



# Tiny Tales



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2011



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parents,

Thursday, 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 be packing away our shorts and sandals and taking out sweaters and jackets. Colorful leaves, apples, pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns will be seen everywhere. 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 and movement classes, chapel and library have begun and the children have settled into comfortable routines. It was wonderful chatting with so many people on Friday night at the Parents' Club Ice Cream Social. The weather was perfect and the ice cream yummy. The Parent Orientation meetings were well attended. Our Parents' Club officers are thrilled that each of the fundraising events scheduled for this year have a chairperson. There is still time to volunteer to help with any or all of the events. If you were unable to attend one of the Parent Orientation meetings, please contact Kara Minoglio, Anne-Stewart Beauvois or Amy Taylor.

A packet of information about the Parents' Club's first fundraiser, the Sally Foster Cookie Dough sale will be coming home shortly. They offer a wonderful variety of cookies to choose from and whether you purchase the tubs of cookie dough or the individually prepared cookies, it is a simple and delicious way to impress your friends and family during the holiday season. Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Friday, November 4 and the Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, October 31 through Friday, November 4. More information about both events will be coming home shortly.

**Back-to-School Night** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. with teacher introductions. Dr. Fran will talk to you about our weekly chapel service, Diane Pierce, President of the School Board will share a few thoughts with you, Sue Cusick, our music specialist, will discuss the importance of music and movement in Early Childhood and I will speak briefly about the importance of reading to your child. Classroom visitations will follow concluding around 8:30 p.m.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**

*(From the Director's Desk—cont.)*

This is such a busy time of year in school. There are several important events taking place I would like to highlight for you. The three and four year olds will be going on fall field trips this month. On Monday, October 17 the 3's will travel to ROHA Farms and on Monday, October 24 the 4's will be visiting Cromwell Valley Park. Our good friend Mrs. Schuette will return to Trinity to perform her Halloween puppet show for the children. The puppet show will take place on Monday, October 31 at 11:30. The two-year-olds are invited to join us on Monday in the multi-purpose room for the Halloween puppet show

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 through October 15. The Long Green Fire Department will be visiting Trinity on Wednesday, October 12. The children will get a close up look at a fire truck and all the special equipment that a firefighter uses. We will have a practice fire drill before the visit from the fire department and our first official fire drill on the 12th. Please discuss with your child/children the importance of **practicing** the proper way to exit a building whether home or school in case of fire. It is also important to show children how to dial 911 so they are able to call for help in case of an emergency.

Attached to the September newsletter was a survey entitled, Title 1 Participating Nonpublic Schools Family Survey. The school will need these completed forms on file in the office as part of the application process for the Non-Public School Textbook Grant. Last year Trinity received over \$40 per student from this grant to use for classroom materials and library books. Please return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your form we have extras in the office.

Last year we started sending home Friday Updates via email. With everyone's busy schedules we felt that these updates would help to keep you informed about upcoming events and happenings at school. If you have not been receiving our weekly email updates please let us know, we may not have your correct email address.

As a reminder to all, the fenced-in area at the top of the playground is designated for our two-year-olds. If you are using the playground after school please refrain from allowing older children in this area. While on the subject of the playground, our school's policy is that children wearing flip-flops, backless shoes or crocs will not be able to participate in outdoor playtime. Running and climbing with these types of shoes is unsafe. The best footwear for young children to wear at school is a tennis shoe or any rubber soled shoe that is tied or fastened with Velcro. Please take this into consideration when getting your child dressed for school. With the change of weather, the cold and flu season will soon be upon us. Please refer to our Parent Handbook to read the school's policy regarding illnesses. Remember also your child's change of clothing that is stored in their cubby needs to be switched from short to long sleeve shirts and pants.

Beginning this month we will be adding a new section to our newsletter entitled "The Teacher's Corner". Each month one of our teachers will be writing an article that will address a topic focusing on early childhood development. Our hope is that these articles will be of interest to you and perhaps a helpful resource.

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



## **FROM OUR RECTOR:**

Autumn has arrived. The autumnal equinox has come and gone, meaning fewer minutes of daylight each day. The weather has begun to cool. Some trees, shrubs and vines have already changed color, hinting at fall colors yet to come. Corn stalks have dried, if they have not already been harvested. We are surrounded by signs of seasonal change. As much as I love spring, as the world comes to life again after a long cold winter, I may love autumn even more. So many pleasant memories from childhood are fall memories: gathering and pressing colorful leaves, jumping into piles of leaves, carving jack-o-lanterns, planning Halloween costumes and anticipating trick-or-treat. One relatively new set of memories has come from a fall event as well - The Blessing of the Animals. Typically held on or near St. Francis' Day (Oct. 4), this event allows us to give thanks for the important role animals make in our lives. Trinity will host its annual Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 2 at noon by the Celtic Cross on the Manor Rd. side of the church. Bring your pets or animals to be blessed. The service will be informal and short. If your animal doesn't travel well, you may bring a photo or stuffed surrogate. Please join us and build fall memories with your children.



Blessings,

Fran+

## **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 the M/W/F classes. Tuesday is library day for the five day three's and four'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".



Remember to check out our *Parent Library* located outside of the children's library room.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to our Trinity friends who celebrated birthdays in

**September:** Collin Fitzell, Alana Finn, Ella Clark, Jacob Frank, Michael Waite, Greg Butcher, Mrs. Sandra Lancraft, Mrs. Lizzie Radebaugh, Mrs. Laura Fertitta, Ross Trawinski, and Nicholas Stewart.



**And...**to our friends celebrating in **October:** Juliette Held, Mrs. Lynn Abplanalp, Colin McDonough, Ian Rupprecht, Brianna Wiseman, Reed Angeles, Cami Grimes, and Eden Dickerson.

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

## 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 ninth year teaching music at Trinity. I also teach creative movement classes. My degree is in Music Education, and I really enjoy working with preschool age children. I want to stress the importance of music/movement in early childhood curriculums – please see attachment.

Music classes are on Wednesday and Thursday. Ms. Kelley Jo's and Ms. Danielle's classes have music two times each week; all the other classes have music once a week. Movement class is on Friday – usually alternating with Ms. Deb's yoga classes. **Note:** On Fridays, please dress your children appropriately for movement – no sandals or open-toe or open heel shoes, no boots, no long dresses or skirts, no jewelry.

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, we had our first Chapel with Dr. Fran, and Mrs. Kelley-Jo's class sang a very upbeat hymn, "If You Can Sing A Song"....ask the children to tell you about the body movements for the song!

The four-year-old classes made music using rhythm instruments, voices, and hand/body movements to the song, "I Am A Fine Musician", and to a poem, "There Was An Old Singer Called Fred". We had a lot of fun while learning the rules for the instruments and practicing as part of an ensemble.

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.? I read the book, Franklin's Music Lessons, to the three's classes, and we practiced singing and playing rhythm instruments. Just like Franklin's class, we sang and played "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and practiced starting and stopping at the exact same time. (Quite a challenge for young children!)

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) a hymn which we will share with Dr. Fran during a future Chapel. During each class, children participated in a "listening" activity such as, "Shake Your Sillies Out" or "Let Everyone", 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,

Ms. Sue



**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 classrooms. October book orders are due on Friday, October 14. Make checks payable to: Scholastic.

**LAST CHANCE!** There are a limited number of 2011 Entertainment Books still available for only \$5. Many of the coupons expire November 1, however, there are several major retailer coupons that are good through the end of the year. If you are doing early Christmas shopping you can save a considerable amount of money with these coupons. See Martha or Lynn in the school office to purchase a book.

### **EXTENDED DAY NEWS**



Extended Day is available Monday—Friday from 8—9 a.m. and 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m. for all students who are at least three years of age and potty trained. The Extended Day bulletin board is located in the library hallway. Sign up sheets are posted monthly. Come join us in October for fall festivities. There will be stories, songs and fun fall craft projects. Wednesdays are our “Tea Party” afternoons with Mrs. Woodie. Don’t miss out on the fun!

*Mrs. Vicky, Mrs. Woodie, & Mrs. Mary Lou*

## **NEWS FROM TRINITY CHURCH**



Tickets are on sale NOW for Trinity Church’s Fall Festival Art Auction, Saturday, October 15. Please join us for an exciting evening featuring wine, cheese, hors d’oeuvres, desserts and coffee. There will also be a jazz combo during the preview 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. The auction will begin at 8:00 p.m. Purchases made through the website <http://marlinart.com> will also be credited to Trinity Church. Just enter the Trinity Church code #20096 upon check out. Admission to this exciting evening is just \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased in the church or day school office.

Movie Nights will take place on the third Friday of each month beginning in October. Due to technical problems in September, the featured movie on October 21 is **Tangled**. The movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Trinity Church’s annual Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar to be held Saturday, December 3rd. This is always a fun event featuring crafts, wonderful gift baskets, holiday greens, a delicious lunch and of course, Santa!

## PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

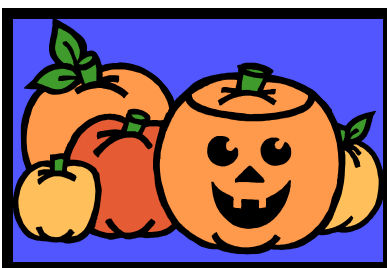
Dear Parents,

Another school year is underway and the Parents' Club is in full swing! Thanks to everyone who attended the Ice Cream Social. It was great to see familiar faces and to meet new families as well. The children loved adding candy to their ice cream sandwiches and playing with their new (and old) friends! A great time was had by all!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Orientation meetings. We have lots of activities planned for the year. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to chair events and help out. Your help is truly appreciated! If you have not signed up to volunteer for a fundraiser, please consider donating your time to help out. A yellow committee sign up sheet was distributed last week. If you need an extra sheet, stop by the office. Your help is needed to make these events a success! We are looking forward to a wonderful year at Trinity.

TCDS's Cookie Dough fundraiser will begin October 3 and run through October 21. The cookies are very tasty and great to have around for the holidays, or as a spur of the moment treat! They can be frozen, thawed and re-frozen. The delivery date will be November 21, just in time for the holidays! Please join us in raising funds for TCDS!

Thanks to all who returned the fun, BoxTops for Education collection sheet. Make your child a BoxTops detective—they are on so many products! A fun, Halloween collection sheet is attached to this newsletter. Our first submission is due at the end of October. Last year we earned \$95 with our first submission.



Let's try to beat last year's amount!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday, October 31 and run through Friday, November 4. This is a great way to encourage reading with your child and support Trinity at the same time. You can shop each day at drop off and pick up time and during the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 Diane Waite (Diane.Waite@me.com) or Linda Kelly (ldsk@comcast.net).

Mark your calendars for our annual Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, November 4. This is a wonderful family event. Please plan to join us!

## Parents' Club News (cont.)

Ready, Set, Go! The race is on to Trinity's Silent Auction. The Silent Auction, which will be held in March 2012, is Trinity's largest fundraiser. It is held every other year and requires a consummate amount of work - and that work starts now! The Silent Auction committee will need people-power in order to perform the necessary tasks that will go into making our event a successful one. As with any Silent Auction, assistance is needed in obtaining donations, in the form of gift certificates or tangible items, as well as sponsors who are willing to donate monetary contributions. Don't worry if you are not the "type" to feel comfortable asking for solicitations, there is still a spot where you can help. There are also volunteers needed for other tasks, including sending thank you letters, addressing envelopes, and assisting on the day of the event. A volunteer sheet has been sent home and we hope that you will consider lending a hand to the event to make it a success. Packets containing the forms for both donation requests and sponsorships have also been distributed. We hope that you will consider asking any businesses that you regularly patron or businesses owned by friends or family if they would consider supporting this important event. Additional forms are located on the small table under the school news bulletin board and on Trinity's website. Any questions, please feel free to contact one of the co-chairs, Marisa Kleinschmidt or Nancy DiRocco, at the following email addresses: [giselle1112@yahoo.com](mailto:giselle1112@yahoo.com) or [ndirocco2@gmail.com](mailto:ndirocco2@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!



### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 Cookie Dough fundraiser begins
- 4 Back to School Night 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Trinity Church Art Auction 7:00 p.m.
- 17 M/W/F 3's to ROHA Farm
- 18 5 day 3's to ROHA Farm
- 24 Four year olds to Cromwell Valley Park
- 27 Tiny Wonders program for 2's
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- 31 Halloween puppet show 11:30 a.m.
- 31 Scholastic Book fair begins