



The Preschool Post

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TEAMWORK from Elizabeth Gibson

For those of you who already have children in elementary school, you must be very familiar with the concept of TEAMWORK in relation to the education of your child. For the rest of us....here goes...

Our children are more productive in an educational environment when they feel that all participants are working together as a team. The educational team for your child here includes the staff of the preschool, me, your child, and YOU!

I want to commend you on what a great job you all have done staying on top of things as far as preparations for the school year go. I believe with all my heart that things go more smoothly when our children have the sense that the teaching adults in their lives – preschool staff, parents, caregivers, etc. – are working toward a common goal. That goal – making their childhood memorable, educational, and FUN with appropriate boundaries, discipline, and accolades.

Thanks again for all you are doing to make your child(ren)'s experiences here at Allison Creek Preschool the most positive ones possible!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues you may have.

Fondly,
Elizabeth P. Gibson

★ Student of the Week

Each week, each class will have a different "Star Student." That student will be indicated on the monthly calendar located in the back sleeve of the communication folder. The star student will be the special helper for his/her class for the week and will be allowed to bring ONE item in to share as "Show and Tell" on Thursday with his/her class. Please be sure all items are labeled with your child's name. These should be kept in your child's bookbag until it is time to share. If you would like to send in a special snack for your child's class during the week that he/she is star student, then please make those arrangements ahead of time with his/her assistant. We need to make sure that special snacks don't interfere with birthday celebrations. Thank you!



Family Night

How exciting! Fish the Magish will be HERE at Allison Creek on Friday, September 30 for an amazing magic show – all centered around "friendship." Please be sure to fill out your order form for tickets for the show and pre-order dinner for the night.

Tickets for the show are \$5/person ages 1&up or \$20 per household.

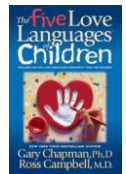
Dinner will be a hotdog dinner. Hotdog plates will include a hotdog, chips, a drink, and a dessert for \$6. Extra hotdogs are available for \$3 each.

All profits from the Family night will go towards the preschool playground fund.

The event is not limited to preschool families. If you have a friend or family member that you think would enjoy, please invite them!

Mom's Book Study

The Mom's Book Study of Gary Chapman's *The Five Love Languages of Children* will begin Thursday, September 22 at 11:45 pm. There are still a few spots open! If you would like to join the group, please email Elizabeth at acpreschool@comporium.net to add your name to the list. The study is \$30 – which covers the cost of the book, materials, and childcare (if applicable). The study will meet each Thursday from 11:45-12:30 except for when the preschool is closed.



Beginning Monday, September 12, we are proud to offer ZUMBA classes from 12:45-1:30 pm for anyone interested in the class! The cost of the class is \$5 per person-anyone, not just preschool families!

Childcare will be provided for preschool families during the ZUMBA classes at a rate of \$3/child or \$5/family.

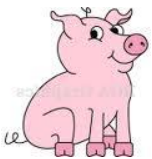
A portion of monies collected from the exercise class will be given back to the preschool to use toward the preschool playground fund.

Our Extra Special Mascots

Each of our threes and fours classes will have a class friend – a mascot for their group of friends this year. This mascot will travel with them throughout the week here at the preschool. On Thursdays (or the last preschool day of the week), the mascot will tell the assistant for that group who they would like to go home with for the weekend.

When your child is chosen, they will bring home their class friend in its own bag with a travel journal. It is our hope that you will make this a special time with your child and make a page with photos from your special visit with the mascot. The mascots should be returned with your child on Monday morning in the bag they traveled to your home in, with the journal included also.

This is a marvelous opportunity to encourage our children to show good character at school as well as be responsible for the mascot on the weekend. Not to mention the excitement of something to look forward to! We do take time to explain to our children that the mascot would love to go home with everyone every weekend, but we have to share the treasure with our friends.



Penelope Pig

Melvin Monkey



Bessie Cow

Calvin Cat



Preschool Playground Project



Each year, the preschool takes on a capital project to make our preschool even better than before! This year, the preschool is taking on the project of adding a new playground to our campus. There are two phases to this project. Phase One: The new playground will require the relocation of the preschool storage shed, installation of a new fence, and relocation of preschool playground equipment from the current playground. Phase Two: Some new preschool-sized playground equipment will be built in the new space.

The addition of this playground will allow the campus of Allison Creek to have two play areas for children – one for preschool aged children and another for children ages 6 and over.

As you can imagine, there is a large cost involved in such a project. There are many ways you can help:

1 – The preschool will host a “Stuck on Fun” Day (details coming soon). There will be sno-cones on this day and families will have the opportunity to make a cement stepping stone to add to the playground for a minimum donation of \$25 each. The interior of the playground fence will have a narrow mulch border where these stones will be placed.

2 – Participate in fundraising events such as Fish the Magish night and Pizza Man night.

3 – The teachers have asked that in lieu of teacher gifts for Christmas, donations be made to this fund.

4 – Share any ideas you may have that will benefit this fundraising effort!

Pizza Lunch!



Families will have the option of ordering a pizza lunch for children in place of bringing a lunch box on Wednesday, September 21. The cost of the lunch will be \$5. Each pizza lunch will consist of a slice of pizza, a drink, a serving of fruit, and a cookie. Email Ms. Elizabeth “yummy pizza” for a chance to win a free pizza lunch for your child! Lunches will have to be ordered by September 19 so we can order the appropriate number of pizzas. **Pizza lunches are only available to children who are at preschool for lunch.**



Preschool Reminders, Procedures, Etc

Please Review Each Carefully



1 - Please enter the appropriate door each day for pick up. Toddlers and Twos should be picked up from the door at the top of the ramp (nearest the kitchenette). Threes and fours should enter the door nearest Pastor Sam's office and proceed to the hallway. Please do not open the doors to the preschool wing. A preschool staff member will be there soon to open it for you.

2 - Please be sure you are on time for pick up each day. Our little ones become quite anxious when they are picked up late.

3 - Lunch: Please do not pack any nut products for lunch or special snacks. Please make sure your child has a drink and any necessary utensils for his/her lunch. Please make sure all lunches are ready-to-serve (ie: no microwaving, etc.).

4 - If someone other than parent or regular caregiver is picking up your child, please be sure the preschool has that information prior to pick up. Also, that person will be required to show a photo id in order to pick up. All this is for the safety of your child.

5 - If you are coming to pick up your child early, volunteer, speak to a staff member, or enter the preschool for any reason during preschool hours, please come to the door closest to Ms. Elizabeth's office and ring the door bell for entry.

6 - All playball questions should be directed to Ms. Paula.

7 - We strive to keep matters confidential between preschool and each family. Please refrain from asking questions like "what kind of day did we have today?" at pick up...we would like to have conversations, if needed, in a more private fashion. Should your child's assistant or any teacher need to talk with you, you will be asked to wait for them in the fellowship hall so that they might have a private conversation with you. Sometimes these conversations are for things other than problems, so please don't assume that if you are asked to wait in the fellowship hall that there has been a problem.

8 - Once the drop-off line begins, the staff will be working hard to welcome your children to preschool as quickly and safely as possible. We ask that you have your child ready to exit the vehicle when you get to the staff member that will be welcoming your child for the day. If you have items that need to be addressed during drop-off, please pull onto the grassy area nearest the church cemetery, and someone will be with you as soon as our preschoolers are in their rooms.

9 - Our preschool staff is here to provide your child with a learning environment in which they can grow and develop socially, emotionally and academically in a setting that is challenging, friendly, positive, and most of all respectful. Thank you for allowing us to care for your child. It is a responsibility that we all are thankful for and do not take lightly.

Upcoming Events

- September 6-8** Sip and Sob
- September 10** Bluegrass Festival
- September 12** ZUMBA starts
- September 13&14** Playball Starts
- September 15** Tuition Payment Due
- September 15** Scholastic Book Orders Due
- September 19** Pizza Orders Due
- September 22** Mom's Book Study Begins
- September 30** Fish the Magish – Family Night
- October 10** NO PRESCHOOL – Columbus Day
- October 15** – Tuition Payment Due
- October 20** - The Pizza Man – Preschool Night
- October 31** NO ZUMBA
- October 31** Preschool Fall FUN-i-val – details coming soon!

Scholastic Book Orders



Each year Allison Creek Preschool sends book order flyers home from Scholastic. These flyers are filled with great deals for families as most books are paperback and are much cheaper than purchasing from local book stores. Each month, books that have been purchased are sent home in your child's backpack in a brown envelope. This allows you the opportunity to purchase books for treats, surprises, or gifts. Book flyers have arrived and orders will ready to be taken soon. Please look through the flyers when they come home. Should you decide to purchase books, you can fill out the forms and return them with a check payable to Scholastic OR you can order online by:

- 1 -Please go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs to order.
- 2 - Sign up for a user name & password. If you already have one, just log on.
- 3 - Enter our Class Activation Code: H32YP.
- 4 - Place order
- 5 - Pay securely

****Please note, every online order scholastic receives from our preschool, the preschool gets a free book! All book orders allow the preschool to accumulate points and earn free books!*

If you have any trouble ordering online or if you have any questions, please send an e-mail to acpreschool@comporium.net. Thanks in advance!

A Note about Fundraisers

Our preschool is proud of the fact that we do not ask our families to sell things to friends and neighbors in order to raise funds for the preschool.

We strive to offer services to our families as a means of raising funds for the preschool. For these efforts to be successful, we rely heavily on parent volunteers. Please be sure to consider how you can help with these and how your family might participate.

Preschool Night at The Pizza Man!

Allison Preschool Night at the Pizza Man in Clover will be on Thursday, October 20 from 4:00 - 9:00 pm. The Pizza Man will give the preschool 20% of the money made during the event hours of all orders for dine-in, carry out, or delivery when the person placing the order identifies they are ordering because of Allison Creek Preschool! The menu can be found online. Please be sure to spread the word! Any orders that identify the preschool will count toward our fundraiser, not just preschool families! Each participating family will get a chance in a drawing for door prizes!

www.thepizzamanandgames.com

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**Please keep preschool office hours
(Monday – Thursday 8am-1pm)
in mind when waiting for a response to
emails or phone calls.**