

MESSENGER



STAFF ADDITION FOR NEXT YEAR

Long-time MPP teacher Kim Williams will still be with us as 3-day Threes lead. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, she will be pursuing a new opportunity with the Playball organization. To fill the lead position for the 2-day Twos, we welcome Donna Kadis. Donna has been working with preschool-kindergarten age children for over twenty years! Her favorite age throughout these years has been the twos. She “loves watching the children explore their new environment, helping them interact with new friends, and guiding them through their early school experiences”. She shares that “the social, emotional, and developmental change that happens in the twos year is so much fun and rewarding to watch”. Donna resides in the Virginia Highland neighborhood, and has lived in Atlanta on/off for 22 years. When not teaching she enjoys traveling - near and far - checking out new restaurants, and spending time with family in Colorado and North Carolina. Wishing Kim Williams all the best on her non-MPP days and welcoming Donna Kadis to the team.

Recognizing Our Fabulous Teachers

As we near the end of the school year, we want to thank ALL our teachers for their dedication to the students and families of MPP! The teachers will gather for lunch to celebrate the end of the year on Thursday, May 26, our first workday after school ends.

- Congratulations to PreK Teacher Deena Riley on 40 years of teaching!
- Congratulations to PreK Assistant Courtney Jerome on the completion of her graduate degree in Early Childhood Education at Mercer University this Spring.
- And many thanks to Gillian Brady for providing strong support as PreK Assistant also this year!



Three More Weeks...

These end of school reminders can easily carry over to summer, but please keep in mind for last 3 weeks of school! Make sure your child has spare clothes at school (warm weather clothes), don't forget water bottles as the heat increases and PLEASE remember that Pick Up time is 12:50-1 p.m.

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

AROUND CAMPUS: Spring Fever

Summer Fun Five weeks of summer camp begins Tuesday, May 31 after Memorial Day. There are a very few remaining openings for most ages each week. Contact Melinda today if you are interested. Tell your friends and neighbors. The following stellar line-up will be leading kids at camp this summer:(remember, all ages are the class they are completing)

- Ms. Deena & Ms. Courtney: PreK
- Ms. Kim & Ms. Erin: Threes
(With Mrs. Neff helping one week)
- Ms. Sarah & Ms. Morgan: Twos
(With Ms. Roxane helping two weeks)
- Ms. Kristin & Ms. Kay: Twos (weeks 2-4)
- Ms. Jen & Ms. Gale: Toddler leads
(With Ms. Julie Ann helping one week)
(assistants & floater still to be discovered)

Kristin Rutland returns to help us for a second summer. Gale Weber brings her extensive experience in preschool and Kindergarten to us for 3 weeks. Roxane Leopold, also known as Jack and George's grandma, shared her extensive experience teaching young children in PreK during Mrs. Neff's maternity leave. We are also pleased to welcome former director Sarah Tomaka. Jen Torry has been a floater and sub throughout the school year and was also with us for some of summer camp last year.



Help us find the perfect Toddlers assistants and Floater for Summer Camp. Please spread the word that we are in search of individuals 18 or older for 3-5 days a week for three weeks in June. Great part-time job for anyone still looking to get away in July! Toddler assistants are needed Monday, Wednesday, Fridays for 5 hrs. They must be warm and nurturing and have experience with two year olds as well as current First Aid/CPR training. Floater works 4 hours Mondays-Fridays.

FINAL PERFORMANCES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

In April, we welcomed Mr. Greg's Musical Madness back with his Litter Bug show to help us celebrate Earth Day April 20. The kids loved him so much that he will be back as the special guest the first week of summer camp when 'It's All About Music'.



The musical trio Mary Flannery's Ghost is returning one last time to entertain our Toddlers and 2-day Twos on Tuesday, May 3. They have been a huge hit this year, helping us set a new trend of scheduling performances for our youngest ones in the second half of the year.

Calendar Reminders

DineOut Cancelled (May is just so crazy busy)	Tues. 5/3
Musical Trio for Toddlers & Twos	Tues. 5/3
Buy Class Pictures	Thur. 5/5 & Fri. 5/6
Last Day of In-School AND Before & After School Enrichments	Fri. 5/6
Ballet Recital	Mon. 5/9, 5 p.m.
In-Class Chapel for Toddlers & Twos	Tues. 5/10
Chapel for Threes&PreK (&in-class for Twos)	Wed. 5/11
PreK Celebration	Fri. 5/20, 11 a.m.
Last Days of School	Tues. 5/24 & Wed. 5/25
Teacher Workdays	Thur. 5/26 & Fri. 5/27
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Thur. 5/26
First day of Summer Camp	Tues. 5/31

Thanks to
the MPP
community



for
raising
\$1063.82 this year for
Children's Healthcare of
Atlanta which brings our grand
total to over \$9200 since
2008. These funds support
programs that cheer up
children who are in the
hospital.

Class Pictures

Pictures are 5x7 and \$10 each, cash or check (to Denise Varnadoe). Denise will be at MPP both Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 both before and after school (both pick up times). If someone is going to be absent, they can give payment to Melinda to pass on to Denise.

Welcoming Flynn to our MPP family

Congratulations to the
Hanley Family on the
arrival of Flynn
Cormick on April 6.
His big sister Olivia is
in the 2-Day Twos.



Chapel Donations & So Much More

MPP is an incredibly generous community. Throughout the year, you have answered the call for items in need. The recent Our House collection of diapers, wipes, formula and gently used clothing filled the pac 'n play again and again and again!!! Also, thank you SO much for all of the items you have donated to Gigi's Playhouse this year through our chapel offerings. It has been quite amazing how many paper towels, toys and books, hand soap and sanitizer, postage stamps, Goldfish, and toilet paper and Lysol you have sent in with your children. We hope that your children have gotten a taste of helping out with this important outreach effort in our community. For our last Chapel of the school year, we are collecting Dasani water bottles and Honest Kids or Minute Maid juice boxes for Gigi's.

- MPP Outreach Team





MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL'S



What a fabulous day! The weather couldn't have been better as preschool and church families, neighbors, and friends turned out in record numbers to enjoy the festivities. Many thanks to co-chairs Kelli Hadfield and Sarah Zampell, their awesome Spring Fling team, ALL the volunteers, everyone who bought prize drawing tickets, all who attended, and a special thank you also to our sponsors. Thank you also to the Bertozzi family and Two Urban Licks for donating the delicious pork sandwiches!!! We raised just over \$8900 net to support our annual budget. Fundraising is an important part of our annual fund.



SUMMER NEWS

- Summer Camp info to come out each week by the previous Friday.
- Preschool Office is closed the week of Vacation Bible School June 13-17.
- In July, be on the lookout for information about the 2016-17 school year.
- Half month's tuition for August is due July 1. (Payments due the 1st of any month are always covering tuition for the following month.)
- Mid-summer newsletter will come out in July with exciting information and updates about our upcoming 15th anniversary year at MPP!
- Preschool office will be open when preschool is closed during HVAC installation July 11-August 5.
- Meet & Greet is Thursday evening, August 18. First days of school are Monday & Tuesday, August 22 & 23.