



# 2019 - 2020 Year At A Glance

## MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

### PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

The role of the Preschool Committee is to make informed decisions concerning the strategic planning of MPP including, communications, curriculum, outreach, property, budget, fundraising, and more.

#### 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP:

Laura Ulep - Chair [lauraulep@gmail.com](mailto:lauraulep@gmail.com)  
Marti Adams - Vice Chair

#### 2019-2020 MEMBERS:

Lindsay Boorman - School Programs  
Ali Bradway - Human Resources  
Kelly Cobb - Staff Support  
Michelle Davis - Finance  
Megan Graddy - Tech + Communications  
Janice Hay - Community Connections  
Victoria Henken - Community Connections  
Amanda Kemery - Ex Officio  
Ryan Jones - Property  
Lauren King - School Programs  
Melinda Sandkam - Ex Officio  
Michelle Spady - School Programs  
Magan Ward - Fundraising  
Katy Watts - Tech + Communications  
Cortney Weissglass - Staff Support  
Kimberly Williams - Fundraising  
Jill Wolfe - Property

*Have a question, concern or idea?  
Reach out to a Committee Member  
anytime.*



### A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR MELINDA SANDKAM

*Entering its 18th year, MPP continues offering a warm and nurturing early childhood education by building on our strong foundations and reaching for the sky to continue to enhance our program. I am grateful for the dedicated staff and parent volunteers who make this a reality for our children. Our new 2019-22 Strategic Plan will kick off this year by sending four staff to the National Early Childhood Education conference in Nashville this Fall, and also beginning work on a new interactive website. We can't wait to share the whole plan with our community when school starts!*

*See you in August, -Melinda*

### MPP 101

**Monday, August 26 7pm -OR-  
Tuesday, August 27 9:10am**

Kick off the school year with a parent meet-up to learn about volunteer opportunities, fundraising efforts, overview of the year's events, and the upcoming initiatives for the 2019-20 school year. Plus, meet other parents, including the members of the Preschool Committee.

### COFFEE WITH COMMITTEE

Join members of the Preschool Committee at Coffee with the Committee, a monthly meet-up to talk openly, ask questions, and share ideas on timely topics concerning MPP.

Coffee with the Committee will meet in the Youth Room after drop off (specific dates TBD each month).



## JOIN OUR REMIND NETWORKS

Our MPP Director and teachers use Remind to communicate timely news to parents and care-givers. Join your classroom group to receive information about in-class events, and MPP Emergency Alert to receive information about school closings and more.

### TO JOIN:

1. Download the Remind App to your mobile device, or log in at [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com).
2. Choose to "join a class" and enter your classroom code below. Repeat to join the Emergency Alert group, too.

**Emergency Alerts** @mpp911

**Younger Toddlers** @mppshanna

**Older Toddlers** @mpptoddler

**2-Day 2s** @mppdonna

**Younger 3-Day 2s** @mppbetsy

**Older 3-Day 2s** @mppheather

**3-Day 3s** @mppgillian

**5-Day 3s** @mppdebbi

**Pre-K (Neff)** @mppmrsneff

**Pre-K (Courtney)** @mppcourtney



### Pro Tip

Does someone else regularly drop off or pick up your child? Have them sign up for Remind, too!

## HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

Streamlining communication efforts to keep the MPP community in-the-know is of paramount importance. Here is what you can expect:

### MONTHLY CALENDAR

A calendar will be e-mailed and sent home in your child's backpack before the beginning of each month. This calendar will include school-wide and in-class events specific to your student.

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Check your email on the 1st of each month for the school newsletter sent by the Director and a class newsletter from your child's teacher.

### WEEKLY EMAIL

You will receive a weekly email with upcoming news + events from the Director on Thursday.

### REMIND NOTIFICATIONS

Teachers will send reminders about dress up days, show + tell opportunities, or other in-class events via your Remind Classroom group. Receive emergency alerts - like school closures - from the Director via the Remind Emergency Alert group.

### OUTDOOR SIGNAGE

Daily reminders are posted on signs outside of the preschool entrance. Take a peek at drop off or pick up, or have your nanny snap a picture!

### ROOM PARENT EMAILS

Expect to hear from your Room Parent leading up to a special event, like a teacher's birthday or Spring Fling.

### PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

In the Fall and Spring, you will be invited to discuss your child's progress and more in a one-on-one setting with your child's teacher.

## 2019 - 2020 ROOM PARENTS

**Younger Toddlers**-Elizabeth Hermann

**Older Toddlers** - TBD

**2-Day 2's** - Liz Conwell

**Younger 3-Day 2's** - Ginger Pursley

**Older 3-Day 2's** - Genine Shafer

**3-Day 3's** - Shivani Ghaiy

**5-Day 3's** - Emily Williams

**Ms. Courtney's Pre-K** - Lindsey Myers

**Mrs. Neff's Pre-K** - Sarah Zampell

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our annual fundraisers raise necessary funds for capital improvements, continuing teacher education, learning tools, and more.

### **FUN-RAISER | November 8, 2019 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

Parent's-only live and silent auction hosted at Paris On Ponce.

### **SPRING FLING | April 18, 2020, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

A day of carnival activities and Grill-Off for the whole family.

### **BOOK FAIR | MARCH 2-5, 2020**

Choose from a fantastic selection of books from Little Shop of Stories to

### **DINE OUT | first one is Wednesday, September 4 at El Taco**

Dine out at a local restaurant and portions of proceeds benefit MPP.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

MPP offers several opportunities to give back to those in need within our neighborhood and community:

### **MITTEN TREE | September-October**

**Benefiting:** Our House Atlanta

### **FOOD DRIVE | November-December**

**Benefiting:** Intown Collaborative Ministries

### **PAJAMA DRIVE | February**

**Benefiting:** Threads Children's Ministry

### **BOOK FAIR | March**

**Benefiting:** Reach Out & Read through Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital

### **COINS FOR CLOWNS | Spring**

**Benefiting:** Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The success of MPP is due in large part to its volunteers. Support MPP by filling out the included form or sign up at Meet + Greet. School-wide volunteer opportunities include:

Parent Partners	Open House	Teacher Appreciation
Maintenance & Repair	Special Events:	Good Neighbor
Sand Team	Halloween Parade	Environmental Action
Social Committee	Carols & Coffee	Outreach
School Photo Assistant	Fun-Raiser	Substitute Teacher
Vision and/or Speech/ Language Screening Assistant	Book Fair	Office Support
	Spring Fling	

*Teachers will share classroom volunteer opportunities.*

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Get to know MPP families, teachers, and community supporters outside of the school setting:

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL AGE GROUP PLAYDATES**

In late summer, look for an email from your Room Parent about a playdate in August. Get to know fellow parents while your child plays with their new classmates!

### **DINE-OUTS**

Reserve a table for friends at a participating local restaurant, where a portion of the proceeds will be donated to MPP.

### **SEPTEMBER SOCIAL**

Watch for opportunities in September to get to know other parents better - just the grown-ups!

### **LADIES' WINE NIGHT**

Celebrate the survival of another holiday season by swapping stories over wine and bites in January. This event doubles as a fundraiser as our gracious hosts cover the cost of the event and the full ticket price goes to the annual fund.

### **FIESTA NIGHT**

This annual event for grown-ups is held in the second half of the year.

### **DADS' EVENT**

Join the dads of MPP at one of the dad-planned and hosted events, typically during March Madness.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

**COORDINATOR :** Courtney Jerome

Students must be in Threes or Pre-K classes to participate.

**Fall Semester:** 8/26 - 12/13

**Spring Semester:** 1/6 - 5/8

**PRE-BALLET** with Studio Go Dance (ages 3 and up)  
**Meets:** Mondays 1:00 - 1:45pm

**TAPPING TOTS** with Studio Go Dance (tap ballet ages 4 and up)  
**Meets:** Tuesdays 1:00 - 1:45pm

**YOGA** with Ms. Kim  
**Meets:** Wednesdays 8:15 - 8:45am

**MINI MONETS ART**  
**Meets:** Wednesdays 1:00- 1:45pm

**PLAYBALL**  
**Meets:** Thursdays 1:00 - 2:00pm

**KARATE** with Atlanta Kick  
**Meets:** Friday 1:00 - 1:45pm

*See Enrichments brochure for more information and how to sign up.*

### TUITION DUE ON THE 1ST

You can pay by cash, check, bank transfer, or credit card!\* Watch your inbox for monthly invoice. Help us go paperless by paying online.

*\*credit card payments will be charged a processing fee*

## 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MPP closely follows the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) calendar. In the event of a potential school closure, MPP follows APS decisions on closing and reopening. Don't forget to follow MPP's Emergency Alerts Remind Group for school closing announcements. For more information or month-specific events, check your classroom calendar that will come home each month in your child's backpack.

August 12-16	Teachers return for planning/class room prep/student visits
August 15-16	Class Room Visits for Students with Parents
August 15	Parent Meet & Greet, 6:30 p.m.
August 19	First Day of School (Extended Day begins for Two Year Olds)
August 26	Enrichment Programs begin this week
September 2	Labor Day ( <b>no school</b> )
September 4	Dine Out at El Taco
September 24-26	Individual School Pictures with Ms. Denise
October 14	Fall Break ( <b>School Closed</b> )
October 15	Teacher Workday ( <b>no students</b> )
October 17	Open House, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
October-November	Fall Conferences
October 31	Halloween Parade, 9:15
November 8	FUN-raiser 7:00 - 11:00pm at Paris on Ponce
November 20-23	NAEYC conference in Nashville
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break ( <b>School Closed</b> )
December 13	Enrichment Programs end for semester
December 13	MPP Staff luncheon (noon dismissal)
December 18	Carols and Coffee, 9:15
December 23-January 2	Christmas Break ( <b>School Closed</b> )
January 3	Teacher Work Day ( <b>no students</b> )
January 6	Return to School (Enrichment Programs begin this week)
January 7	Extended Day begins for Toddlers who have turned 2
January 10	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ( <b>School Closed</b> )
February 17	Presidents' Day ( <b>School Closed</b> )
March 2-5	Book Fair hosted by Little Shop of Stories
March 16	Teacher Work Day ( <b>no students</b> )
April	First Aid/CPR Class 9:00am-1:00pm
April 6-10	Spring Conferences
April 18	Spring Break ( <b>School Closed</b> )
May 4-8	Spring Fling
May 8	National Teacher Appreciation Week
May 15	Enrichment Programs end for semester
May 22	Pre-K Celebration
May 26	Last Day of School
	Teacher Work Day

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