



TINY TALES



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

April, 2017

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK:

“ 'Sometimes,' said Pooh, 'the smallest things take up the most room in your heart' .”
— A.A. Milne

Dear TCDS Families,

Spring is finally here, bringing with it warmer weather and longer days of sunshine. All of our Angels will be talking about the many signs of Spring, so please help them to explore outside and find the new life that this season brings to our environment. Hopefully the weather will allow us to take nature walks, plant seeds, and begin to learn how we can take care of nature. It is important that our children know they should be kind and loving friends to the Earth as well!

Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Days were a giant success again this year as we celebrated with about 130 visitors over the two days. Your little ones were so delighted to share their space and their school experience with these visitors and I was very happy to meet people who are such an important part of the children's lives. It was an absolute joy to have them here for the day.

Congratulations to all the children for completing the first month of our Read-To-Me program. The balloons are beginning to take over the hallways and we are delighted to see how much our students are reading! New balloons for the month of April are coming home this week; please see us in the office if you need additional copies.

There are many special events taking place this month at Trinity. Take a look at what we have going on:



- April 3: 4's trip to Goucher College to see "Rainbow Fish"
- April 7: Easter Chapel
- April 8-April 17: Spring Break
- April 18: School Reopens
- April 24 & 25: Class Photos
- April 25: Towson University Art Day
- April 26: 4's trip to Cromwell Valley Park
- April 30: TCDS Sunday



In preparation for Easter, our 4's classes will participate in a "Mystery Walk" with Dr. Fran. This special activity explains why we celebrate Easter in a very gentle and child-friendly manner. Mrs. Nicole's class will participate on Tuesday, April 4 and Mrs. Jamie's class will participate on Wednesday, April 5. If you would like more information about the "Mystery Walk", please see me in the office.

The children have been practicing their special songs for Easter Chapel on Friday, April 7. Please see the schedule below:

9:15 Arrival, 9:30 Chapel:

Mrs. Laurie
Mrs. Jamie

10:15 Arrival, 10:30 Chapel:

Mrs. Debbie
Mrs. Marcie
Mrs. Nicole



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FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK *continued:*

As with all other special chapels, the Easter Chapel service will be the only activity for this day. There will be no other classes on April 7; in addition, there will be no morning care or Extended Day afternoon classes. Please drop your child off in his/her classroom by the arrival time listed above and then proceed to the chapel to find a seat. Your child will sit with their class during the service and will be dismissed to their families outside of the church following the service. Our 2's students are invited to attend either service with their families. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your enrollment agreement for the 2017-2018 school year is due back by April 1st. If we have not yet received your Enrollment Agreement and first tuition payment, please contact us in the office ASAP. If we do not receive these in a timely fashion, we will have to look at placing students currently on the waitlist(s). We still have some openings in a few of our classes, so please pass our information on to friends and neighbors who are looking for a preschool for their child.

As the days grow longer and warmer, I realize that many parents would like to stay and enjoy the playground while the children play. If you choose to use the playground, it is important to follow the rules posted and know where your child is at all times. According to our handbook, for your child's safety, any child wearing flip-flops, backless shoes, or "Crocs" will not be permitted to play on the playground. In order to ensure the safety of ALL of our students, we are asking that you leave the playground by 12:30 in order to make room for our Extended Day and Enrichment students. If you would like to have a picnic lunch, please use the picnic tables located *outside* of the fence.

We are currently accepting applications for our summer program. The class lists for the different sessions are posted in the school lobby. Don't miss out on all the fun! Register your child now so they can spend a few weeks this summer with our fabulous staff exploring the outdoors, playing games, enjoying sprinkler day, creating special snacks, listening to Bible stories, and making new friends. Remember the savings coupon for summer camp available on our website expires on May 1st.

We are so excited to welcome Spring 2017 with you. Please stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns, or just to say hello!

Take care,
Chrissy



TEACHERS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS!

(things they never thought they'd hear themselves say)

- * "No dancing on the pole!"
- * "Please don't put the babies in the microwave and cook them!"
- "Please don't hit him with your pickle!"
- * "Stop licking the floor!"



Mulch Madness

Where: Trinity Playground
When: Sunday, April 9 at 1:00
Who: ANYONE who is willing to help!
Why: Spread mulch to ensure the safety of our children

****Please bring a rake, a shovel, and a wheelbarrow (if you have one!)****



FROM OUR RECTOR:

As the physical world around us springs back into life, the church celebrates the Resurrection. Had Jesus only been crucified, died and buried, there would have been no church, and no Christianity. Jesus might have been remembered as a great teacher, his followers might have recorded his teachings, and even passed them on to subsequent generations. But without the resurrection, he would have been but one among many.

The church claims, however, that God did not allow Jesus to remain in the tomb. God raised Jesus from the dead, the first to experience resurrection, not resuscitation. The body Jesus had after the resurrection was both like and unlike the body that had died on the cross, even as an oak differs from an acorn, a tulip from a bulb. Moreover, God promises that even as Jesus was raised, so shall we all be raised, so shall we all have new life beyond the grave. This is the Christian Hope, the central belief of Christianity.

As you and your children enjoy egg hunts, jelly beans and chocolates, as you and your family enjoy the world coming back to life around us, as daffodils, tulips and trees send forth their blooms, and lambs frolic in the fields, remember the central message of the church: Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Dr. Fran



Please join us for:
TCDS SUNDAY

As the church celebrates
the **DAY SCHOOL!**

April 30, 2017
10:00 am



Trinity Church invites all TCDS families to join us for TCDS Sunday, April 30, at 10 a.m. During the worship service, the children will sing one or two of their Easter Chapel songs. Following the service, all are invited to a special service in the parish hall where each student will receive a small gift of thanks from Trinity Church. Hope to see you there.

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

Spring is here and we at Extended Day are very happy to see it. Trees are budding, flowers blooming and the windows will be opened to let in the fresh Spring air. The shed will once again be open to bring out the riding and sand toys for the children to enjoy. Fun, colorful Easter crafts and stories are planned.

Our Easter celebration will be on
Tuesday, April 4th.
Sign up today! We would love to see you!

Mrs. Vicky,
Ms. Mindy,
Ms. Olivia



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our Trinity friends celebrating birthday in April:

Quinn Morris
Clara Cantrell
Lilyana Barrueto
The Rev. Dr. Fran Stanford
Henry Cook
Ms. Lisa Fitzell
Trevor Shellhamer
Andrew Norberg.

MUSIC NOTES

St. Patrick's Day, leprechauns, rainbows, Easter Bunnies, Easter eggs... we certainly had a lot to sing about and lots of reasons to make music in March. We especially enjoyed Grandparents Day and getting to sing and dance with our special visitors. The rainbow kites and leprechaun gold games were favorites in March movement classes.

The 3's and 4's were busy practicing for Easter Chapel and for our spring musicals. The children have worked extremely hard preparing this special musical celebration, Trinity's Musical Calendar, and are looking forward to singing and dancing for you. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! The Musical Schedules are listed below.

After Spring Break, all classes will be learning songs about springtime, and the 3's and 4's classes will continue to rehearse songs for the musicals.

♪ Also, Sunday, April 30, Trinity students are invited to sing during the church's 10 a.m. worship service. I want to personally invite all the children to come and sing with me!

Musically,

Ms. Sue



TCDS' UPCOMING MUSICAL CALENDAR



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special musical event!

Wednesday, May 10: 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Jamie's Class

Thursday, May 11: 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Nicole's Class

Wednesday, May 10: 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Marcie's Class

Ms. Debbie's Class

Thursday, May 11: 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Laurie's Class

Ms. Debbie's Class

Mrs. Marcie's Message:

3's News:

We got a kick out of the Leprechauns turning over all of the chairs and leaving some gold coins under the rainbows on St. Patty's Day. We are also so excited about spring crafts and plan to start some tomato plants from seeds soon.



PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

Happy Spring!!!! This is one of the most beautiful times of the year with all the new life “springing up” around us...baby animals are being born...flowers and leaves are beginning to bloom and grow...what a great time of year! With warmer weather headed our way, our Trinity Angels will begin to use the playground more frequently. Please take a moment to pick up any sticks you may see as you chat with other parents and throw them over the fence. The garden club and playground committee should receive an email soon about planning and executing. If you are interested in helping in the gardens or on the playground, please let Laura or Chrissy know in the office or email Jen Collins (jen.ch.collins@gmail.com). On another note, the Parents Club is asking for help with spreading mulch around the playground. “Mulch Madness” will take place on Sunday, April 9 at 1pm. If you are able to help on this day, bring a rake, pitch fork, gloves, wheelbarrow, etc. Please sign up on the parents’ Club bulletin board in the lobby so we know who to expect! Kids are welcome and really have a great time helping to spruce up their playground. If you have any questions, please ask! Hope to see you there!

The Bull Roast was an amazing event with tremendous support from the Church, Community, and our Trinity Families! Thank you to everyone who attended, played a game, bought a raffle ticket, Chinese auction ticket, or bid on items. The night was a huge success raising \$16,424!!!! This money will be used, in part, to fulfill teacher wish lists and to make improvements to our aging building. The Parents Club will work closely with the Day School to ensure the money raised by the Parents Club will benefit our Angels! Thank you again to Christine & Brian Gosnell and Lindsay & Tom Cunningham for co-chairing this event, to Chrissy & Laura for their endless support, to Kristen Deford for typing up the program and item sheets, to Michelle Semian for running around during the event and keeping the money straight, to Jennifer Runde for creating the beautiful decorations, and to the many parents (you know who you are) who solicited donations, helped create the baskets, set up and cleaned up, and volunteered at the event itself. Without everyone’s support, the Bull Roast would not have been such an amazing and successful event! THANK YOU!!!!

SilverGraphics order forms should have come home in your child’s folder last week! Your child’s artwork is on the front page of the order form and there are sample items in the lobby for you to check out. If you are interested in having a photo or another piece of artwork (maybe an older child’s artwork) placed on one of the many available products, there are blank order forms you can use to submit this request. Blank order forms were attached to the March 24th Friday update or will be available in the lobby with the sample products. When ordering products with your child’s Trinity artwork, you may use the paper order forms sent home or you may order online. Paper orders are due Tuesday, April 4 and online orders are due Wednesday, April 5. Products will arrive in time for Mother’s Day. If there are any questions, please contact Jen Collins (jen.ch.collins@gmail.com).

The Parents’ Club is looking for officers for next school year!!!! Please consider being the President or Vice-President! Please see or email Jen Collins if you want to know what is involved for either of these positions. Thank you to the many individuals who have already agreed to chair our fundraisers next school year. Your help is always appreciated and is very much in need.

Upcoming events:

* Restaurant Night: April/May...after spring break...date and place to be determined.

* Don’t forget to send in your BoxTops. This program runs all year long and is an easy way to contribute to TCDS. We have raised \$208 so far this school year. Let’s try to double that money by the end of the school year!! Look for donation boxes and information in the lobby!!

Enjoy your Spring Break and time with your Trinity Angel!



Jen Collins, Parents’ Club President

Jody Dengler, Parents’ Club Vice President

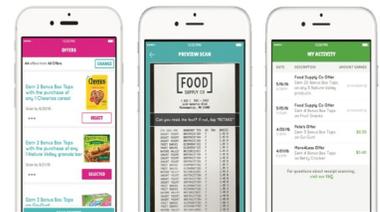
Michelle Semian, Parents’ Club Treasurer



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