

October 2018

Book Orders/Coffee Orders

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Thursday, October 4th**. You may order online or return the order forms and a check to the preschool. If you'd like to order coffee, just return the order form to the Preschool by the **4th**. You will be billed for the coffee ordered and it will be delivered by the 11th.

Picture Day

A photographer from Rich Osness, the Photographers will be at Lake Harriet UM Preschool on **Thursday, October 11th**. Each preschooler will be photographed at no cost to you. If you'd like to have younger children photographed or have siblings enrolled at the preschool and would like them photographed together, please arrive at preschool at 8:50am. They will be photographed first. Prior to Thanksgiving, we should receive the pictures for you to review. You may purchase as many as you like or return the photos to us. There is no obligation to purchase. We have been very pleased with the quality of the photos in the past and are happy to offer this service to you.

Fall Break

Preschool will be closed on **Wednesday & Thursday, October 17th - 18th**.

Pumpkin Patch and Petting Zoo

On **Thursday, October 25th**, we will have a Pumpkin Patch and petting zoo at the Preschool. Each child will have the opportunity to find a pumpkin in the straw to take home and spend some time seeing a few animals from the farm. Thank you to Lynsey Tjaden for helping out that day!

Family Events / Field Trips

We are always open to your suggestions for family events at the Preschool and for interesting ideas to explore for field trips.

This year we held our open house and welcome coffee to start the school year off. We have scheduled our Annual Spring Program and Family Fun Night this Spring and Ice Cream Social for the last day of school. We have several events scheduled this month alone! The Children's Theater Field Trip, Fire Truck visit (crossing fingers ☺), and Pumpkin Patch & Petting Zoo are all coming up in the next few weeks. We also have a music specialist, Sherry Landrud (LHUMC member & Preschool Board member) to bring her developed multicultural rhythm music curriculum to the classrooms each month throughout the school year. Lake Harriet um Preschool began visiting our senior neighbors at The Waters and will continue to spend time, sing songs, and develop that relationship throughout the preschool year.

If there is an idea you would like us to consider, please share it with us!

Field Trip – The Children's Theater

On Wednesday, October 3rd, we will be taking all of the preschoolers on our first field trip to The Children's Theater to see *The Last Stop on Market Street*. Teachers have developed a school wide curriculum to enhance this special learning experience. The whole school will be going together on chartered school bus. Please plan to drop off your child at 9:15am. We plan to arrive back at preschool about noon. If your child is enrolled in the longer day program, please bring lunch and pickup at regular scheduled time, 1:00pm. All students should eat a good breakfast and remember to wear their green preschool tee-shirts that morning.

Halloween Parties

On **Wednesday, Oct 31st**, we will be having Halloween Parties in the classrooms. Please have your child come to school in a costume that is not scary or violent. Please pay special attention to this in consideration of children that may have a fear of costumes. In addition to some fun classroom activities, the kids will get to parade in their costumes and trick-or-treat with members of the LHUM Church staff. Our Halloween parade will continue on to visit the residence at The Waters to say Happy Halloween! in costume. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to your child's teacher.

Fall Conferences

This month, we will be offering Fall Conferences. The purpose of this conference is to discuss your child's adjustment to Preschool. The conferences will be held after school or on days when school is not in session. Please do not bring children to the conference. If you cannot attend a conference with your child's teacher, a written observation form will be sent home with your child on Thursday, October 25th.

Parking Lot & Gate

Please park in the parking lot and enter the playground through the school doors. The playground gate may be used by families who walk to preschool but please do not park on the street to come to the playground. Limiting use of the gate helps us keep all the children safe. Thank you.

Absences

When your child is ill and will not be attending preschool, please call us to let us know. It is very important that we keep track of the symptoms that are keeping children out of school. When leaving a message please give a brief description of your child's symptoms.

Please remember to also let us know when a child has had a contagious illness like strep throat over the weekend. We are required to document illnesses during the school year.

When an illness notice is sent home, the illness has occurred in the preschool, not necessarily in your child's classroom.

Please also let us know if your child will be absent for a reason other than illness.

SNACKS

Several of our classes have students with special dietary guidelines. While we are not a dairy, gluten, nut (etc) free environment, if you would like some snack ideas, please ask your child's teacher.

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to Krista for helping with the Welcome Coffee on the first day and for running our Peace Coffee program! Thank you to Amanda Fritz for working on book orders. We are lucky to have so many willing volunteers!

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, use one of our email addresses: info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org awright@lakeharrietumpreschool.org or talk with us at school.