

June, 2016

To every one of our families, grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors and friends, caregivers and cousins... whom over the past ten months have gotten your preschooler to school and provided us with help, encouragement, laughter and supplies, we applaud you! Often times we get so busy and unintentionally forget to say **"THANKS!"** and to let you know how much your involvement has meant to us and your child. So many of you have volunteered as our Room Mothers, served on our preschool board, pitched in to substitute in our classrooms (sometimes on a moments notice), bought "Scrip", helped with classroom parties, field trips, Teacher Appreciation, Open House, picture days, special projects, taken pictures & bought food or supplies. We want you to know that we have enjoyed all of you and honor the trust you placed in us as you left your precious preschooler in our hands each day. Good byes are so sad, but to those of you who will be leaving us, we celebrate this next exciting step you are about to take and send with you our highest hopes and most sincere prayers for continuing success and happiness through kindergarten and beyond. Please come back and see us often!

I want to personally offer my heart-felt appreciation to FUMPS' staff. Over the years I have watched these women juggle sick children, husband's schedules, doctor's appointments, family crisis's, teenagers, school, carpools, caring for parents, even grandchildren, their own fatigue & health issues, comfort preschoolers, parents, friends, family members & each other; and not once loose sight or pleasure from the importance of their work with young children.

As most of you know this is my last year with FUMPS & I've been thinking a lot about how lucky I have been to spend so many years in a place I love, with people I love! Good teachers, I believe – including preschool teachers - have one of the most challenging & fulfilling jobs. Although what we do here is not rocket science, we may be influencing & setting the foundation for that future rocket scientist. If teaching preschoolers is truly your passion, it's a 24 hour 7 day a week job. You are always looking at things from a preschoolers point of view to see if an item, book or manipulative would engage that child that you can't quite reach or open up conversation with the group in a whole new direction. Guiding children, providing feedback, engaging with parents & families, collaborating with colleagues, reflecting on instruction & staying abreast of research is a full time job. Much of the "work" we do at FUMPS is about the intangible at this age. It's about fostering that almost indescribable, & yet unmistakable, spark between teacher, child, family & school. I want to thank all the teachers I've been fortunate enough to work beside who share their love of art, music, books, animals, science, gardening, cooking, nature & kindness with your young children. Thank you all for the many good wishes you have bestowed upon me. I have been truly blessed!

To our preschool board this year - **Mrs. Shirley Parks, Mrs. Lynn Ashworth, Mrs. Patty Binford, Mrs. Gail Murray, Mrs. Jolyn Mac Arthur, Mrs. Lisa Laird, Mrs. Leah Stuart, Mr. Kevin Abbott, Mrs. Susie Zubak, Mrs. Dianna Curtis, Mrs. Ruth Walker, Mrs. Kelly Weakly, & Mrs. Barbara Jo Wilson** - Thank you all for your friendship, attendance, guidance, leadership, wisdom and help with this year's fundraisers and special events. FUMPS exists due to a team effort between families, teachers, board members and First United Methodist Church, it's staff and it's congregation.

To everyone who donated their time, energy, food, juice and attendance at our Open House. The evening turned out to be such fun and we had tables of delicious finger foods. We got to visit with new incoming families and see graduated brothers & sisters who enjoyed being "back" at preschool, plus have a little fun with all of you! Special thanks to our children and their teachers who put so much effort into cleaning, decorating and preparing their classrooms for "company". Some of the teachers were here until 7:00 p.m. one or more evenings that week just giving their classrooms that

extra special touch! To those who helped set-up, serve and clean-up: **Judy Dean, Jesse Fuller, Melinda Robbins, Jason Story, Nancy Bowen, Sophia Schmoldt, Melissa Lounsbury, Nicole Lentini, Kellie Snarr, Yesenia Littlefield & Leah Ludwig.** Many of you stayed the entire evening in the kitchen! To **Mrs. Barbara Jo Wilson** who kept us supplied with yummy popcorn all evening & works tirelessly to introduce young families to First United Methodist Church. And to **our Room Mother's** for all the extra attention and assistance you gave each teacher, making FUN posters, arranging for field trip drivers & car seats, organizing food & decorations, planning picnics, helping in classrooms and at Open House. You have our deepest thanks for a job well done!

I hope everyone got a chance to look at the family quilts hanging in each classroom. What an amazing group of children & families we have, Those quilt squares are a celebration of each child: their talents, abilities, creativity, likes and the people they love. Thank you all for making the effort to put one together. The children have really started looking at them closely & pointing out to each other their families & friends!

Besides supplies, books & manipulatives, part of our fundraising money allows us to bring in "Music & Movement" with Mrs. Updegraff, "Pump & Splash", The Miniature Pony, "Snow Days", the "Lizard Wizard", Kidspace Children's Museum, DiscoveryCube LAOC, The Aquarium of the Pacific "Tide Pool" truck, "Annie Banannie" & "Bubbles the Clown" that will entertain, as well as, teach us. Preschoolers gain so much from these special events which help stretch attention spans, encourage patience, practice listening, increase knowledge & curiosity about the world in which they live, help overcome unrealistic fears, provide opportunities to take risks & learn about hygiene. Even as teachers we learn something each time.

Enjoy your summer, Happy Father's Day!

Lee Ann Salmon

Father's Day Song

*Here's an A+ Dad
best a kid could've had,
one who shows me he cares every day.*

*He's the model of,
A Dad to love.
Was there ever a Father so cool?*

*Oh, his heart beats true
as he raves on to you,
and about me he boasts and brags.*

*He believes in me
so can't you see,
why I love my dear old Dad!*

Congratulations to Nutrition teacher, Mrs. Raquel Campbell, for introducing us to many new taste & textures this year including kale, swiss chard, greek yogurt, whole grain crackers, lots of fruits & veggies & to our teachers for planning nutrition & physical activity lessons in each classroom. Their enthusiasm & commitment to a healthier lifestyle has earned FUMPS a NAP SACC Certification through First 5 Riverside, Riverside County Department of Public Health Nutrition Services & Health Promotion Branch, Riverside Child Care Consortium, Early Childhood & Family Studies & UCR

Extension! Tuesday we received our Certificate & Saturday Mrs. Campbell will be awarded her much deserved trophy!

Happy June, July & August Birthdays!

Happy Owls

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| Brooklyn | 6/20 |
| Charlie | 6/25 |
| Cooper | 6/26 |
| Vinh | 6/27 |
| Felix | 6/27 |
| Travers | 6/30 |
| Lulu | 7/5 |
| Lorraine | 7/12 |
| Gary | 7/19 |
| Wensley | 7/27 |
| Samantha | 8/17 |

Busy Bees

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| DJ | 7/24 |
| Kingston | 7/24 |
| Lexi | 7/26 |
| Nixon | 7/30 |

Caring Caterpillars

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| Elliott | 6/14 |
| Evan | 7/21 |
| Aidan | 7/26 |
| Nathan | 7/30 |
| Blake | 8/2 |

Sunny Sunflowers

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| Mason | 6/4 |
| A.J. | 8/18 |

Cute Kittens

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| Ayla | 6/6 |
| Camden | 7/16 |

Lucky Ladybugs

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| Rowan | 8/15 |
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| Mrs. Vaughan | 6/29 |
| Mrs. Campbell | 7/13 |
| Mrs. Vasquez | 7/13 |

Congratulations to BIG brother Lucky Ladybug **Ethan & the Vargas family** on the birth of baby girl **Jazzilyn Nathalia** and to BIG brother Caring Caterpillar **Boaz & the Pardee family** on the birth of baby girl **Cozette Prairie!**

WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPENINGS FOR NEXT YEAR!

2 day (Tuesdays & Thursdays) & 3 day (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) in our 3 year old classrooms.

Tell your friends, neighbors & moms clubs!

THANKS!

Next year. . .

Mrs. Lisa Sherman will return for her 19th year with us to teach her 5-day Pre K Lucky Ladybug class. Beginning her 25th year with FUMPS, **Mrs. Selma Vasquez** will have her 4 year old Sunny Sunflower class. **Miss Melissa Erdman** will teach for her 33rd year her 4 year old Cute Kitten class. Both **Mrs. Lisa Skiver & Mrs. Lisa Higgins** begin their 11th year with us. Mrs. Skiver will have the 4 year old Busy Bee classroom while Mrs. Higgins is our Office Manager/Assistant Director. **Mrs. Karen Wilson** returns for her 13th year, beginning her 1st as Director! With our littlest preschoolers will be **Mrs. Ramona Laib** for her 3rd year with us & we welcome assistant teacher, **Mrs. April Richard**. **Mrs Judi Jack** will return for her 8th year as assistant teacher in the older 3's with new teacher **Mrs. Danielle Salquist**. **Mrs. Alice Musarra** will be performing her playground curriculum magic for the 4th year assisted by **Mrs. Nancy Vaughan** who begins her 2nd year with us & what a tireless & creative team they make!

We sadly say goodbye to **Mrs. Jennifer Hadley, Mrs. Emily Setlik & Miss Caroline Sheehan** Jen will be home schooling both her girls next year & that's a fulltime job, Emily is going back to

school fulltime to get her elementary teaching degree & Caroline will be getting married this fall. These three women have been such a wonderful addition to our staff. We will miss them greatly, but wish them much success & happiness!

Scholarship Update

You have raised \$1,440.00 toward our goal of \$7,750.00! We can add another \$1,000.00 from our Open House 'Silent Auction"! Thank you all whom have already donated and to those who will before our preschool year is over. We are deeply grateful for your support! Two scholarships have been approved for children to attend 2 days per week for the entire 2016/17 preschool year!

We are selling notecards made from the artwork of our preschoolers, Mrs. Higgins mom Carol's artistic eye & wonderful quotes & Mrs. Skivers dad John & his printing business for putting everything together. You get 9 notecards for \$10.00 or 18 cards for \$15.00.

Thank You to all the classrooms who put together wonderful baskets for the Silent Auction & to Mrs. Musarra who spent hours & hours requesting donations, wrapping baskets, moving display tables in & out and manning the tables during Open House!

Just A Reminder. . .

All Tuition, Lunch Bunch fees, Early Morning Drop Off, your \$60.00 Registration fee for September, as well as your first payment for next Fall must already be paid in full. If not, please see Mrs. Higgins **before** preschool is out on Thursday, June 9th.

Keep saving: **Box Tops for Education**. Thanks to **Mrs. Tabitha Wilson** for managing this program for us & to our families for saving them You earned us \$256.50! Tabitha also cut, counted, sorted, bundled & sent in thousands of Campbells Soup Labels earning us a \$300.00 Visa Gift Card. Both Box Tops & Campbells \$\$\$'s go towards new manipulatives, playground equipment & summer repairs to keep us clean & safe. Unfortunately Campbells is no longer collecting soup labels, but PLEASE still save those Box Tops! **Mrs. Jolie Dollar** will be collecting the Box Tops next year as the Wilson family is moving to Temecula!. Thanks to **Miss Melissa Erdman's** re-cycling efforts of **aluminum cans & liter bottles** and to those of you who brought loads of recyclables to us! Please keep saving throughout the summer months. If you come by the preschool, just throw your bag over the fence & we will continue collecting. THANKS we made \$87.00! By recycling old cell phones & ink cartridges we earned \$63.40. If you need "**Stater Bros.** during the summer, Mrs. Wilson will be selling it on the church patio on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. after worship service.

Join Provident Banks Community Partners Program and Earn FUMPS \$\$\$'s

If you bank at Provident or want to change banks (Provident offers an interest bearing checking account with no monthly service charge as well as a child's interest bearing account to help get your child interested in saving money) you can join their Community Partners Program and earn the preschool extra \$\$\$'s just by doing your regular banking. Provident Bank offers this program to local non-profit organizations like FUMPS and any type accounts are eligible - savings, checking, Certificate of Deposits, etc. This year we received \$768.99! We receive no names or personal info so whom ever joined, **we THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

We hope you have noticed all the wonderful family participation your children have experienced throughout our preschool year together. Your support and involvement enrich our program and thrill your children. To all family members and friends who shared a talent, cooked a favorite snack, read a story, donated items for snack, art, dramatic play or classroom use, drove on field trips, helped out in classrooms,

supported fundraisers, baby sat ladybugs, butterflies or baby chicks, saved soup labels, cans, meat trays, margarine tubs, paper roles, berry baskets, egg cartons, shells, wood and anything else we needed. . . YOU ARE TERRIFIC!

To all that have brought in boxes & bags of books, keep them coming! I am here throughout the summer so just leave them by the gate & I will find them! Goodwill truck donations can be dropped off anytime also during the summer.

You all take very good care of us!

To Cute Kitten **Olive & mom Sarah** for the box of healthy, fresh fruit for our snack time. To **Addison & mom Laura** for the donation of jackets that we keep around for those extra cool days on our playground!

To Happy Owl to **Tessa & mom Jenny** for the bag of spare clothes just incase we have some accidents or spills.

To Busy Bee **Max & grandma Beth** for the many bags of yummy flavored popcorn.

To Caring Caterpillar **Mateo, mom Amy & dad Mark** for the three roles of art paper. So we can color as much as we want!

To Lucky Ladybug **Rowan & mom Tabitha** for all the help you have been this year. You have asked daily “does anyone need help today?” & most days we have taken you up on your offer. Thanks too for the sweet juicy watermelon for snack. To **Ethan & mom Wendi** for the dino cutouts for our art table. To **Steven & Grandma Sharon** for the supply of bowls, wipes & toothpicks for snack, clean-up & art projects.

June’s Calendar

- 1 Tattoos & Balloons & Popcorn & “Bubbles the Clown” Visits
- 2 & 3 Picnics in the Park
- 5 **Mrs. Salmon’s Retirement Party 1 to 3 p.m.**
- 6 & 7 Donuts with Dad 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- 8 & 9 **Last Days of Preschool - Ice Cream Parties**
- 10 Summer Vacation Begins
- 19 Happy Father’s Day

July

- 4 **Happy 4th July.** A \$5.00 donation will get you into the church parking lot at the base of Mt. Rubidoux to see the fireworks & Boy Scout Troop 271 sells hot dogs & sodas!
- 11 – 15 **Vacation Bible School “Surf Shack”** - “Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love” 9:00 a.m. until 12:30. 3 years (& potty-trained) thru 6th grade. **We need teachers, parent volunteers & teen helpers.** Child care is available.

Fourth of July Night

*Pin wheels whirling round
Spit sparks upon the ground,
And blossoms in the sky-
Blue and yellow, green and red
Flowers falling on my head,*

*And I don’t ever have to go
To bed, to bed, to bed!*

-Dorothy Aldis

September

- 5 Labor Day
- 8 **Parent Orientation 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall**
- 9 **Visitation Morning 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon**
- 12 **Preschool Begins 9:00 a.m. Early Drop Off at 8:00 a.m.**
- 19 **Lunch Bunch Begins 12:00 noon to 2:00 or 3:30 p.m.**

Fun Things To Do This Summer:

Picnic, swim, boat at Lake Gregory
Beach Train - 1 (800) 371-LINK
Jensen-Alvarado Historic Ranch & Museum - 369-6055
Louis Rubidoux Nature Camp - 683-4880
Expanding Horizons - 827-1655
UCR Summer Reading Programs - (800) 978-3532 or (800) 266-3991
San Bernardino County Museum - (909) 307-2669
Jurupa Cultural Center - 685-5818
Pretend City - 29 Hubble Irvine, CA
Santa Anna Discovery Science Center - (714) 542-2823
Pennypickles Temecula's Children's Museum - 308-6376

Getting Your Child involved with the Community

Most of us remember a field trip from school or a visitor that had an influence on us at an early age. You have probably heard a child say "I want to be a firefighter, doctor or police officer when I grow up". Many times this idea has come from something children have seen or they have a family member in that profession and they want to be like them.

There are many ways we can set a path for children to become active members of the community. When we go on field trips or family members share their professions with us, it's not only a fun educational experience, but we can be opening a door to a deciding factor in their career choice, besides providing an experience they may remember for a lifetime!

Have a wonderful, fun-filled summer with your
friends & families.

To those of you returning in September, it will be
here before we know it!

To those preschoolers & their families moving on
to kindergarten, come back & see us often.
We will miss you!