



## Presbyterian Enrichment Preschool ~ October 2018 Newsletter

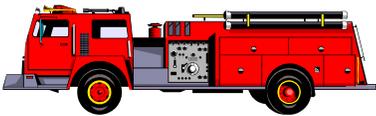
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October's Themes: Colors & Shapes, Nutrition, Teddy Bear, Halloween

Our school is off to a great start with a wonderful group of children. At times, separation anxiety that has not shown during the first month can appear other times of the year. Please be loving but firm in bringing your child to the door and then leaving. Usually the child is fine after a few minutes of adjustment and special attention from one of the teachers. If anxiety should persist, we will give you a call.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 4 & 5 – No regular class

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child and answer any questions you have regarding our PEP program. This conference is for parents and staff only. A substitute teacher will be in the classroom to watch your child (and siblings) while you meet with a teacher. Conference sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Look for your child's name and sign on that sheet.



**Fire Department Visiting Pep School:** The fire department will bring a children's fire prevention presentation and one of their fire engines, if available, to PEP on Monday and Tuesday, October 8 & 9.

### Classroom Party Signup Sheet

A volunteer sign-up sheet for class parties has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up to help at only one party day through the year, as many parents want to help on these special days. Unfortunately, we must limit the number of extra adults in the classroom for party days. It is a very exciting day and can be overwhelming for some students if it is too crowded. Thanks for understanding. You are welcome to help in class on any day. Just let us know when you would like to come in. We will try to accommodate all parents who wish to help in class.

### Introducing "Letter of the Week" (M/W/F AM and PM classes):

Each week we will introduce a new "Letter of the Week" in our M/W/F classes. Letter Day will be on Monday each week beginning October 1. Please encourage your child to bring one item from home on letter day to share with the class. Example: Letter B, button, boy, box, bird, balloon, etc. This is a very important developmental exercise that will help in developing pre-reading skills for your child. Please help your child remember: "Letter Day is Monday."

October 1	A is for apple
October 8	B is for butterfly
October 15	C is for crayon
October 22	D is for dinosaur
October 29	E is for egg

### Bible Story Time ...

...will be introduced to our classes starting October 2 & 3. Brendan Kavanagh, Children's and Family Ministries Director, will give the children a Bible story once each week. We appreciate Mr. Brendan sharing this special time with us!

Tu/Th class children will have their Bible Story Time in the classroom, while the M/W/F classes will go to the worship center for their Bible Story Time. **We invite you to join us for Bible Story Time either in the classroom or the worship center.** Immediately following Bible Story Time, the children will be dismissed from the classroom or worship center. Please be sure to sign your children out and check their folders (just outside the worship center for the M/W/F classes). Occasionally, we will reschedule or have Bible Story Time in the classroom. The white board will keep you informed.

**Bible Story Times:**  
Tu/Th Class, Tuesday, 11:20 a.m.  
MWF AM Class, Wednesday, 11:20 a.m.  
MWF PM Class, Wednesday, 3:20 p.m.

### PEP Burgers & Baskets Annual Dinner/Basket Raffle Fundraiser - Wednesday, October 10

Two Seatings: 5:30 p.m. AND 6:30 p.m. ~ Church Social Hall

Bring your family and your appetite to our PEP Burgers & Baskets Night, Wednesday, October 10, with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. AND 6:30 p.m. in our Church Social Hall. Serving will end at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet PEP families while "dining out."

#### Dinner Ticket prices:

Family (Immediate): \$20.00  
Adult: \$ 6.00  
Child: \$ 4.00

#### Menu:

Grilled Burgers  
Baked Beans, fruit  
Chips, Cookies and lemonade

**AT DOOR PRICES: \$25 Family, \$9 Adult, \$7 Child**

**PEP Burgers & Baskets Basket Raffle ~ Drawing Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets will be sold until 6:45 p.m. You do not need to be present to win!

Basket Themes:  
1. Family Fun/Games  
2. Arts/Crafts – Hands on Play  
3. Reading Corner

A PEP Basket Raffle Ticket Order Form will be distributed in every child's folder. Extra copies are located beside the sign-in sheet.

We're looking forward to a fun evening. We hope you all can join us!



## Reminders!

Please remember to keep your emergency numbers updated in your child's file, new cell phone numbers, new contact person, etc. Please see Mary Lou in the PEP Office to make changes.

For PEP and MDO drop off and pick up, please use the main hallway door at the west end of the building. Park in the large parking lot, please.

You can always access the newsletter at [www.communitypresbyterian.com](http://www.communitypresbyterian.com)  
Our e-mail address is [pep@communitypresbyterian.com](mailto:pep@communitypresbyterian.com)

### Teddy Bear Picnics

**MWF classes:** Please encourage your child to bring a Teddy Bear that will fit in their cubby on Wednesday, October 17. Our bears will spend the night (until Friday) and have snack with us at our Teddy Bear Picnic on Friday. These classes will be making Bear Biscuits with honey along with bananas and milk for snack.

**T/Th class:** Your child may bring his/her teddy bear to school on Thursday, October 18 to join in our Teddy Bear Picnic.

### Scholastic Book Orders

Approximately once a month you will receive Scholastic Book orders in your child's folder. This is a way for you to order quality books at a great price. However, it is not mandatory to participate. Simply order online or complete the order form(s), attach the payment (checks only, please) and give it to one of our staff prior to the deadline date that is stamped on the order form. We would like to thank Miss Cara for organizing Scholastic orders for all of our classes.



### Halloween Parties

Tu/Th AM class party will be Tuesday, October 30.  
M/W/F AM and PM class parties will be Wednesday, October 31.

We will be having a Halloween Parade approximately 15 minutes after the children arrive to class. We will let you know that morning what your best area for video taping, picture taking will be. We will stop there briefly to sing a couple of Halloween songs.

Halloween can be a frightening time for some children. We ask that you take this into consideration when deciding on a costume for your child to wear to school. **Please remember** that guns, swords or other weapons are **not** acceptable in our classroom even if they are part of a child's costume.

A **Halloween Party Help List** will be posted on the hall bulletin board to enlist your help to donate items for our party and to help in the classroom during our party day. There will be several opportunities to help at PEP School this year. If you are unable to volunteer for this party, there will be others. We want to share these opportunities so that as many parents as possible have a turn participating. **NO SIBLINGS PLEASE.**



## Reminders:

**1. Pick-up Reminder:** Please pick your child up from preschool **promptly at dismissal time**. If you have an emergency and are running late, please call the school (448-1626) so that we can let your child know that you will be late. It can be frightening to your child to be the only one left after all other children have been picked up.

Please remember our late pick-up policy. A \$10.00 late charge will be assessed to anyone more than 15 minutes late picking up his/her child unless there is an emergency and the school has been informed. An additional \$10.00 will be added to each 15 minutes thereafter.

**2. Absence:** It is not mandatory but helpful if you call (448-1626) to inform us your child will be absent from school. If your child is ill with a contagious disease, we use that information to inform the other parents. Please keep your child home when there are signs of a cold, fever or diarrhea. They should not return to school until they are free of these symptoms for 24 hours.

**3. Snack:** Your child will be scheduled to bring snack and drink to share with the class 2-3 times during the school year. If your child is scheduled on an inconvenient date, please inform Mary Lou in the PEP office for rescheduling. **Only those children scheduled to bring snack will receive the snack calendar with their name highlighted.**

### PEP Ministry Team 2018 - 2019 School Year

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The PEP Ministry Team is comprised of parents from our PEP classes, PEP Director and PEP Secretary. The purpose of the PEP Ministry Team is to help direct goals of PEP, follow up on By-laws and Constitution, help plan and direct fundraisers for the school, communicate with all PEP parents and generally oversee the PEP School program.

All members generously donate their time for this commitment and we appreciate all the time and effort involved. They are always available to answer questions and/or take suggestions to our committee meetings. Please feel free to share your ideas with them or call them with questions. There is a star next to the Ministry Team members' family pictures on our photo board in the hallway.

#### Coming in November:

November 5: Christmas Wish donations begin

November 12: No School. Veterans' Day.

November 15: Thanksgiving Feast for Tu/Th AM class.

November 16: Thanksgiving Feast, M/W/F classes.

November 19-23: No School, Thanksgiving Vacation.

## October at a Glance

### Tu/Th AM Class

**Every Tuesday is Bible Time at 11:20 in the classroom**

- 4: Parent/Teacher conferences. No regular class.
- 10: Burgers & Baskets dinner fundraiser
- 18: Bring a teddy bear to school today
- 30: Halloween Party!

## October at a Glance

### M/W/F AM & PM Classes

**Every Monday is Letter Day ~ Every Wednesday is Bible Story Time in the worship center**

- 1: Letter A day
- 5: Parent/Teacher conferences. No regular class
- 8: Letter B day
- 10: Burgers & Baskets dinner fundraiser
- 15: Letter C day
- 17: Bring a teddy bear to school today
- 22: Letter D day
- 29: Letter E day
- 31: Halloween Party!