

# Mira Mesa Presbyterian Preschool Newsletter

November  
&  
December  
2013



## MMPP is Thankful for Parent Volunteers!

Having parent volunteers to complete tasks allows our staff to focus on the needs of the children. We appreciate the time the following parents spent doing special projects.

**Elks Vision Screening -**  
Karen Beaumont (Ethan 3M),  
Deeppashree Abhasya (Hrudai 4T) and  
Patty Kotnik (Tyler 4T).

**Disaster Supplies -**  
Krista Kriel (Connor 6M),  
Elizabeth Costarakis (Kellan 7M) and  
Jolene Zarzycki (TJ 2M & Jensen 5M).  
These ladies sorted through all the food &  
clothing to be sure everyone has supplies in  
case of an emergency. If you received a  
notice of missing items please bring them to  
the office soon.

**Parent Representatives**  
Each month our Preschool Board meets to  
make decisions about how the school  
functions. There are several members of  
Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church as well as  
parents from our school.

These are representatives for the 2013-14  
school year.  
Two Days - Patty Kotnik  
Three Days - Elizabeth Costarakis &  
Krista Kreil.

Thanks again to all our special helpers!

## Director's News

Hurray!! .we have made it through the first two months of preschool and most children have adjusted to their preschool routine.

Now it's time to fast forward into the holiday season. Children are easily influenced by the TV commercials promoting the latest "must have" toys. If you want to maintain your sanity you will want to keep your children busy and away from the TV!

Here are a few ideas:  
Plan a picnic outing to a nearby park. It would be fun to make a scavenger hunt with pictures of items to look for at the park. (a bird, swings, tables, flowers, a bug, a brown rock...for older preschoolers select more

detailed items). Be sure to plan a reward for all participants.

Do a few simple crafts—make tissue paper gift wrap using paint and cookie cutters to stamp a pattern. Let children cut up old Christmas cards to use as gift tags. It is also "cheap" fun to give the children some of the really old wrapping paper that gets pushed to bottom of your box, some scissors, and a roll of tape. Let them gift wrap whatever they want— toys, books, blocks. Then they can have the fun of unwrapping the items. Be sure they help clean up. Whatever you do please take TIME to be WITH your children. Observe

and labeled for a "boy" or "girl" and then distributed by nurses and social workers to low income, immigrant, military and foster families in underserved areas.

You will find a collection box in the preschool office. One family has already donated 3 large bags.

Let's see if we can fill the container many times!!

their faces as they experience to many joys of the holidays. Teach them the true meaning of CHRISTmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JESUS  
And  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

From,  
*Diane*



## PARENT REMINDER!

Please get in the habit of checking your child's file folder each day. Also please read the notes posted outside your child's classroom.

Our teachers work so hard to make each day special for your child. We don't want anyone to miss any activities.

## GENTLY HUGGED DONATIONS Nov. 18 to Dec. 18

We would like to support this community effort to take gently used baby items (0 to 12 mos) and distribute them to families in need.

Enough essential items for a baby's first year are boxed

# MMPP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

8:45 to 9:15 a m



Plan to attend our annual preschool Christmas program. Five of our classes will have a part in telling the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Mrs. Erickson's Two Year Old class will join the group in singing Christmas songs. Pastor Brad Roth will be reading from the Bible and accompanying us with his guitar.

**Please have your child here by 8:30!!**

Be sure to bring your camera!! Guests are welcome

This is a regular school day, after the program



## DATES TO SAVE

January 27, 2014 (Monday) - Professional Growth Day for our entire staff. No Classes

April 9, 2014 (Wednesday evening 6:30—7:30) Parent Education evening. Our staff will be the presenters. Parents will have an opportunity to reply to a survey asking what questions you might have about preschool children's development.

## VALENTINE BASKET FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Each Feb. we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving away SIX beautiful baskets filled with amazing gifts. Each teacher has selected a basket theme:

Rm 2 Pamper Yourself

Rm 3 Gardening

Rms 4 & 6 Gift Cards

Rm 5 In & About the  
Kitchen

Rm 7 Disney

Parents donate something for a basket and the school gathers certificates from our community. We would love to include certificates from YOUR BUSINESS (a manicure, a hair cut, a plumbing job— any type of business!)

On Wed. Jan. 22 we need parents to help assemble the baskets. Parents are also asked to sell tickets before and after school.

Tickets will be sold Jan. 25—Feb. 12, the drawing date.

Proceeds will be used to purchase toys for the children.

## NOTES:

\*If you have friends or family coming for the holidays you may want them to pick up your child from preschool. You need to add their name to the authorization for pick up list and they must show a photo ID.

\*We have installed a new **Defibrillator** for emergency use. It is located in the church breezeway. If you experience a medical emergency notify the preschool office **IMMEDIATELY!!**

SATURADAY JAN. 25

FAMILY MORNING at MMPP

9-12

