

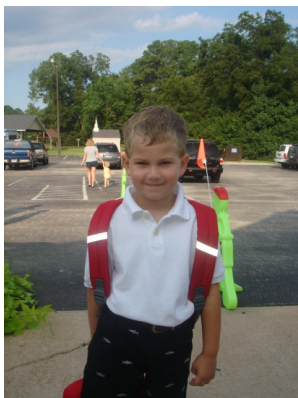


The Preschool Press

Fall Newsletter 2011

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Summer is over, and school is back in full swing. We are so glad to see all of our returning students. It is always fun to see how much they grow over the summer!



We also have some new students this year! We are always glad to see those new faces, and to watch them grow as a part of the MPCA family.

academically this year. They are extremely diligent in coming up with exciting learning activities that will keep your child engaged and make them eager to learn!



The teachers and para professionals are doing an outstanding job and we are so proud of what they are accomplishing in the classrooms. We have a qualified staff who are determined to see your children grow

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- Upcoming Dates of Intrest:**
- ☺ Oct. 5 & 6—Pastries with Pop
 - ☺ Oct. 10 & 11—School Pictures
 - ☺ Oct. 19 & 20—Southern Belle Farms
 - ☺ Oct. 19—Fall Fiesta Fundraiser
 - ☺ Nov. 7—Progress Reports
 - ☺ Nov. 8—No School
 - ☺ Nov. 15 & 16—Thanksgiving Feast
 - ☺ Nov. 21—25—Thanksgiving Break—No School
 - ☺ Dec. 15—Christmas Program
 - ☺ Dec. 19—Jan. 2—Christmas Break—No School
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Music and Bible with Ms. Julie

Julie Garcia is our new music and Bible teacher this year at MPCA. Ms. Julie recently retired as the Director of Children's Ministry at McDonough Presbyterian Church and is now enjoying sharing



God's love with the children here. She has also been the director of the church's Cherub Choir since 2005, and is now excited to share an appreciation for music with your children.

Ms. Julie teaches music on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and leads Chapel on Wednesday mornings. Julie and her husband, Deric, live in McDonough, and have two daughters, ages 9 and 11. Her youngest, Lauren, attended the preschool.

"Man does not cease to play because he grows old; man grows old because he ceases to play."
-George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright

Gezzo's Surf and Grille Fall Fiesta Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! Our annual Fall Fundraiser is upon us! This year, we are excited to be teaming up with Gezzo's Surf and Grille for the dinner, and we are adding an all-around Fiesta flair.

All of the room moms are hard at work trying to put the class baskets together. Please be sure that you know the theme of your class basket so that you can make a donation. We are looking forward to seeing variety and creativity of all the baskets.



We are also quite excited about some of our other donations this year. On The Square Jewelers is donating a beautiful ring for us to auction off, and we also have a St. Simon's Island

week-long vacation, donated by John Davis. Additionally, we will be featuring art work from some of our local artists here in McDonough. These are

just a few of our more significant auction items we wanted to share with you in advance.

We will still be auctioning some of the

yearly favorites, including black and white class pictures, restaurant vouchers, a beautiful quilt, and many other wonderful donations!

If you, or someone you know might be interested in donating an item for auction, or becoming a corporate sponsor, there is still time, so please stop by the office and let Kimberly or Hillery know and we will get you the information you need!

"I hear, I forget. I See, and I remember, I do, and I understand."

-Chinese Proverb

PTA Highlight

A special thank you to everyone who helped make our Grandparent's Day brunch special! If you haven't already joined PTA, please send in \$5 and your membership form. If you have lost your membership form, please see Hillery or Kimberly in the office.

Be on the lookout for upcoming events where we can use your help:

- Fall Fiesta Class Baskets - deadline Oct 14
- Fall Fiesta & Auction - October 19 at 5:30 pm
- Thanksgiving Feasts - November 15-16

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Teacher Highlight—Ms. Wendy

Wendy Taylor joined MPCA in the fall of 2006 as a PK2 teacher/para professional and then in the fall of 2007, worked in the 4s as a para professional. A job transferred her family back to Ohio, where she is originally from, but she was able to return to McDonough in the spring of 2010. Ms. Wendy rejoined MPCA staff as a 5 day 3s para-

professional in the fall of 2010, where she is still currently teaching and caring for your children! Ms. Wendy has a daughter, Brooke, who went to MPCA, and is now at Bethlehem Elementary. Ms. Wendy enjoys spending time



with family and friends, exercising, and being involved in her daughter's activities. She is happy to be back in the south and is enjoying working with your children this year!

Grandparent's Day Brunch

October is almost here and Fall is in the air! Since school has started we have had many fun experiences here, especially hosting our Grandparent's Day breakfast. Our grandparents are a special part of our school community, and it was an honor to be able to treat them. The children enjoyed making their



grandparents special gifts and loved having them visit in their classrooms. They especially enjoyed sharing lunch with them!

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of the parents who brought in food and helped with serving on these days. Additionally, we want to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those that helped with set-up, clean-up, and serving:



Melanie Burt, Maurya Gehani, Dusu Fahnbulleh, Carol Whatley, Ronnie Yonka, Amanda Kowall, and Blair Andrews

Fall Chapel Highlights

August—Creation, Jesus and the Little Children, Samuel gets a Message from God

September—Baby Moses, The Prodigal Son, Joseph and his Brothers

October—The Lord is my Shepherd, Exit from Egypt, David vs. Goliath, Jesus Calms the Storm

November—The Boy who Shared his Lunch, The Widow's Gift, Ruth Helps Naomi, The Angel Visits Mary

December—Jesus is Born, Angels Tell the Good News to the Shepherds

A Note From the Director

I am loving being the new director of MPCA. The staff and you have made my transition so easy. I love what I do! What a tremendous blessing to spend time with your children every day.

We are always happy to have volunteers! Parents are what make our school special, and we

could not do all of the great things we do without you! If you are interested in helping in any form (administrative help, reading in the library or restocking books in the library), please stop by the office and



either talk with Hillery or me (Kimberly) and we can keep you busy.

The next few months hold many exciting events that will give you and your family a chance to peek into the world of a preschooler. Don't miss these opportunities.

Teacher Highlight—Ms. Lisa

Lisa Laird joined MPCA this year as a pre-k 4 teacher. Lisa has been happily married to her husband, Kevin, for 12 years; she has two children - Kallie who is 5 and Clayton who is almost 4; both are students here at MPCA. Lisa and her husband settled in McDonough in 1999. She graduated from

Mercer University in 2010 with a Bachelors' degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. In her spare time, Ms. Lisa enjoys gardening, reading,



doing crafts with her children, and decorating cakes. Kallie and Clayton both participate in gymnastics and Kallie also participates in cheerleading. If you run into Ms. Lisa, please tell her that you are glad she is here!

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Pastries with Pop

Pastries with Pop is October 5th and 6th, and this is such an exciting time for the students and their dads! The kids are so proud of their dads and love showing off their classrooms.

Dads, you get to watch your child in a classroom setting as they play with friends, participate in a short circle time, and possibly a learning activity. We provide the pastries and the coffee! So don't be shy! Come out and see your child in action! The teachers are busy preparing gifts for you dads, so don't miss this fun and exciting time!



"I love watching Conner interact with his classmates at Pastries with Pop; it is fun to watch him in a group setting."

-David Odum

Question and Answer

Q: What is the earliest I can drop my child off?

A: The teachers are in their classrooms, ready to greet the children no earlier than 8:45.

Q: What if I need to drop off early?

A: We offer early morning, starting at 8 am for a nominal fee. This can be used on an as-needed basis, or you may use it regularly. See the office for details.

Q: What is this "Hot Lunch" thing?

A: Hot lunch is something we offer during the lunch bunch hour. If you want to participate in hot lunch, you must also pay for the lunch bunch hour, \$5 per day or on the monthly tiered payment schedule.

Please see the office for details.

Q: Are there any extra curricular activities associated with the school?

A: We have a few weekly activities that are at the school, but not associated; Tumblebus/ Cheer bus is on Wednesdays from 12-12:30. Creative Dance is on Wednesdays from 1-1:45 in the Chapel.



Q: Does the preschool need volunteers?

A: The preschool is always looking for volunteers to help with various activities. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis, ask your child's teacher if you can come read to the class or help with classroom activities.