

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool

Great Things are Happening!

School picture proofs went home this week. This is a fundraiser for our preschool so feel free to purchase as many pictures as you would like to. Fill out the order form, enclose the order form and payment in the envelope and send it in your child's communication folder by Monday, Dec. 7th, at 1 p.m. to guarantee delivery by Christmas!

Class pictures are also available for \$8 each. They will be posted by the easel for you to see in the car rider line.

The MCPCP Staff Christmas Luncheon date has been changed to December 16th.

Our Preschool Board Parent Representatives sent a letter asking for monetary donations to help with the luncheon expenses. This is voluntary but if you do send in a donation, please put it in the provided envelope and place it in your child's communication folder by December 9th. Thank you to Christina deKam & Jackie Triece, our parent representatives, for making this and everything else so special for our staff.

If you would like to purchase a personal Christmas gift for your child's teacher, but you aren't sure what to get, we have "favorites" lists in the office for each teacher. Please email Ms. Paula at paulab@mallardcreekchurch.org for a copy of your child's teacher's favorite things. Gifts, as always, are optional but very appreciated!

Santa Claus is coming to MCPCP on December 15. He will talk with the children, ask them what they want for Christmas, and pass out candy canes. Santa will see one class at a time and the children will not sit on his lap this year but will sit on the floor around him. (No child will be forced to participate.) Your child's teacher will let you know what your child asked Santa to bring them for Christmas.

Due to COVID-19, we will not be able to have our traditional Christmas parties and programs this year. Instead, each class will have a celebration in their classroom and do a short program that will be posted on your child's class BAND app for you to see. Look for more information from your child's teacher.

On December 21st, we will have a school-wide Christmas Sing-a-long. Each class will sit outside of their classroom in the hallway and everyone will sing Christmas carols together. We hope that this will be a fun and festive event for the children.

THANK YOU to ICN Ministries, Inc. for their donation to provide Bibles for our students this Christmas; Merle & Elizabeth King and Lois Spradley for their generous monetary donations; and the other families who donated food and supplies to our preschool. Words cannot express what this means to us! Thank you for supporting our preschool and its ministry!

The preschool office will be <u>closed</u> for Christmas break, <u>Dec. 22-Jan. 4</u>.

You and your family are invited to the following MCP-Church Christmas Services to be held in the church sanctuary:

<u>Dec. 13th, 10:00am</u>: A Super Christmas Variety Show

Dec. 20th, 4:00pm: A Service of Communion &Candle Lighting Dec. 24th, 5:00pm: Christmas Eve Service

The preschool staff would like to thank everyone who donated items or made a monetary donation for the Christmas Blessing Bags.
They will be delivered to the homeless in uptown Charlotte on Friday, December 18th (rain date is Dec. 19th). Your donation will help make someone else's Christmas magical.

MCPCP News December 2020

Dates To Remember:

- *December 1: Tuition Payment #5 for January is due.
- *December 3: Last day to pay tuition without late fee.
- *December 7: School Picture Orders due.
- *December 9: Last day to donate \$ for Staff Christmas Luncheon. Thank you!
- *December 15: Santa Visits
- *December 16: Staff Christmas Luncheon—rescheduled from Dec. 9th.
- *December 21: School-wide Christmas Sing-a-long.
- *December 22-January 4: NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break.
- *December 25: Merry Christmas!

Looking Ahead to 2021...

- *January 1: Happy New Year!
- *January 5: First day of school for 2021. Tuition Payment #6 for February is Due.
- *January 7: February tuition not paid by today will be charged a late fee. NO EXCEP-TIONS. Tuition is usually late after the 5th, but we made special concessions for this payment because of the holiday.
- *January 18: NO SCHOOL-MLK Day
- *January 25: In-House Registration begins for the 2021-2022 school year.
- *February 4: Registration Packets are due from our inhouse (currently enrolled) students and their younger preschool-age siblings.

Friendly Reminders...

Please send your child to school with a jacket/coat during the Winter months. Our students will have 30 minutes outside each day for gross motor development. If you haven't already done so, please send winter clothes that can be kept in the classroom for your child.

Our preschool withdrawal policy requires a WRITTEN NOTICE 30 days in ad-

vance if you must withdraw your child from our program. Notification may be given to or emailed to the Director or Administrative Assistant and must contain the date of your child's last day with us. These may not be modified after submitted. Please see online Parent Hand-

book for more information.

Our tuition policy agreement, signed by a parent of every student, states that tuition is always due on the first of each month. We do not send reminders. After the 5th, a \$25 late fee must be added to payments. Preschool administrators will not waive this late fee for any reason. We added a grace period to January payment dates because of the long holiday for your convenience.

Our Parent Handbook of Preschool Policies and Procedures can be found on our website at-

www.mallardcreekchurch.or g, under the Preschool tab. If you would prefer a hard copy, they are available in the preschool office.

Please be mindful of the drop-off and pick-up times for your child's class. Please come during the time period allotted (i.e. 8:45-9:00 & 12:45 & 1:00) for your class.

"And the angel said to them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:10-14

MERRY CHRISTMAS!