

Whatever the weather, during the next several weeks, the children will be learning songs for Easter chapel. No doubt some of those songs will lead to questions as to the events we celebrate from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. To help you answer those questions, Trinity Church invites you to bring your whole family to the Mystery Walk on March 22, at either 5 or 5:30 p.m.



The Mystery Walk tells the story of Good Friday through Easter morning in a child-friendly way. We move from room to room, and finally into the church, stopping along the way to hear a bit of the story. At each location, the children receive a token to remember that part of the story, for example, they will receive a small stone to remind them of the stone that closed off Jesus's tomb. The tokens are placed in a bag along with a card that explains the meaning of each so that you and your children can re-tell the story of Easter in the days leading up to Easter.

I hope that you come to our Mystery Walk and teach your children that Easter is about more than bunnies, eggs and candy.

Dr. Fran +

MUSIC NOTES

In music class this month, we sang songs about the Ground Hog, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, *snow*, icicles, and... *more snow!* The students especially enjoyed the "Snowkey Pokey".

We missed Wednesday Chapel twice because of inclement weather. Ms. Amy's class learned and shared a song with rhythm sticks, "We Love Because God First Loved Us", and all the 3's sang "Jesus Loves the Little Children". All the classes (except 2's) have learned at least one Easter hymn—many with signs.

The 2's classes are learning to sing and sign the hymn, "Loving One Another", and they have also been singing nursery rhymes.

All the classes, except the 2's, are rehearsing Mother Goose songs, finger plays, and dances to share with parents sometime in the spring. More details later, but you can look forward to each class performing a rhythm stick chorus line, and Ms. Danielle's class will be our Mother Goose Cheerleaders! The children seem to be enjoying this.

In March, we will be very busy preparing songs for Easter Chapel and learning songs about St. Patrick's Day, rainbows (colors) and spring.

Mark your calendars: Easter Chapel is Wednesday, March 31st. There is one service at 10:00 a.m. Plan to arrive at school at 9:45 a.m.

Musically,
Sue Cusick

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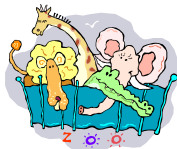
Throughout Lent Trinity Church and Trinity Church Day School are collecting change to help Holy Trinity School in Haiti recover from the earthquake. Teaching our children to help others by donating a bit of change (the cost of a treat, for example) develops their sense of compassion and connection with people who are not like them. Collection jars are located outside each classroom so that you can have your child drop a few coins in every time they come to school. Thanks for giving Hope to Haiti.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our Trinity friends who celebrate birthdays in **March:**

Caitlyn Rupprecht, Mrs. Debbie Young, Mrs. Kelley Jo Ryan, Anna Madairy, Mrs. Vicky Presley, Peyton Miller, Ty Bleach, Trevor Simmons, & Campbell Bowman.

TRINITY SUMMER NATURE CAMP
"GOD'S AMAZING CREATURES"



AGES 3—8

Weekly sessions from June 14—August 6
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
After camp care until 5:30

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS are attached. Orders are due by Monday, March 15. Please make checks payable to **Scholastic.**

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

It's hard to believe March is already upon us. February passed in a flash and spring will be here in the blink of an eye. March presents another fun-filled, busy month at Extended Day. Come join us for exciting activities, green crafts and Easter stories. The St. Patrick's Day celebration will be on March 17th. And our Easter tea party will be on March 24th. Don't miss out on the fun!



PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

It appears our dear Groundhog Phil was right when he predicted six more weeks of winter. I know we are all anxious for some warm weather and would love to be relaxing on the beach somewhere. How does a getaway to Bethany Beach or Ocean City sound? Want to take the family on a Florida vacation? Or how about an exotic trip to Costa Rica? These are some of the wonderful donated auction items available at our Silent Auction on Friday, March 5th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. You can find a list of some of the items on Trinity's website. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we hope you consider joining us to help support Trinity and make it a huge success.

A special thank you to Christy Bleach for collecting and submitting Box Tops for our school. Our next fundraiser is Artware. This is a great way to show off your child's artistic abilities! More information will be sent home after Easter Break.

Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Kate Matulonis Anjie Henry

TCDS EVENT OF THE YEAR

The Silent Auction is Here!
Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of friends, food, drink, dancing and fabulous auction items!

Wonderful vacation homes

Sports memorabilia

Kids packages

Jewelry

Event tickets

Restaurants

Gym and Spa packages

Door Prizes & 50/50 raffle

And much, much more!

Tickets are going fast at just \$30

Make your reservations NOW!

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Or call the school @410-592-7423

Checks payable to TCDS Parents' Club

We look forward to seeing you there!



