

FUMPS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL



Hello Dear Families!

Well, the Valentines have all been read, the tables cleaned from all the glue & paint, and the floors swept from all the glitter & parties... all that we have left is the laughter, the smiles, & the love that we all shared on our party days, and that is more than enough to keep us all going here at F.U.M.P.S.!!! I hope all of you had a happy & delightful day with your families.

So here comes March & boy are we busy!! Fall Registration and Pizza for Lunch Bunch, (details follow in this Newsletter), kick off the 1st of this Month. We have registered all of our returning families and will now open up to the public. I want to thank you for all your referrals. It is families like you that help make our preschool great! We get to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday with Victoria Chard's grandmother coming to read to us dressed as the Cat in the Hat. Mrs. Musarra will be teaching our Preschoolers all about Wiggly Worms. Please be sure to ask your child to tell your family what they learned when you are all gathered around the dinner table that evening. They will even get to bring home a worm to put in your garden! Lucky the Leprechaun will stop by & of course he will cause all kinds of mischief & maybe some gold will spill out of his pockets as he prances through our play yard!!! We will start our Spring Fundraiser with Kids R First on March 18th. As always we appreciate your support as it enables us to bring all the wonderful enrichment programs to your children.

So welcome sweet Spring! Welcome longer days, & welcome to the songs of birds & the sounds of children's laughter that fills the springtime air!

Have lots of fun & take good care of each other,

Karen Wilson



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Kids R 1st Fundraiser

On March 18th we begin our second round of our Kids R 1st Fundraiser. It is a great way to raise money for our preschool. All proceeds will go toward our enrichment programs like Snow Days, Aquarium of the Pacific, Lizard Wizard, etc. Thank you for your participation!

Scholarship Fund Drive

March 1st we begin our Scholarship Fund Drive. With your kind and generous donations we are able to offer scholarships to our four year olds who otherwise would not be able to attend preschool before they enter kindergarten.

If you would like to give to our Scholarship Fund please make a notation on your check so we can make sure it goes to the right place.

Fall Registration Begins

We have tried to register everyone already at FUMPS and now we open up to our waiting list. If you haven't registered or know someone who wants to, please pick up paperwork in the office as we are filling up fast. **Thank you for all of your siblings, relatives, neighbors, friends, and referrals!**



Pizza For Lunch Bunch Begins!

How about "Pizza" for Lunch Bunch? Every Thursday and Friday beginning March 1st & 7th until Lunch Bunch ends May 10th we will be offering "Pizza for Lunch Bunch." For an additional \$2.00 (making the charges \$8.00 for Pizza Lunch Bunch and \$13.00 for Late Pizza Lunch Bunch), your child can buy 2 slices of Capone's pizza (cheese or pepperoni), a glass of milk and fresh fruit. Please write "YES" in the pizza column on the sign in sheet in the morning when you sign your child in. All lunch bunch and pizza fees will be charged to your account and can be paid with the following month's tuition payment. Regular Lunch Bunch continues Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and children who do not want pizza can bring their own packed lunches. Enjoy!



A special thank you to Didi Anderson from the Elks Vision Screening Project for playing "the pirate game" with our children. If you received a referral, please do follow up with a check-up. "Lazy eye" caught before age five can be completely corrected. We have also discovered that behavior can improve dramatically when a child no longer has to struggle to see. The Elks can help financially with eye doctor visits and purchasing glasses, so please give Didi a call if you need assistance. The Elks also collect old glasses. If you have a pair, bring them to us and we will make sure they get recycled.



With much appreciation to all of the families that generously baked, frosted, chopped and "sprinkled love" on our yummy snacks for our Valentine's Day parties, you could feel the love through the whole school! Thank you too for the parents who gave of their time (and seatbelts) to help transport our 4 year olds to Stater Brothers for their field trip. We couldn't do it without you!

A special thank you to Kim Ingold for her willingness to take time out of her schedule to share about her knowledge of homeschooling.

Thank you to **Luke** in the Dancing Daisies and family for the glue sticks; to **Athena** in the Dancing Daisies and mom Tara for the wipes, paper towels, and Lysol cleaner; to **Cameron** in the Sunny Sunflowers and mom Brittany for the variety of toys; to **Elliott** in the Cute Kittens and mom Heather for the Goldfish crackers.

If you have donated something and we didn't get to thank you, please add your name to our donation list. We don't want to leave anyone out. We thank you all!!



Happy March Birthdays to...

Dancing Daisies

Addison Gearhart	3/2
Miles Cloud	3/4
Elise Hara	3/6
Mia Murley	3/12
Aspen Ungerer	3/23

Little Rascals

Luke Dunlap	3/5
Rachel Herrera	3/10
Caleb Arenas	3/10
Fiera Harris	3/17
Asher Keyner	3/21

Sunny Sunflowers

Finn Wozny	3/7
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Lucky Ladybugs

Reeve Pardee	3/12
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Birthday

A birthday is a special thing
 With cards & gifts and songs to sing;
 A cake with candles all about
 And wishes when you blow them out;
 And one more year of standing tall
 To add a mark upon the wall;
 A day of extra special fun
 To dream about when it is done.

Margaret Hillert

Just a reminder...

Due to liability issues, siblings not enrolled at FUMPS must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

Thank you.



- 1 Fall Enrollment begins
- 1 Scholarship Fund Drive begins
- 1 & 7 Pizza for Lunch Bunch begins
- 2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- 10 Daylight Savings Time-spring ahead one hour
- 14/15 Wiggly Worms
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Kids R 1st Fundraiser begins
- 19/20 Picture Day
- 21/22 Viewing and Ordering
- 21/22 Story Teller Annie Banannie
- 25-29 Spring Break – Preschool closed

We will be closed March 25-29 for Spring Break. Enjoy your week off and we will see you back at school on Monday April 1st.



Hats Off to our Outside Teacher...

Mrs. Alice Musarra keeps our playground in shape (with Mrs. Vaughan's & Miss Janson's help) and the multitude of outside activities she has designed for your children just constantly spew out of her brain! She is an amazingly creative & tireless woman! She came into this world all blue & quiet in Sherman, Texas on March 13, 1963. Her dad was in the Army so she has driven through every state in the U.S., and lived in practically every state, including Alaska. She has been to Okinawa. Her mom and older sister were born in Oklahoma, her brother in Alaska, dad in Canada and she met her husband, John, in Albuquerque, New Mexico where her dad retired! Growing up she moved every 1½ years and attended 3 different high schools. All this moving around had no ill effect on Alice as she received two college scholarships for Dramatic Arts: one to the University of New Mexico & the other to the University of Arizona!

Alice has 4 children: Chris, Michael, Rose & Matthew - The two youngest are FUMPS graduates; , 6 guinea pigs, 3 fish, lots of birds, 2 rabbits and a cat and they all get along! She is our "Pinterest Queen" & has more ideas for your preschoolers than we have days in the school year! Alice loves tie-dye and colors, beading, reading, and serving at church. She teaches our Sunday school & our Vacation Bible School Science. Monday through Friday you will find her on our play yard setting up all kinds of fun & challenging activities for our preschoolers.

Alice believes preschool serves to get children ready for school by teaching them the social skills and readiness skills needed for the classroom. Environments for young children should be bright, sunlit, organized, and stocked with age-appropriate games, books, posters, music, etc. We are most fortunate to have Mrs. Musarra as part of FUMPS staff!