

Welcome to PEP School!



Tuesday/Thursday Class Newsletter 2026

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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.

Tues/Thurs morning class teachers are: Miss Renee, Miss Cara and Miss Corey.

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.

September Themes:

September 8-11	Welcome to PEP
September 14 - 18	Me & My family
September 21 – 25	Colors & Shapes
September 28 – Oct 2	Pets

Family Picnic Day – “Fun-at-the-Park” at Play4All Park! 815 Elmira Road, Vacaville

Thursday, October 1: Our class time will be spent at Play4All 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 water.

All family members are welcome! COME ONE & ALL!

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.

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:

Tuition is paid through the brightwheel app, our childcare management software system. Your tuition payments are made quickly, easily and securely, all from the same app. You may choose to pay via electronic transfer from your account or credit/debit card. Your account will be billed on the 10th of each month, tuition is due by the 15th. You may enable autopay to ensure you never miss a payment. Service fee is .5% for ACH (electronic transfers from your account) or 2.75% for credit card payments.

A \$10 late fee will be charged for tuition received after the 15th of each month. If we have not received payment by the 25th of each month, your child's place will be offered to others on our waiting list.

Snack Time at PEP:

Your child will be scheduled to bring snack 3 - 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 in store packaging is appreciated! We will serve water to drink. 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. Thank you!

Lunch Bunch:

Lunch Bunch is an extended day for approximately 12 students. PEP Lunch Bunch is held in the PEP classroom and on the PEP playground from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Children enrolled in the class that day will have the opportunity to enroll for PEP Lunch bunch for \$60 per month for 1 day per week. Tu/Th students may enroll for up to 2 days. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Mary Lou in the PEP office for enrollment questions.

Please:

1. Remember to sign your child in and out daily on the Sign-In/Out Sheet located on the clipboard beside the cart. **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 information in the window above the cart. We try to post all pertinent information for you.
4. Names on all sweaters, jackets, backpacks, etc., please!
5. 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 for parent conferences. 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 on the cart by the gate. Folders are filed alphabetically by child's first name. Most art projects will be sent home the following class time. Parents will wait at the gate 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 gate 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:

Halloween Party October 29

Community Presbyterian Church (CPC) News

Pastor Paul Hudson warmly invites you to Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m.

September at a glance: T/TH Class

Sept. 8 - 18: Bring a family photo and a pet photo to school for the bulletin board. Please put names on the back of the photos.

Sept. 22: Wear red to school

Sept. 24: Wear blue to school

October 1: Family picnic day at Play4All Park - 815 Elmira Road

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, 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's learning process. We welcome families in our classroom, sharing with us your experiences and knowledge, as together we watch your child grow.