

# SEPTEMBER 2019



Welcome back to school! The classes are settling in so sweetly and everyone is having a great time. My hat's off to all of you for getting all the multiple forms returned in a timely manner! It's a team effort and we appreciate all of you so much! It's a state requirement to have the required paperwork in place to guarantee that your child is protected, by having all the information needed in case we need to contact you.

Check out our Preschool Website: [firstchurch.org/preschool](http://firstchurch.org/preschool) (FYI our Calendar Year-at-a-Glance is posted. 😊)

- Our **Parent Committee** has 2 new Co-Chairs; Lucy Hartnett and Alison Grissom. They are alumni moms with little ones in the 3s. We'll be planning a 'kick-off' meeting very soon to get the ball rolling. We encourage everyone to be involved in some capacity throughout the year. The more 'hands on deck' the easier for everyone. Watch your email, child's backpack and check out the **Parent Board** by our entrance for upcoming meetings/opportunities. You should be receiving emails from the Co-chairs next week, if not let us know and we will check your email address. Please note that all Parent committee handouts will be copied on lavender paper to set them apart from our classroom handouts.
- Always refer to your child's monthly **class calendars and newsletters** for specific activities, times and dates for your child. If we send out a mass school information letter, it will be *general* because you should already have your classroom information.
- Make note of your teacher's classroom phone extension numbers. These will connect you to their direct line in your child's classroom after dialing the church number, **860.529.1575**.

Mrs. Tinker	x230
Mrs. Ostergren	x231
Ms. Lisa	x232
Mrs. Bighinatti	x254
Vickie	x235

- **Parent Handbook:** Due to copier technical difficulties, we have had a delay in printing. We will have them for you *very soon*. Please read through it when you receive it, so you have a clear understanding of our school policies. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me.

## Please remember to:

- ✓ Keep your child's Medical records up to date (Influenza shot is due by December 31). If you have an upcoming, scheduled physical appointment, please notify your teacher. She will attach the date of your appointment to your child's file. If you ever have any questions, please come and see me.
- ✓ Select healthy options for your child's birthday celebrations! **NO BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES, PLEASE:** The state requests that snacks be healthy and represent 2 food groups. Be creative and send a favorite healthy snack. (See snack suggestion sheet in your Parent Handbook)

## Water bottles:

- We are asking each family to send a water bottle with your child daily for his/her snack time, to reduce paper waste. If you do not have one, please let your teacher know and one will be provided for you.
- Tissues, napkins & disinfecting wipes are always appreciated as donations.

- Recyclables are needed: We like to recycle in Preschool. Here is a list of items needed for various activities/projects throughout the year. If you are willing to collect these items, please make sure that they are clean, and labels removed. We could use: baby food glass jars, yogurt cups, toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, large Oatmeal boxes, milk caps, etc....

#### FUNDRAISERS:

- **Look for our Pecan Fundraiser flyers coming home on September 30/October 1.** The pecans are an amazing product that will be in just in time for the holidays! Past years we were able to buy an iPad Pro, storage shed, outdoor mud kitchen, blocks and ramps for our teachers to use in their classrooms and on the playground from the profits from our sales. We look forward to seeing what else we can purchase to enrich our inside and outside space.
- **KidsStuff Coupon books fundraiser** will begin January 21. Details to come..... They offer a convenient app for your phone. It's awesome!

#### PLAYGROUND:

PLEASE know that we *love* that our families gather on our play-ground each day and connect as parents and children. Unfortunately, throughout the year, we are finding shovels and pails strewn everywhere, piles of sand **outside** of the sandbox; in the playhouse, on the slide, and toys are everywhere..... CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.

We are requesting your help. While supervising your children during off-school hours, please help them to follow our *simple* school rules:

- SAND STAYS IN SANDBOX AND IS COVERED AT THE END OF THE DAY IF YOU ARE PICKING UP AT 3:30 or 4:00.**
- SHOVELS & PAILS STAY IN THE SAND BOX and TOYS ARE PUT IN BINS.**
- RIDING TOYS ARE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE BARN.**
- ONLY GO DOWN THE SLIDE.**
- THE PLAYHOUSE IS NOT FOR CLIMBING.**
- THE BINS ARE FOR TOY STORAGE, NOT FOR CHILDREN TO CLIMB INSIDE OR CLIMB ON TOP OFF.**

*The reality is, the returning children know the rules, and the new students will soon know them also. The children have always been great at cleaning up their playground.* Thank you for your help.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Family Fall Hoedown is **Monday, November 4** at 5:30-7:15. (No school Nov. 5)

😊 You won't want to miss out on all the Fun; pizza dinner, games, dancing, children can wear costumes, photo area, laughter...etc.

**Testimonials Welcome:** We would love to add some new testimonials to our website. If you would like to share your experiences at our Preschool to those that visit our website, please email me at [vickie@firstchurch.org](mailto:vickie@firstchurch.org). We'd be very appreciative!!

Looking forward to a wonderful YEAR. Thanks again for being a part of our Preschool community!

Warmly,  
Vickie