

December 2015

MESSENGER



Seeking Volunteers in the New Year

If you have an hour or three one day or a few days in 2016, we are seeking help in the following areas:

- knowledge of On-Line Quickbooks with possible assistance of transfer to the system
- technology advice for Apples as we install new computer in library for teachers
- website & social media advice

Like the MPP page today on Facebook!

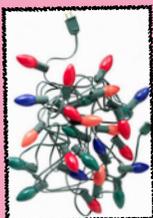


As I come out of a month of giving thanks and move into the four weeks of Advent preparing for Christmas, I am full of gratitude for the dedicated community of Morningside



Presbyterian Preschool. My first autumn as director has been filled to overflowing with the support of the families, teachers and leadership of MPP. I want to take this time to thank you ALL for making the 2015 Fun-Raiser the record-breaking success that it was! Whether you bought tickets, bid on items, donated items, recruited donations, gave as a sponsor, gave towards Fund-A-Project, created classroom art, collected items for classroom baskets - every effort was appreciated and came together to total over \$63,000 raised towards furthering the programs we offer the children! So while I was giving thanks each day leading up to Thanksgiving and continue on each day of Advent, I am naming each and every one of YOU!

Sincerely, *Melinda*



When you pull out those holiday decorations and Christmas lights, if you find any strings of lights that are burned out or too tangled up

to deal with, bring them to MPP to be recycled in the new year. And, of course, recycling of corks and batteries continue!

- MPP Environmental Team

Contacting the Office
404-685-8758
calls & voice messages
for MPP business

Call or text Director
Melinda Sandkam's cell
404-687-0683 for
urgent communications

mpp@morningsidepc.org
school business and emails
regarding children being sick
or permission being given for
someone else to pick up
children

Office Hours

Mondays-Thursdays 8 am - 4:30 pm
Fridays 8 am - 2 pm

Opportunities to Give to Those in Need

Support Holiday Food Drive to help stock the ICM Food Pantry

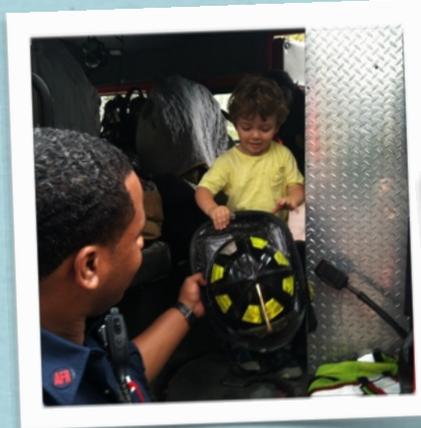
The Food Pantry at Intown Collaborative Ministries supports those facing hunger insecurity in our neighborhood. Shop with your kids to help feed those facing homelessness. Current needs include: any fruits, veggies, soups with pop-top lids, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter and jelly, rice, low sugar cereals, crackers, tuna fish, Vienna sausages. Help us fill the barrels at school! No glass, please.

December Chapel Donation Invites Kids to Give from the Heart

The MPP Outreach Committee has chosen to support Gigi's Playhouse through our Chapel donations this year. Thank you to all the children who brought paper towels in November. For the next Chapel on December 7, please

AROUND CAMPUS

Many thanks to local fire fighters for letting us tour their fire engine and see them in full gear!



have your 3's or pre-K child bring in a lightly used toy or book for the children at Gigi's Playhouse. This is a good opportunity to speak with your child about Christmas and the season of giving. Some suggestions include:

- puzzles
- interactive toys
- puppets (but no stuffed animals)

- building blocks
- large Legos
- transportation vehicles
- balls
- other "lightly used" toys
- books (for age 2 and up), including early reading books which are great for the tutoring program

In January, we will be collecting hand soap and hand sanitizer.

MUSIC AT MPP



We were happy to welcome Jennifer Daniels in November who played her guitar and shared Pete the Cat stories with us all. 2016 guest performers are being booked now!

Carols & Coffee will be led by former MPP parent Dawn Bell on Wed., Dec. 16 at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join your children singing holiday favorites!

New to MPP

Congratulations to the Eberhart Family on the arrival of Maddox on November 11. Big brother Weston is in the Older Toddlers. And congrats too, to the Williams Family on the arrival of Ellis on November 19. Big sister Carolina is in the 2-day Twos.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

When:

Thursday, December 10,
Friday, January 8 and
Wednesday, Feb. 10
all at 9:15 a.m.

Who: Invite your friends
and neighbors to RSVP to
Melinda to attend a tour
and learn more about our
school

Thanksgiving at MPC



Calendar Reminders

Tuition Due	Tues. 12/1
Chapel for Threes & PreK	Monday 12/7
Chapel for Toddlers & Twos	Mon.&Tues. 12/7 & 8
Prospective Parent Tour	Thur. 12/10
Food Drive	continues through 12/ 11
Early Dismissal for Teacher Luncheon	Fri. 12/11
Maddio's Order Forms Due	Fri. 12/11
Last day of Enrichments	Fri. 12/11
Maddio's Take & Bake Pick Up	Tues. 12/15
Carols & Coffee	Wed. 12/16
School Closed Winter Break	12/19-1/5
Tuition Due	Fri. 1/1
Teacher Workday, No Students	Tues. 1/5
Students Return to School	Wed. 1/6

Order School Pictures Today

Please let Denise
denise@varnadoe.net know if you
did not receive an email with the
password to view your school
photos online. Please place
orders by Sat. Dec. 12 to get them
before Christmas. Payments for
Denise may go in envelope on
Melinda's office door.

Early Dismissal Reminder: Don't forget that all children are picked up
11:50-12noon on Friday, Dec. 11 so that the MPP Teachers can enjoy a holiday
luncheon. Thank you for allowing us to thank our teachers in this way.

*** Karate students will bring a lunch and be invited to stay for karate at noon
instead of 1 p.m. More details from Atlanta Kicks.***



MPP FUN-RAISER AUCTION & CELEBRATION
 Friday, November 13 2015
 AT PARIS ON PONCE

As you do your holiday shopping, please be sure to thank the many, many businesses that supported the MPP Fun-Raiser with their donations. The generosity of these businesses and the individuals of the MPP community provided wonderful

items to bid on in the silent and live auctions. Room parents who created baskets and artwork with the families and children, teachers who donated fun events, parents and grandparents who donated lake and beach houses - too many things to ever name, though everyone deserves an individual thanks.

Then there is everyone that bought tickets, bid on silent and live auction items, gave sponsorships and supported our Fund-A-Project portion of the evening. We even had a very generous anonymous donor who matched the \$5350 raised by the Fund-A-Project donations to bring that total alone to \$10,700. Those items are already being purchased off the teachers' wish lists! From new items



for your children's classrooms such as rugs and shelving units to curriculum pieces such as more seasonal and holiday books, Magnatiles, pirate ships, die cuts and a new computer for the teachers to use, all of these items will benefit the early childhood education that we offer here at MPP.



To the team that led the Fun-Raiser, there are not enough words to say thank you! Erin Heyman, Caitlin Campbell and Kelly Webb used the strong foundation built for the Fun-

Raiser by past chairs and recruited a great team to help with donations, ticket sales, advertising, class baskets and art projects. That whole team brought a stellar event to the MPP Community and the Community embraced it to support the children! Thank you.

