

VICKIE'S APRIL NEWS 2017

We extend a heartfelt "thank you" for supporting our Pecan Fundraiser! In collaboration with the church congregation, we profited \$1,254.67 from the *pecans*! It was requested that we sell them in the Fall next year, so we will have them for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays! If you combine the totals of our coupon book sales, pecans and Photo packets, we profited a total of \$2,322.17 to enhance our classrooms and outside play area. We will share with you what was purchased by the end of the year! Our teachers are busy "shopping" in catalogs and on-line. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

- **News of Upcoming Attractions!** Remember to always refer to your teacher's calendar/newsletter for specifics for your child.
- **EXTENDED SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE: Please check out all the enriching activities & themes that are offered each week; "From Seed to Table", "Under the Sea", "Little Chefs" and "Down on the Farm"** <http://firstchurch.org/ministries/preschool/extended-sessions>
- **Scholastic Book Fair (Week of April 24):** will be held in our Crib Room throughout the week and in the Wells Area the night of our *Families in Motion* event. Last year we earned enough points to purchase 2 \$800+ classroom rugs for FREE! Scholastic books *are* a great economical way to build your family library. Our school benefits from the sales by providing us with books for our classrooms. They have excellent books. If you need any guidance, I am available to recommend books. Your teachers are a great resource, too. Don't hesitate to ask!
- **FAMILIES FUN NIGHT—Tuesday, April 25 @ 5:30:** Celebrating in our newly renovated Marsh building!
 - Our own alumni parent, Carrie Wechsler, will be sharing her musical talents, along with her band, by leading the music and movement part of the evening! Carrie has her own Music Together Program in Glastonbury and has expanded her business to Wethersfield! She uses space here at First Church of Christ on Wednesday mornings.
 - Please mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled evening of enjoying music and movement with your child, viewing our preschoolers very own "Art Gallery", eating pizza with your family and friends, and shopping at our *Scholastic Book Fair*. We will have an **Event sign-up online** for your convenience. Watch our Website and look for an upcoming email for details!!
- **Mother's Day Teas** will be quickly approaching. Please check with your classroom teacher for the day and time of this very special event!
- **PARENT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** Connect with other parents by helping on the Parent committee. Children *are* invited to the meetings, too. We will need help with the upcoming events: **(The more volunteers we have, the less amount of work it is for everyone.) Some of the prep could be done *in* your home.** Thank you to everyone who has helped us in the past! It's never too late to join in the fun!
 - fccpparentscommittee@gmail.com
 - **"Art Gallery"** by mounting artwork, setting up the displays, etc.

- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Setting up and working during school hours and at the Families in Motion event.
- **May Field Day Week:** during the week of May 22. We need to plan for it now so we have the supplies and games that are needed. We would love for you to brainstorm ideas with us and help us plan!
- **Teacher appreciation week (May 1-5) ending with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, May 5:** Shhh...I have no details. Check with our chair Krista Parzych.
- Please feel free to contact me (vickie@firstchurch.org) if you have any questions. 😊
- **New:** We are adding a new “**Family Outreach**” page to our website! You will find the links for helping our families in need. Please check it out on our home page @ firstchurch.org/preschool I have a box in my office for collecting the Visa and Gas cards for the Borgen family. Thank you to those that have contributed.
- **THANK YOU AND A SHOUT OUT** to all who paid tuition payments and are up to date. It is greatly appreciated. All payments are due by MAY 1. Remember that Lunch Bunch, EMD and Late pick up fees are in addition to your tuition. Thank you. 😊
- **Gentle Reminder:** It has been brought to my attention that children are climbing on the playhouse roof and jumping off after school hours. If you could please supervise and remind them that the school rules still apply after school, we’d appreciate it. Just ask the children, they know the rules. We just want everyone to be safe.

FYI: Preschool Graduation: Thursday, June 1 @ 6:30 p.m. All children moving onto Kindergarten will be graduating. You will not want to miss this special event!! Mark your calendars. 😊

Thank you for entrusting your little ones in our care. We feel so privileged to be a part of such a wonderful community of families.

Love to all,

Vickie

