

Welcome to PEP School!

September

Monday/Wednesday/Friday a.m. Class Newsletter ~ 2018

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Welcome PEP Families!

We are very happy you chose PEP School and are excited about this coming year working with your child and family. We will do our very best to make this a fun and enriching year for your child. Please feel free to ask questions. We welcome suggestions and comments.

Mon/Wed/Fri morning class teachers are: Miss Cara, Miss Karin, Miss Cindy, Miss B.

Please bring a family photo to school. September will be a month of getting acquainted, learning about our PEP families. We would like to help families recognize and get to know each other, so we have reserved the bulletin board on the right side of the hallway (just inside the outside door) for your family photo! Please put family members' names on the back of the photo. Just bring it into class this week or next, September 4-14, and give it to a teacher. We will post it with your family's name on the bulletin board. We will return them at the end of the year.

While at PEP, your child will be experiencing many art processes and science activities, learning songs and finger plays as well as learning/reviewing colors and shapes. Many stories, through books, tapes and flannel boards will be included in our lesson plans each day. The T/TH morning class will experience shorter rug times and more of an introductory presentation. The MWF classes will have extended learning experiences with more advanced activities.

Water Play Day at PEP School: Friday, September 7

Children can wear their swimsuit to school. Please send them in shoes that they can put on by themselves. Thank You!



September Themes:

September 4-7	Me & My Family
September 10-14	Me & My Family
September 17-21	Occupation/Transportation
September 24-28	Occupation/Transportation

Our Website!

Visit our website www.communitypresbyterian.com. Follow the 'ministries' tab at the top of the page, then click on Presbyterian Preschool. You can access the monthly newsletter from the link, as well as other announcements and important information.

Family Picnic Day – “Fun-at-the-Park” at North Orchard Park!

On Friday, September 14, our class time will be spent at North Orchard Park. Please meet us at the park and stay with your child to play and meet other families in your child’s class. Please bring a picnic snack to share with your family. PEP will furnish lemonade and water.

All family members are welcome! COME ONE & ALL!

Occupation Dress Up Day:

Children may dress up like their favorite Community Helper on Friday, September 21.

Picture Days:

Boys: September 24 - Girls: September 26

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
Cuties, Apples, 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!

Community Helper Visitors Welcome:

We invite parents to come to PEP to share your occupation with your child’s class throughout the school year. If you have 5-10 minutes or so to share your occupation, the children *love* to have parents come into the classroom. Please schedule your time with Miss Renee or Mary Lou in the PEP office.

Letter Day is Monday beginning in October:

Please bring a sharing item that begins with the letter of the week on Mondays beginning October 1. It helps if you label the item with your child’s name to help prevent loss. Please help your child remember that there is ONE day a week for sharing. Send only one item in a bag labeled with your child's name. Your child may bring books, music or information pertaining to our theme any day of the week.

All children need to be potty trained for PEP School:

There may be some accidents during the first week or two, which is not unusual. However, children should come to PEP in regular underwear (**NO PULLUPS ACCEPTED**). We do have extra clothing if accidents happen. Please launder and return the clothing to PEP School. If you wish, you may leave a change of clothing for your child in their cubby.

Sign-in/Sign-out Sheet:

Please sign your **first and last name** on the sign-in/out sheet. **Initials are not acceptable!** State law requires that the person signing the child in or out must sign using his/her legal name. Thank You!

Cubby Box Pictures:

If you have not already done so, please bring a 3x4 picture of your child to school so we can put it on his/her cubby box. This helps your child find their special cubby box for show and tell and for art work to take home.

Tuition Reminder:

Monthly tuition is due on the 1st of each month and considered delinquent on the 10th of that month and will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Please see Mary Lou in the PEP office if you have questions regarding tuition. Please make your tuition checks payable to CPC (Community Presbyterian Church).

MWF AM Class monthly tuition: \$270.00.

Snack Time at PEP:

Your child will be scheduled to bring snack and drink 3 to 4 times throughout the school year. You will receive a snack schedule in your child's folder when it is your turn. Please provide a sufficient **healthy** snack from the food guide pyramid we include with your snack assignment information. Your child will be scheduled the school day closest to their birthday. We request you bring only healthy snacks, even on birthdays. **The following foods are not acceptable for snack:** cupcakes, cookies, cakes, ice cream, pudding, granola bars, candy, and whole nuts. We will have several party/holiday celebrations during the year. The children can enjoy these special treats on those days. **Please do not bring treat bags, birthday favors or cupcakes to distribute to the class.** You may donate a book to the class or markers, etc. that all the children can enjoy. A simple healthy snack and drink is appreciated! If your child is scheduled to bring snack at an inconvenient time please call Mary Lou in the PEP office to reschedule.

Snack special request:

We ask that you choose a healthy snack that does not include any type of nuts or nut products. Per licensing standards, only 100% juice, 1% milk or fat-free milk are suitable beverages for snack. Thank you!

Please:

1. Remember to sign your child in and out daily on the Sign-In/Out Sheet located on the clipboard beside the hall bulletin board. Initials are not acceptable. Please sign your first and last name!
2. Check your child's folder daily for art work, notes, newsletters and other information.
3. Remember to look over our PEP bulletin board in the hallway. We try to post all pertinent information for you to read regarding upcoming events at PEP School.
4. Names on all sweaters, jackets, backpacks, etc., please!
5. Help your child remember Letter Day is Monday.

6. Ask questions of PEP Staff. We are here to make you feel comfortable with our PEP program and we always appreciate your interest and concerns. Miss Renée will be available in the mornings for parent conferences, school visitations and prep work. Please call if you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child with her. Conferences are always welcome.

Departure:

Please be prompt when picking up your child from school. The first days of school can be overwhelming for some children. It is very important that you be here at dismissal time so they do not become anxious when no one is here to meet them. Please check your child's file folder daily for important information and artwork to take home. The file box will be in the hallway. Folders are filed alphabetically by child's first name. Most art projects will be sent home the following class time. Parents will wait in the hallway until the teacher calls their child's name. For your child's safety we will call their name only when an approved adult is here to meet them. Please help us by telling the teacher at the door who you are picking up, especially the first month or so. Due to busy days we recognize faces but names can escape us. Please keep information updated regarding those people approved to pick up your child from school and inform Mary Lou in the PEP Office of any change in phone numbers (including cell phones) or address.

Cell Phones:

Please do not use your cell phone while bringing/picking up your child to/from PEP School. We will not release your child until your phone call is concluded. Thank you!

Coming In October:

1. Bible Stories begin.
2. Letter days begin.
3. Halloween Parties October 31.

Would you like to help in the classroom?

There will be many opportunities throughout the year to help us in the classroom or with parties. We ask you to volunteer for only one of these events in order to give all parents an opportunity to help. We will have a party sign-up sheet for the entire year for each class posted on the bulletin board. We depend on our parents to help us make all of these days a success!

Community Presbyterian Church (CPC) News

Pastor Mark Wright warmly invites you to Sunday worship services at 10.00. Fellowship begins at 9:30.

September 'plus' at a glance: M/W/F a.m. Class

Sept. 4-14: Bring a family photo for the bulletin board
7: Water play day
14: Family picnic at North Orchard Park
21: Occupation dress up day
24: Picture day ~ boys
26: Picture day ~ girls
Oct. 10: PEP Burgers and Baskets fundraiser

Presbyterian Enrichment Preschool Philosophy

Each child is an active participant in his or her own growth and development. Learning takes place naturally, emerging slowly, as each new experience enriches and broadens your child's view of the world around us.

We believe children learn by doing, having hands-on experiences enables each child to explore, discover, problem solve, construct own thoughts and invent new ideas.

We provide many opportunities for your child to feel successful, helping to build confidence and a strong sense of self-worth. As he or she successfully masters every day tasks, such as pouring own juice, competence increases. It is while doing real and meaningful tasks that your child is able to take responsibility and make decisions for him or herself. We plan activities that are appropriate for your child, based on his or her ability and desires. Each child has a natural curiosity and desire to learn, we constantly look for ways to spark that desire.

Each child needs time to play, it is through play he or she will learn to ask questions and discover answers. Self-initiated play helps each child make sense of his or her world, it also provides emotional relief and understanding, and fosters social development. Most importantly, it is just plain fun.

Thank you for sharing your child with us. We know that your child means more to you than anything. We promise not to stuff him or her full of information, but to provide rich experiences to nurture his or her natural creativity and desire to learn. We see you as a vital part in your child are learning process. We welcome families in our classroom, sharing with us your experiences and knowledge, as together we watch your child grow.