



MPP Messenger

March 2013

Mark Your Calendar!

- March 1** – Georgia Preschool Conference, no school
- March 6** – Lemonade Stand
- March 12** – Stella and Dot jewelry show
- March 13** – Chapel & toiletry donations
- March 15** – advance tuition due
- March 15** – Coffee Chatter
- March 15** – Bake Sale
- March 16** – Ms. Kim Palmer's birthday
- March 16** – Paint Recycling event
- March 19** – La Tavola Dine Out
- March 22** – Ms. Andie's birthday
- March 22** – Ice Cream Social
- March 29** – Good Friday, no school
- March 30** – Easter Egg Hunt
- Looking Ahead to April**
- April 8-12** – Spring Break, no school
- April 10** – Ms. Betsy's birthday

From the Director

Would you look at that calendar to the left?! How can we possibly fit so much fun into one little month! Well, here's one way – our FUN-raiser – that's how. Read on page 2 to see all the folks who worked tirelessly to make this event so successful. We are so grateful to them and to YOU for contributing to the event's great results.

Here's another success factor – our wonderful teachers. It makes me so proud to be able to tell parents how long some of our teachers have been here – over half of them have been here over five years. You may not know this, but our teachers are required to have 10 hours of continuing education every year which is why we have Lunch and Learns during the year and we attend workshops at conferences such as the Georgia Preschool Conference. These educational opportunities give the teachers reinforcement and fresh ideas in areas such as curriculum concepts, childhood development, classroom management, health and creativity.

Let's keep going – how about you parents? If it weren't for your support in time, money and talent we'd never get the show on the road. Often prospective parents ask me if there are ways to volunteer at MPP and I just smile and give them the run-down of "jobs". It is so important to develop the habit of getting involved at your child's school. It reinforces how valuable education is if you take the time to help out and ask those great questions at the end of the day. So, keep it up – we love you AND your children!

Cheers!

Sarah Tomaka, Director



In Our Prayers . . .

Ms. Karen, on the death of her father, Bill Cullen.



Thank You . . .

. . . to **Chris Wilson** for all his hard work putting together our wonderful FUN-raiser. I know all of you would agree that it was a huge success in so many ways. The venue, food and open bar were superb – and everyone there certainly put the FUN in this event. We raised over \$15K, which will support our Annual Fund and ensure our continued mission of serving your children with excellence. A big thank you to these committee members who helped Chris: **Jordan Chadwell, John Culbertson, Deb Lange, Amanda Lewis, Suzanne Macpherson, Amy Millard, Georgia Moore, Kim Nuckols, Jenn Packer, Ekta Patodia, Cheri Phyfer, Julie Schoen, Sloan Tito, Kelly Webb, Allyson Willner, Nicole Wiseman** and **Andrea Zern**. Special shout outs to VENUE SCOUTS – **Sloan Tito & Kelly Webb** and AUCTION ITEM HUNTERS – **Cheri Phyfer, Deb Lange, Amy Millard & Andrea Zern**.

. . . to **Jenn James, Tish Woolley, Claire Burke** and **Melinda Sandkam** for the delightful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and PJ Party. Thanks also to all the MPC volunteers who helped host – we love you guys!!

. . . to **Susanne Sawyer** (Sawyer Barnette's grandmother) for helping us purchase so many wonderful books and some great new supplies AND for donating even more.

Chapel Toiletry Donations – Wednesday, March 13

This month we will be collecting **shaving cream** at chapel time. There will be a basket for donations in front of the sanctuary so anyone can participate. Remember that parents are always welcome to attend chapel. It is at 9:15 a.m.



Coffee Chatter

Ever wonder what your child will be learning as she prepares for Kindergarten? On Friday, March 15, join Director Sarah Tomaka for an informal discussion about our PreK program. All parents interested in learning more about PreK classes – curriculum, schedules, special class events, learning goals and more – are welcome to attend. We'll have coffee and light refreshments. Contact Sarah at mpp@morningsidepc.org for more information.

Mark Your Calendars Now!
Dine Out for MPP at La Tavola Trattoria
Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30 to 10 pm

Join us for some delicious Italian food at this neighborhood gem. La Tavola will donate up to 20% of their evening's proceeds. We need 40 or more diners in support of MPP to get the best results, so please make your reservations now and tell them that you are dining out for MPP!

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Coins for Clowns Activities

We hope you have been busy collecting coins for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta! Every time your child puts a coin in their bank, please help them understand that we will be giving the money to the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit. Delivering giggles and grins to patients and their families, these clowns take "kidding around" to a whole new level - a much-needed distraction that takes patients' minds off being in the hospital. You can pick up extra banks from Sarah's office. Besides our children saving coins individually, many classes have made plans for their own fundraiser. See the fun details below and join in... together we hope to raise \$1,000 for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta!



On Wednesday, March 6, we will have a **Lemonade Stand** at dismissal time. Tuesday, March 12 from about 9-1:15, **Mary Hardy Holaway** will hold a **Stella and Dot jewelry show** in the parlor. Friday, March 15 is the date for a **Bake Sale** held at arrival time. **Coffee and muffins** will be available at the Paint Recycling day on March 16. And there will be an **Ice Cream Social** in the playground on Friday, March 22 from 1-2. Be sure to bring your "spare change" for these events and many thanks to the parents who are hosting – **Susan Kimball, Kris Smith, Mary Hardy Holaway, Cheri Phyfer, Nicole Wiseman** and **Cassie VanLandingham**.

Diaper and Clothing Drive for Our House, March 4th – 29th

This month, the Outreach Committee will be collecting much needed diapers, pull-ups, and wipes, as well as gently used spring clothing for the children of Our House, sizes 6 weeks – 5 years. Our House breaks the chain of homelessness by providing quality early childhood education and comprehensive support services for families facing homelessness. Drop off your gifts with your child outside the parlor by March 29th.



Questions? – contact **Cassie VanLandingham** or **Sarah Daley**

Want to support Our House even more?...or maybe you had so much fun at the MPP auction that you want more of the thrill of auction bidding! **Our House is celebrating their 25th Anniversary** this month at their annual fundraiser on March 16th. If you are interested in attending you may purchase tickets at www.ourhousega.org.

Easter Egg Hunt



Morningside Presbyterian Church invites you to mark your calendars now for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** – "The Running of the Eggs!" – on **Saturday, March 30th**. Activities begin at 10:45am and Egg hunt begins at 11:00am sharp. Join us for face painting, Easter masks & cookies, VBS registration and best of all – Lots of Eggs!! Please bring your own basket. **We would love the Preschool's help with donations of candy-filled-eggs for the event (no peanuts please).** Please sign-up on the Poster at MPP entrance or contact Jen James at jennjames@comcast.net with quantity of filled-eggs that you can contribute. **Please drop off filled-eggs by Friday, March 22nd**. We hope to see you at our largest community event of the year!

Be GREEN for St. Patrick's Day weekend (and the earth!)



On Saturday, March 16th from 8:00am-12:00 noon MPP will be partnering with Atlanta paint disposal <http://www.atlantapaintdisposal.com/> to collect and recycle or dispose of household items in an environmentally friendly manner. Collection site will be the preschool parking lot. MPP will earn 15% of profits of items collected to help fund preschool environmental projects.

This is a great way to care for our earth & clean out your home – hope to see you there.

Fundraiser Collection Items

<u>Latex paint</u>	<u>Fee</u>
5 Gallon Bucket	\$15.00
2 Gallon Bucket	\$6.00
1 Gallon Can	\$3.00
1 Quart Can	\$1.50
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<u>Other Items</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Auto Batteries	\$10.00
Propane Tank	\$10.00
Tiki Oil	\$5.00 a gallon
Monitors / TV's under 25"	\$20.00
Large Big Screen TV's	\$125.00
Shredding	\$5.00 per bankers box
Hard Drive Shredding	\$20.00 per HD
Passenger Tires	\$20.00 each
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<u>Oil paint</u>	<u>Fee</u>
5 Gallon Bucket	\$20.00
1 Gallon Can	\$4.00
1 Quart Can	\$2.00
1 Pint Can	\$1.00
Spray Can	\$1.50

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<u>Free items:</u>
Clothing, Shoes, Computers, Cell Phones, Crayons, Laptops, Cameras, Printers, Tape Players, VCR, DVD, Electronics (Except TV's / Monitors), and Microwaves.

