



## NOVEMBER 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 Tee-Shirt Tuesday!**

**Tuesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, is the first Preschool Tee Shirt Tuesday!** Seeing all of our kids together in their Green Preschool Tee Shirts makes us smile. So, for the remainder of the year, the first Tuesday of the month we have dedicated "**Preschool Tee Shirt Tuesday.**"

Please show your support of Lake Harriet UM Preschool and have your child wear their green shirts!

### **Peace Coffee & Scholastic Books**

Thank you to all who ordered Peace Coffee and Scholastic Books last month! Orders for peace coffee are due by: Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and book orders are due by Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Coffee will be billed on your next preschool statement. If books are a gift, please indicate that on your order or email Mrs. Jordan ([sjordan@lakeharrietumpreschool.org](mailto:sjordan@lakeharrietumpreschool.org)). Thanks!

### **Election Day**

Lake Harriet UM Church is a polling facility. The Preschool Doors will remain locked and the Fire Doors will be closed between the church and educational wing. Parking on Nov. 6 may be extra tricky that day, please use caution when walking to and from the preschool as there will be extra traffic.

### **Fall Conferences**

Thank you to everyone who attended conferences. We appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about how your child is adjusting to Preschool. If you were unable to attend, a written summary has been sent home. Please speak with your child's teacher if you did not receive it or if you have any questions.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING**

An Early Childhood Screening is a developmental and health check of your child. At screening, trained staff will check your child's development, hearing and vision, growth, immunizations and health history. It is recommended that all children be screened at age 3, but children can be screened at 4 or 5 as well. Early screening is recommended so that any health or learning concerns can be found early and help can be provided sooner. In Minneapolis call 612-348-8687. In other districts, contact their ECFE. Screening is required by MN state law prior to the start of public school Kindergarten.

### **Charlie Brown Thanksgiving**

We will be holding our annual all-school Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Each child will be asked to bring something for the feast or for the food shelf and your child's teacher will be looking for

volunteers to help. If your child has a food allergy, please talk with his or her teacher.

## Food Drive

During the month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Joyce Food Shelf located near Lake Street & Hennepin Avenue. A note about the most needed items was sent home. Please refer to that when making purchases and place donated items in the big blue bin located near the front entry. This is a great way to teach your child to be thankful for all you have and to share with those less fortunate.

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

Preschool will be closed the week of **November 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels for families on the road!

## Thank you...

Thank you to all of our volunteers last month! We had **many** families volunteer both in the classrooms for special events and projects. Thank you Lynsey Tjaden for taking photos for two Preschool events and also to Josh Tjaden for arranging and coming with the Minneapolis Fire Department to teach the Preschoolers about fire safety. Thank you to Hasse Family Farms for sharing Buffy, the miniature horse, Sullivan & Sebastian", the goats, Ted the rabbit and the chickens. Thank you to Catalina Luna, for helping out with the Pumpkin Patch and Petting Zoo. And also, to Sunnyside Gardens for providing pumpkins for our event!

## Halloween Festivities

Our Halloween classroom parties, costume parade and trick-o-treating are a ton of fun for the preschoolers! Sharing songs and costumes with The Waters senior residents was a highlight! Thank you to all of the LHUMC staff who help make our trick-o-treat parade a success!

*Ms. Sherry - LHUMP Music  
Specialist*

Last month, Ms. Sherry came to work with all of our preschoolers, teaching them songs and about rhythm in their classrooms. She will continue to come once or twice each month for the remainder of the year. Sherry Landrud is a member of the LHUM Preschool Board, a retired teacher, and creator of her own music curriculum that will take the students "around the world" through music.

## **Brrr... the colder weather is here**

We will be going outside every day, unless the temperature or wind-chill is dangerous. Please be sure appropriate outdoor clothing is brought to school each day.

Please label all your child's belongings including coats, hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots. It's easy for unlabeled items to be mixed up! Please check the Lost & Found near the playground doors if you are missing clothing items. Also, please try to make outdoor clothing easy for your child to put on him or herself.

If your child wears boots to school (rain or snow) **please be sure to send shoes, too**, for classroom & muscle room activities.

It's not too early to start sending hats & mittens!

## **Illness Info**

When an illness note is sent home or posted at preschool it means that a child in the preschool has contracted that illness. The child may or may not be in your child's classroom but we ask all parents/guardians to be alert for symptoms. Remember, the most effective deterrent to the spread of illness is hand-washing – ask your child to sing our hand-washing song!

## **KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN VEHICLES**

In Minnesota, three out of four child seats are used incorrectly, and many parents aren't aware of the restraint steps a child should progress through as they age and grow. A vehicle is the most dangerous place for children — and crashes are the leading killer of children under

age 14. Learn more about child passenger safety at: [www.buckleupkids.state.mn.us](http://www.buckleupkids.state.mn.us).

## **Parking Lot Safety**

Just a reminder to all families to be extra safe when coming to school & leaving the school parking lot. Especially as cold and wintry conditions are upon us, being extra mindful to drive slowly, use your lights, and make sure to have your children close at all times. Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle and use caution when using remote operated doors and starters.

## **Contact Us**

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