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Apostles Community Preschool

"Children are God's apostles, day by day sent forth to preach of love, and hope, and peace." ~By James Russell Lowell

SPRING SHOW REMINDERS

Our Red & Green Bear classes' spring shows will begin in the Sanctuary at 10:30AM with singing and conclude in the West Lobby Art Gallery.

Pink Bear program will begin at 10:45AM in the Sanctuary.

Parents are advised to park in the front parking lot and enter through the main church doors.

Purple Bear program will begin promptly at 11:00. Please use the pick-up door to enter.

Doors will open 10 minutes before the start of the shows. We are excited to see you there!



ACP is CLOSED:

April 1st-April 5th & April 23rd

NO LUNCH BUNCH:

Friday, April 26th

Blue, Orange, Yellow Pre-K Graduation:

Wednesday, May 8th 6:00PM

LAST DAY of School:

Wednesday, May 8th: MWF Purple, MWF

Red. MWF Blue

Thursday, May 9th: Pink, TTh Purple, TTh

Red, TTh Blue, Green, Orange, Yellow

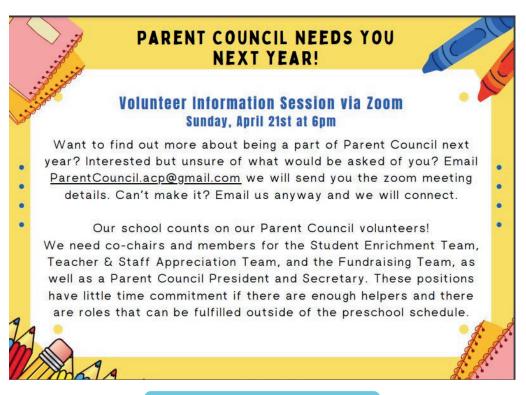


The Apostles Community Preschool Staff would like to extend their gratitude to ACP Parent Council and all parents for their involvement in organizing enriching educational and social activities for our children, families, and staff. We want to acknowledge Parent Council's significant support and contributions to various school programs this year, including the Ice Cream Social, Book Fair, Safety Night, Critter Connections program, Open Gym Meet-Ups, Dine Out Nights, End of the Year Carnival, and Icky, Sticky, Gooey Days. Their assistance with photo development has enhanced class projects and year-end binders. Fundraisers have been instrumental in supporting our classrooms, so a big thank you to everyone who supported the Parent Council. A special mention to Olivia Cordero, Jacque Benz, and Jess Beaner for their dedicated roles as executive members this year. Their commitment and skills have greatly benefited ACP students and staff. THANK YOU!

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:

THANK YOU!!!

As this is our final newsletter message to the ACP community for the 2023-2024 academic year, the Parent Council Team wishes to express our sincerest gratitude. We thank you for your willingness to offer your time and support for our various programs and fundraisers. Because of you, we were able to have many fun events for ACP students and their families, offer a reptile program for the school, fulfill classroom enhancement wish lists for each teacher, provide life cycle STEM projects for each class, and host two teacher appreciation luncheons. The community at ACP has been so wonderful to partner with this school year. Thank you and we wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



2024-2025 Parent Council

Will your child be attending ACP next academic year? If so, please consider volunteering your talents and time to help make the Parent Council magic happen for the preschool. Without volunteers, events such as the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, Scholastic Book Fair, Fall Outing, Christmas Shopping Room, End of the Year Carnival, and Icky, Sticky, Gooey Day would not happen, nor would Parent Council's teacher appreciation efforts throughout the year. The open positions have little time commitment if there are enough helpers and there are various roles that can be fulfilled outside of the regular preschool day.

Parent Council Information Session via Zoom Sunday, April 21st at 6pm

Want to find out more about being a part of Parent Council next year? Interested but unsure of what would be asked of you? Want to weigh in on different events or when meetings are held?

Email ParentCouncil.acp@gmail.com to express your interest and we will send you the zoom meeting details. We would love for you to join our fun team! Can't make it? Email us anyway and we can connect whenever it works best for you.

The following teams and roles need willing participants:

Parent Council President, Parent Council Secretary

Student Enrichment Team – members and co-leaders

Fundraising Team – members and co-leaders

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Team – members and co-leaders

Upcoming Parent Council Events

Parent Council Meeting Wednesday, April 10th at 9:15 – Join us after drop off to see how all the fun happens! We will continue our planning discussions for the end of the year programs as well as discuss some restructuring efforts to help make Parent Council even better. We would love to hear your thoughts and have you meet the team.

Friends & Fun Playtime Saturday, April 13th 9:30am - 11am - Please come join us for our final Friends and Fun Playtime! If the weather is nice, we will play at Rader Park located on the church property just a minute drive past the front church parking lot. Follow Apostle Way and meet us at the pavilion by the park. If rain is likely, we will meet in the gym, Fellowship Hall, as we have for previous Playtimes.



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Parent Council Invites You!

Friends & Fun

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Saturday, April 13 9:30-11AM Church of the Apostles' Rader Park if rain, ACP Gym

Preschoolers and their families, join us for an informal gathering to hang out, let our kiddos play, and meet with others from ACP.

> Rader Park is located on the church's property 1899 Apostle Way Lancaster, PA 17603 If rain is likely, we will play in the school gym.





Moe's Taco Kit Fundraiser Pick Up Friday, April 26th – Pick Up your pre-ordered family taco kits at ACP for an easy dinner at home! Placing orders will take place after Easter Break.

End of the Year Carnival Sunday, May 5th 2-4pm - Bring the family to celebrate a great school year! We'll have a variety of fun carnival activities: bounce house, carnival games, snacks, ice cream, balloons & more! The Carnival is a fun family celebration of our bears and all they've learned this year! Located in the Gym & Rear Parking Lot. We'll need a few hands before, during & after to help make the carnival a success!

Icky, Sticky, Gooey Days Monday 5/6 and Tuesday 5/7 – Children will have the opportunity to get messy at fun stations set up in the back parking lot near the playground near the end of their school day. Stations will include water, bubbles, paint, slime, dirt, and more! We recommend children bring a towel and wear clothes they can get messy in. Each teacher will inform you of the class schedule so you know which day your bear will be participating. Rain dates are Wednesday 5/8 and Thursday 5/9. We are in need of many volunteers to set up, run, and clean up our icky sticky activities as well as to make slime!

Apostles Community Preschool Summer Camp:

Information regarding registration was sent home. Registration will begin at 8:00AM on Monday, April 8th for Pre-K & Tot classes and Tuesday, April 9th for Red & Green Bears. Please email Mrs. Clausen, iclausen.acp@gmail.com with any registration guestions.

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

A few spots remain for the 24-25 school year. Please tell any friends, family, and neighbors about ACP!

Future Pre-K Parents: a \$100 deposit (which is credited to your first tuition payment) is required to secure your child's spot for next year. Paperwork was sent home in mid-March and the deposit is due by April 15th.

STAFFING for the 2024-25 School Year: If you would like to be on the staff substitute list AND/OR be considered for any regular staff openings that we may have for the next school year (2024-25), please contact Mrs. Biggs via email - (mbiggs.acp@gmail.com) or via phone at (717)392-5598 for an application. You will need to have copies of your Criminal Background check, FBI, and Child Abuse clearances.

As we wrap up this school year, we are already looking forward to and planning for next school year, 2024-25. Families will receive a letter in mid-June regarding the July 15th tuition payment. In mid-August, information will be sent home that includes the opening week details for the Visitation Days, and first days, class assignments, and class lists. We do not assign teachers to classes until early August, when all of the summer registration is mostly complete. We cannot accept requests for specific teachers or for children to be kept with current classmates.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Visitation Days: September 9th& 10th First Days: September 11th &12th



April Curriculum: During this short month, we will continue to learn about Spring, prepare for our Spring Music & Art Show, and look forward to May flowers!

May Curriculum: As we wrap up our school year, our last unit will focus on family. The children will celebrate what makes their families special.



