



## December 2018

### 2019 - 2020 Registration

We are accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our currently enrolled children, their siblings and members of the Lake Harriet UMC have priority for registration. Applications are due no later than **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. You may include a check for the \$50 registration fee or indicate on your application that you wish to be billed on your tuition statement.

Families who are new to Lake Harriet UM Preschool who submit applications prior to **January 31, 2019** will be part of our random selection process. Please ask your friends who are interested in the preschool to visit our web site [www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org](http://www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org) for more information and an application or give us a call.

The random selection process applies only to families not currently enrolled in our program.

### *Preschool All-School Events*

In December, there are some fun all-school events scheduled. The preschoolers will be heading over to The Waters to hear stories from the senior residents. Miss Sherry will come in for music and will continue to explore the world through music. And on December 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a gingerbread hunt together! These activities are some of the most memorable for preschoolers. If you would like to come in and help in your child's classroom, please contact their teacher to coordinate. We'd love to have you!

### **Peace Coffee**

Thank you to everyone who orders fair-trade Peace Coffee through us. This month's order is due on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** and will be delivered before winter break. **This month's special: purchase 5 bags this month and get one free!** A bag or two of Peace Coffee makes a great gift! If you missed the order deadline, give us a call and we'll place a special order for you.

### **Book Orders**

The December Book Orders are due on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. We expect the books to be delivered before winter break. If you are ordering books as gifts and would like them packaged in a paper bag, please let Sue Jordan know. Each time we place an order, the Preschool is able to add to our classroom libraries. We earn extra books when you order online! Thank you for supporting literacy in our Preschool!

### **Winter Break**

Our last day of Preschool in December will be **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. We hope your break is filled with fun, family time and safe travels for everyone headed out of town.

### **Donate Winter Coats to the Dignity Center**

The weather is turning colder - and coats are needed - all sizes (note: XXL and XXXL wear is very difficult to find). You can drop off in the church office. They will be picked up and delivered to those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you again for supporting Lake Harriet UM  
Preschool!

## **SAFETY AT PRESCHOOL**

A few reminders regarding keeping children safe  
at preschool:

- Please have your child **walk** (rather than being carried) while at Preschool. This is especially important on the stairways now that we have snow and ice.
- Please keep your child(ren) off the cement steps out on the playground.
- Please send snack in the unopened, original packaging. This allows us to determine if a snack is safe for all children in the class by reading the ingredient label.
- Please do not leave children or valuables in your vehicle in the parking lot. There are occasional thefts from vehicles in the area.

## **Winter Gear & Playground Safety**

Please send outdoor clothing every day. We plan to go outside every day and will make the call whether to stay in or not, based on conditions, shortly before heading outdoors. Ask your child what 6 items they need!

We also ask that you park in the parking lot when pick up your child from the playground. **We want to minimize the use of the gate as much as possible** to keep children safe and prevent the gate from getting stuck open in these winter months.

## *Reporting Absences*

We'd like to remind you to call the Preschool to report your child's absence whether ill or for another reason. If child is ill, please give us a brief description of their symptoms. Please also let us know if your child has a contagious illness over the weekend (ie: strep throat).

## *Thanks Volunteers*

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in their child's classroom. Children take such ownership of their classroom when they are able to share it with their parents/guardians and our teachers appreciate the extra pair of hands! Look for more opportunities in your child's classroom.

Thank you to Krista for working on Peace Coffee and Amanda for helping with Scholastic Books. A special thanks to our Charlie Brown Thanksgiving & woodworking volunteers, too.

## *We Are Thankful . . .*

Thank you to those who have already donated to our non-event fundraiser! The Preschool is so appreciative of your generous support of our financial assistance program. We hope to have all donations in by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please note that your donation is tax deductible.

Our tax ID numbers are:

Federal #: 41-0705791

State #: 8355-745

## *Thanks for the Food Shelf Donations*

Thank you to everyone who donated food and other items for the Joyce Food Shelf. We contributed over **300 pounds and helped "meat" the need, meeting the goal of a month's supply of tuna!** Your enthusiastic response modeled generosity to our preschool children and made an impact in many peoples lives.

## *Enrichment Programs*

Information for the winter sessions of soccer and Spanish will be coming out this month. Please keep your eyes out for a flyer in your child's purple bag!

**facebook**

Thank you to everyone who has "liked" us on facebook. We continue to post both preschool news and interesting finds on our page. We would love to see you as a "friend"!

Find us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/lakeharrietumpreschool>

**Contact Us**

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please share them with us. You may leave us a voice mail: 612.926.8043 or email [info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org](mailto:info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org), or talk with us at school.