



Easter Preschool Noteworthy News

*Providing a quality educational experience for preschool
Children in a Christian context and gentle living environment*

July, 2018



From the Director ...

In Emily Plank's book, *Discovering the Culture of Childhood*, she challenges the reader to look at childhood as a separate culture from adulthood. Educators and parents are encouraged to focus on the here and now, instead of expecting children to learn to behave as if they were mini-adults. Plank also questions why society doesn't trust the abundance of research that proves PIAy is the way to create a meaningful foundation for children. My summer reading has given me greater enthusiasm for the start of our 25th year of preschool! You will be hearing more about this book and Easter Preschool's philosophy on PIAy-based learning through out the course of the year.

Before we can have all the fun, we have to start with the boring part... rules and paperwork!

You will receive a newsletter, once a month, that includes information from the Director and teachers regarding upcoming events. Please find a time to read through the information. We try to keep it short and informative!

This newsletter provides information about the start of school and the paperwork required for enrollment. All paperwork is kept in your child's file and is treated as confidential material. Permission to share information must be granted on a case by case basis.

The first month's tuition is due August 1, unless you've chosen a different date for auto-withdrawal. You may drop off paperwork anytime between now and the first day of school.

Happy summer!

-- Alicia

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Parent Evening

An informational meeting for parents is scheduled on Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to the teachers, highlight important information for the start of school and collect paperwork. This meeting is for parents only. Please have your doctor, dentist and emergency contact numbers with you to complete the paperwork.

Important Forms to be Returned

Following is a brief description of the forms to be returned on or before the night of the parent meeting. The forms can be found under News and Forms on the website. (easterpreschool.org) No information will be shared, unless special permission has been granted.

Health Summary (unless there is a current one on file) - Each child must have this on file no later than 30 days after admission. The form **MUST** be signed by your physician. If your child has allergies or asthma that requires special treatment, a care plan must be filled out by your child's physician. A care plan form is available on the website, by calling me or may be obtained at the doctor's office.

Immunization Record (unless there is a current one on file) - This information must be on file the day your child begins preschool, as required by licensing. You may fill it out or have your physician do so. If your child has not had the varicella shot, but has had the disease, a doctor's signature is required along with the date of disease.

Kid Questionnaire - Please take some time to fill this out and add a picture. It helps us to know something about your child when he/she walks in the door. We'll also be using the children's interests to create our themes!

Permission Form - A variety of permissions needing to be granted. The question about those who are authorized to see health records is your opportunity to request one teacher, the director or the staff of Easter Preschool to have access to the health records along with parent's names.

Auto-Withdrawal for Tuition Payments (due July 20)

Simply Giving is an opportunity to pay your tuition fees electronically. More information and the enrollment form are on the website at easterpreschool.org. Once filled out, please mail the form, with a cancelled check, to Easter Preschool, 4200 Pilot Knob Rd., Eagan, MN 55122. The enrollment form should be returned by July 20, in order to process the request for withdrawal. There is an opportunity to enroll after the first payment is due. If you've been enrolled in previous years, and your account numbers are the same, simply let me know you'd like to continue with auto-withdrawal before July 20. I don't need any further paperwork. We encourage you to use this program, as it is the most convenient way to make tuition payments.

September Tuition is Due August 1

Tuition for the month of September is due on August 1. Please may mail your payment to Easter Preschool, 4200 Pilot Knob Rd., Eagan, MN 55122 or place it in the blue mail slot near the preschool doors. If I do not receive payment on or before August 1, I will assume the spot is open for someone else. Tuition costs are \$135 per month for the two-day session, \$168 per month for the three-day session, and \$198 per month for the four-day session. Remember - you will not have a tuition payment due on May 1 as tuition will be paid one month in advance!

Round-Up for Tuition Assistance

Traditionally, we have asked families to round-up their tuition payments to help our tuition assistance fund. If you are willing to round-up from your monthly amount, the money will go to help families needing financial help. We appreciate any amount you are willing to give to create more opportunities for kids!

Parent/Child Orientation Day

Orientation days give parents and their child an opportunity to explore the classroom together. We will run through a shortened version of our school day and answer questions you have. Since we'll have 20 children and 20, or more, adults in the classroom, we request that you make this a special day just for you and your preschooler. The dates are Thursday, September 6 for the TTH a.m. and MTWTh p.m. sessions and Friday, September 7 for the MWF a.m. and p.m. sessions. The morning sessions will meet from 10 - 11:30 and afternoon sessions will meet from 12:30 - 2 on those days.

Potty Training?

We know that children have accidents and are prepared with extra changes of clothes. Children are allowed to come in pull-ups or diapers but we aren't licensed to change diapers. If a child has a bowel movement during class, the parent will be called to come change the diaper. We encourage you to empower your child to be independent in their toileting by avoiding tough buttons, belts and tights if they are just starting the training process. Sweatpants, snaps and elastic are great solutions!

IEP (Individualized Education Plan)

If your child has an IEP (for speech or other services) through a school district or private therapy, we are required to have a copy on file. Easter Preschool is able to make a copy if you bring the original report in. All information is kept confidential.

Important Dates

Important Dates throughout the school year will be posted on the "News and Forms" tab of the Easter Preschool website (easterpreschool.org). These dates include school days off, field trip days and special events.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is offered Monday through Friday from 11:45 - 1:45 and on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12:30. There are separate sign-up books for the sessions. Lunch Bunch costs \$12 per session with punch cards available for \$60 & \$120. Parents provide lunch and the teachers provide more time for free play, large motor activity and a story in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Please remember to sign up one week in advance so we can provide adequate staffing.



Early Childhood Screening

Please read the following letter and contact me if you'd like to reserve a time to have your child screened at Easter Preschool. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids and their families!

Dear Parent of an Easter Preschooler,

As a parent of a preschooler you have already witnessed many milestones in your child's development: their first smile, sitting up, walking and talking. Easter Preschool in collaboration with School District 196 would like to offer you and your child the opportunity to experience another milestone in your child's development, Early Childhood Screening. . .right here at Easter Preschool!

Early Childhood Screening is mandated in Minnesota as a one time check on the health and development of young children. It includes: height, weight, a vision and hearing check, a review of immunizations and a developmental screening.

I would encourage you to think of Early Childhood Screening in the same way as well-baby check-ups of days gone by. Most parents looked forward to these times as an opportunity to note growth and share their child's development with their health care professional. Early Childhood Screening is usually a reassuring time for parents, too, as they share important information with a registered nurse and licensed teacher.

If your child has not completed Early Childhood Screening I would encourage you to take advantage of this rare opportunity to have their screening done in an environment where they are already comfortable. . .Easter Preschool!

Our Early Childhood Screening Staff look forward to meeting you and your child on November 7!

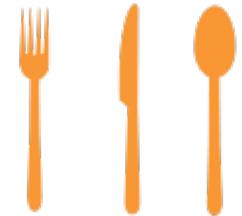
Happy Parenting!
Cheryll Johnson
Early Childhood Screening Lead



September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4 No School Teacher Inservice	5 7 p.m. Parent Meeting	6 Orientation Day 10 - 11:30 TTh am 12:30 - 2 PM WTh pm	7 Orientation Day 10 - 11:30 MWF am 12:30 - 2 PM WF pm	8
9	10 First day of school. Bring your picture page!	11 First day of school. Bring your picture page!	12	13	14	15
16	17 Lunch Bunch begins	18	19	20 7 p.m. Annual Preschool Board Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

**Alicia's summer hours vary;
however, email is checked daily.**

**Please feel free to contact Alicia
with any questions you may have -
text 651-217-8277 or email
preschool@easter.org**



**Eat with Easter Church!
Free Community Meals
Four Nights a Week!**

5:30-6:30 p.m.
Monday through Thursdays
Easter by the Lake
4545 Pilot Knob Road
(Pilot Knob & Cliff)

Join us and invite others!