



MPP Messenger

May 2013

Mark Your Calendar!

May 8 – Chapel and Donations

May 12 – Mrs. Neff's birthday

May 20 – PreK Celebration, 11:00 a.m.

May 22 – Last Day of School

Looking Ahead to Summer

June 1 – Summer Camp balance due

June 3 – first week of camp

June 10 – second week of camp

June 17 – Vacation Bible School

*"Education is not
the filling of a pail,
but the lighting
of a fire."*

~ W.B. Yeats

From the Director

How does it happen that we get to this point so quickly? I am having a hard time believing that our last day of school will be in three weeks. I have to say that this has been a wonderful year – so many new friends to make and “old” friends to celebrate. And, as I *always* say, thank you for sharing your precious children with us and allowing us to get to know and love them.

Parents and friends of our PreK students will be coming together to celebrate the milestone of finishing preschool in preparation to go on to kindergarten. We hope you will join us in wishing them well as they step out into a bigger world and continue their educational journey. Any child who has been a part of our family, will always be a part of our family – please come back to visit!!

Cheers!

Sarah Tomaka, Director

And – now for a word from our Preschool Committee Chair, *Liz Sommerfeld* . . .

This year, the MPP Outreach committee organized a monthly toiletry collection for the men at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church's Journey shelter. We thought you might be interested in knowing how grateful this organization is for our help. Typically, when gentlemen arrive at Journey, they are unemployed and without many of the basic necessities to live a healthy life. Within 45 days, Journey finds 70% of their clients are back at work, either part time or full time, returning to a normal schedule and routine, and earning references.

Our monthly chapel donations help these men restore hope, provide some measure of dignity in a difficult time, and send the message the community has not forgotten about them. Thank you for your time, energy, and donations in support of this important mission. Let's keep up the good work next year!

In Our Prayers . . .

Heather James, on the death of her father, G. Edward Walker.

Tom Willner, on the death of his mother and Miles' grandmother, Margaret.

The Tongel family, friends and neighbors of many of our families, on the death of their son, Hunter.

The Bruno family, also good neighbors and friends, on the death of their son, Alec.



Congratulations . . .

. . . to *Sarah and James Kirk and big sisters, Charlotte and Thea*, on the birth of Winslet, April 2.

. . . to *Jordan and Duff Chadwell and big brother, Cash*, on the birth of Knox, April 23.

Farewell . . .

We are wishing a few teachers farewell as they move on to new chapters in their lives.

Ms. Denise, Young Twos, has made the decision to spend more time with her boys, getting involved in their schools. Luckily, she has already agreed to be on our sub list AND do our class and individual photos next year! *Ms. Andie*, Young Twos and Older Toddlers, is moving to Nashville. She hopes to get a job storytelling at the library across the street from her new home! *Ms. Amy*, Three-day Threes and Two-day Twos, is finishing up her Masters in Teaching at Mercer. We are pleased that she will be with us some this summer before she starts her student teaching in the fall. While we will miss these talented young women, we celebrate their work in the lives of so many of your children. Their departures create the certain introduction of new, dynamic teaching teams to be announced later this summer.

Thank You . . .

. . . to *Kris Smith and the Environmental Committee* for collecting corks and batteries to help keep our world healthy!

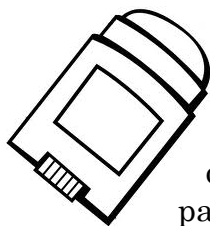
. . . to the *Preschool Committee, chaired by Liz Sommerfeld*, for their hard work and dedication to the Preschool.



. . . *Yogli Mogli* for their generous support and for hosting our final dine out of this school year on Tuesday, April 23rd! The beautiful day brought out record numbers of friends to enjoy a cup of yogurt with yummy toppings... all to benefit our preschool! Our group purchased \$340.89 of yogurt, resulting in 15% proceeds of \$51.13 for MPP. And congratulations to Ms. Debbi's and Ms. Karen's class for having the most attendees, and winning a yogurt party for all the kids and teachers too!

Camp Morningside

We still have room in some of our weeks, so if you have not yet done so, please sign up for some fun times at Camp Morningside. Please remember that there will be new faces each week which make great opportunities to make new friends. Some of the teachers will also vary – however, they all have great activities lined up to entertain your children. Arrival time is 9:30 and pick up is either 12:30 for twos or 1:30 for twos who stay for lunch, 3s, 4s and 5s. Forms are available online at: <http://www.morningsidepc.org/preschool/summercamp.html>



Chapel Toiletry Donations – Wednesday, May 8

This month we will be collecting *men's deodorant* at chapel time. They appreciate regular-sized toiletries when possible. 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. Chapel is at 9:15 a.m.

News from Outreach

The MPP coin collection resulted in an **amazing grand total of \$1,167.33** in coins, cash, and checks donated to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta!!! Thanks to the hard work and effort of each MPP child, and the generosity of their parents, we raised this incredible sum of money!



We spent six weeks encouraging our children to add coins to their banks, and heard many great stories about how coins were collected. Special thanks to Mary Hardy Holaway and Ms. Kim and Ms. Amy's twos class for hosting a Stella & Dot jewelry show, Ms. Debbi's class for hosting a lemonade stand, Mrs. Neff's class for hosting a bake sale, the Outreach Committee for selling coffee and muffins, and Ms. Kim and Ms. Amy's threes class for hosting an ice cream social!

Vacation Bible School June 17 – 21, 2013

All children four years old by September 1 through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Forms can be found online at www.morningsidepc.org on the Christian Education page and on the bulletin board across from the nursery. The deadline for registration is May 28, 2013. Please contact Program Director, **Melinda Sandkam** at msandkam@morningsidepc.org

MPP's generous contribution will help fund kid-oriented initiatives at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, including 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.

On behalf of the MPP Outreach Committee, we thank each of you for rising to the challenge and helping our children understand the importance of helping other children in need! We can be proud of our MPP contribution to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta!