

Fun Fair Meeting  
Thurs. January 19th  
9:00am



# Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

## Kindergarten/ Jr. Kindergarten Open House-



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Miss Terri will be holding a Kindergarten/Jr. Kindergarten **Open House on Monday, January 23rd** for children and parents interested in our Kindergarten programs. The Open House will run from **10:30am-noon** and again, in the afternoon from **1:00pm-2:30pm**. Children who will have turned 5 years-old by September 1, 2012 will be eligible for the 2012-13 Kindergarten/Jr. Kindergarten class. (Children with September birthdays would be age

appropriate for our Pre K-3 class, but could be considered for Kindergarten if tested by the district). Jr. Kindergarten is for children who are Kindergarten age, but who plan on having an extra year before Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten/Jr. Kindergarten class will be held from 9-12:00pm, with a full day option including lunch and afternoon enrichment program. Children picked up at 1:30pm do not have a rest period. Full day child care services are, of course, also

available (6:30am-5:30pm).

The parents of our students have enjoyed the small group attention for their children, the extended hours, the well-rounded curriculum, which includes Christian Education and the special care and concern provided by Miss Terri and the rest of the child care staff.

We hope you will find time to visit the Kindergarten classrooms during the Open House and talk with Miss Terri about what our program has to offer you and your child.

- ☉ **Mon. Jan. 9th & Tues. Jan. 10th** Winter Parent-tot begins
- ☉ **Monday, Jan. 9th** Pre K-1 (younger 3's new WF class) Open House 6:00-7:00pm
- ☉ **Wednesday, Jan. 11th**—Pre K-1 (younger 3's classes) begin
- ☉ **Monday, Jan. 16th** School closed for Staff Development Day. \*\*\*\* **Parent Tot class will be in session on the 17th, but not the 16th**
- ☉ **Monday, Jan. 23rd**-Kindergarten/ Jr. Kindergarten Open House
- ☉ **Week of Jan. 30th**-(earlier if possible)- Summer and Fall Registration Forms distributed
- ☉ **Tuesday, Feb. 7th** 6-8pm 'Be My Valentine' Party-Pizza and Valentine making for all! Join the fun!!
- ☉ **Friday, Feb. 10th**-Summer and Fall registration due

## Summer and Fall Registrations- Looking Ahead-

Materials for Messiah's summer (2012) and fall (2012-2013) registration will be placed in the folders of each currently enrolled Messiah child during the week of January 30th (earlier if possible). We will guarantee a position (depending on whether or not classes fill up with the registrations received before yours, it may not be the position you request) for all applications returned with the registration

fees and deposits by **Friday, February 10th**. Whereas we will try to honor schedule, classroom and classmate requests as much as class space allows, **it is impossible for us to guarantee everything to everyone. Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered as staffing and teacher assignments will not be confirmed until the summer.**

Registrations received after February 10<sup>th</sup> will be added to the 'outside' applications and will be processed, on a first come basis, to fill any still-available positions after 'in-house' registration.

## Spring Fun Fair

**Please be a part of our largest fund raising project!!** On Thursday, January 19th, at 9:00am, we will have a kick-off meeting to begin planning Messiah Child Care's Spring Fun Fair. The fun fair will be held on Saturday, May 19th. The first project we will be undertaking, is sending out a mailing to vendors who may be able to donate to our silent auction. Come with ideas and addresses to add to our current list.

Throughout the spring, and particularly as we near the fair, we will need many volunteers to help with the silent auction, the games, the prizes, the volunteers, the tickets, the food, the publicity and the attractions. We need YOUR help to plan for this year's fair. See Karen if you would be able to help-even if you will be unable to attend the kick-off meeting. Many of the projects can be done from home and 'meetings' will generally be via email and in person. AND....please plan to attend with your family!!! Mark your calendar NOW for Messiah's May 19th Fun Fair!!

## Be My Valentine-

**Plan ahead!!** On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a family Pizza Dinner and Valentine-making party. All families are invited to come and join in the festivities. Reservation forms will be distributed mid-January and should be returned to the office by Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> along with payment

(\$7.00/person older than 10 years old and \$5.00 for children 10 and younger) which includes Pizza, salad, drinks (pop or milk) and Valentine supplies. Each family will need to bring their own scissors, glue and markers. Everyone will be making Valentines for themselves and for the residents of St. Matthews Nursing Home. Messiah children will walk them over to the residents later in the week. A sign up list will be outside Karen's of-

fice if you are able to bring a d e s s e r t (peanut-free), help with the planning, setting up or cleaning up of the party. The party will begin at 6 pm. in the church basement and last until approximately 8 pm.



### Outdoor Clothing-

A reminder that we do **try** to go outdoors to play or to take a walk during the winter months. On snowy and/or cold days, please, send a hat, mittens (water proof), scarf, snow pants (or a snow suit), boots, etc. To aid in identification, please, label as many articles of clothing as possible, with your child's name and remind your child which articles of clothing belong to him/her since he/she may not be familiar with new clothes.

Please be sure your child's clothes fit well enough to keep out the snow and cold and be sure that he/she has a change of clothing (especially pants and long sleeved shirt) as well as **indoor shoes**. Thanks!

### January Birthdays

- 4 Grace B.-4 years old
- 4 Michael T.- 4 years old
- 5 Nina K.-5 years old
- 8 Sloane B.-5 years old
- 9 Joseph M.-5 years old
- 9 Sofia M.-3 years old
- 11 Klaudia W. 4 years old
- 12 Michael D.-5 years old
- 13 Ryan B.-3 years old
- 13 Amie M-4 years old
- 14 Will C.-5 years old
- 16 Isabel C.-6years old
- 25 Katie H.-5 years old
- 25 Audrey W.-4 years old
- 26 Mark F.- 5 years old
- 26 Lexi H.-3 years old
- 28 Michael B. 4 years old
- 30 Alex C. 4 years old



### Valentine's Day in the Classrooms-

Each child will receive a classroom notice concerning individual class plans for Valentine's Day, but, to give you an idea of Valentine card arrangements, you can use the following estimates as a guideline:

- **Jr. Kindergarten/Kindergarten** will need 9 signed and addressed cards for their classmates.
- **Pre K-3 (Miss Cristina)** children will need 13 signed and addressed cards.
- Children in **Pre K-2 -down (Miss Laurie)** will need 25 signed but not addressed cards.
- Children in **Pre K-2 (up) (Miss Cindy)** will need 15 signed, but not addressed cards.
- Children in **Miss Suzanne's Pre K-2 up** will need 16 signed but not addressed cards **and her Pre K-1 up classrooms**-will need 13 signed but not addressed cards.
- Children in **Pre K-1 down (Miss Janelle)** will need 24 cards, signed, but not addressed.
- Children in **Pre K-1 down (Miss Ro)** will need 24 signed, but not addressed cards.
- Children in the **Pre K-1 younger 3's Miss Cindy's-(T,Th)** class, will need 14 signed but not addressed Valentines.
- Children in the **Pre K-1 younger 3's Miss Deb's-(W,F)** class, will need 9 signed but not addressed Valentines.

If you wish, Valentine cards may be sent to teachers and friends in other classrooms, too -just write the recipient's name on the envelope for easy delivery. Watch for further up-to-date

### People in Our Neighborhood-



During the weeks of February 20<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be learning about occupations and people who work in our community. During the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a week of 'class rotation'. Each classroom will be transformed into a part of the community (doctor's office, post office, library, etc.) and the children will move to the other rooms and experience their settings. Additionally, we will still be doing some parent presentations (the weeks of 2/20 and 3/5). If you would be interested in sharing your job with the children at Messiah, please see Karen. You would present a 15-20 minute 'job show and tell' to 4 or 5 classes, beginning at 9:15am and ending about 11:15am. See Karen if you are available to help with any of our People in Our Neighborhood activities.

### Staff Development Day-

Messiah Child Care Center will be CLOSED on **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** (Martin Luther King Day). Our staff will be attending inservice classes related to our school's curriculum and classroom philosophies. **\*\*\*Parent-tot classes will still be in session on the Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, but not on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>!!**

## Rita's Readings

Note: our parent library can be found in the hallway bookcases near Karen and Cathy's offices. The books are relevant to family and parenting issues. If you wish to check out a book, sign the card in the back of the book, place it in the beige box on the shelves and enjoy!! Return the book as soon as you are finished and replace the book's card in the back of the book. Thanks.

### #196 The Book of New Family Traditions by Meg Cox

I immediately put this book on my Christmas wish list! It is filled with over 150 ideas to celebrate not only the holidays and special days, but the "everyday". Parents and kids alike will enjoy implementing these wonderful, enchanting rituals.

### #399 Becoming the Parent You Want to Be by Laura Davis/Janis Keyser A well

## Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who helped us during the Christmas season. We certainly appreciated the delicious cookies you brought to all of our Christmas programs as well as the gifts for our staff.

We value your support for our school throughout the school year and thank you for your continued assistance.



## Manna orders

Thank you to everyone who placed orders for gift cards using our Manna fund raiser.

Manna gift cards can be ordered year round for your shopping or gift giving convenience. You can turn in an order at any time. We will place the school's order each month at 9:30am on the Monday following the second Sunday of the month.

Order forms will be placed in your child's file each month. They may also be picked up from the top of the parent library bookshelves or from the Manna display next to the sign in sheets.

Please also consider placing a standing order. You only need to fill out the blue standing order form and we will place your order each month. You do not have to remember to return the form or remind us. Payment will be due when you pick up your cards. This is great for those 'monthly shopping' kind of cards-Jewel, Dominicks, gas stations, Starbucks, etc. You can always add to your order for other cards.

This month your order forms are due by 5:30pm on Friday, January 13th to be placed in the January order. This month's manna cards will be ready for pick-up or distribution on Tuesday, January 17th by 11:30. If you need a new form, see Karen or Cathy in the office.

This has turned out to be a great fund raiser for our school. Parents who use it regularly have expressed their pleasure at the ease and convenience of purchasing cards through the program.

Please note a few local establishments are available: Happy Foods and Morettis. *We appreciate your support and encourage you to try the program if you have not already.*



## Parent-Tot Classes-

Miss Deb's winter Parent-Tot program will begin on **Monday, January 9th** and **Tuesday, January 10th** and run for 10 weeks. Our spring Parent-Tot program will begin on **Monday, March 19th** and run for 10 weeks. The classes will be for parents and children (aged approximately 18-36 months) and will meet each Monday/Tuesday from 9:10-10:10 and on Mondays from 10:30-11:30. In the past, we have not had a class at 10:30 on Thursdays, but if there is enough interest (min of 4 children), we would be willing to offer this new session. There will be stories, songs, fingerplays, projects, snacks and plenty of free time for play and interaction.

There are still openings in each of the classes. Applications are available in the office. The cost of the program is \$70/

## Welcome Younger 3's-

Our W,F Pre K-1 (younger 3's) classes will begin on **Wednesday, January 11th** preceded by an Open House for all newly enrolled students from 6:00-7:00pm on the evening of **Monday, January 9th**. Teaching our Younger 3's W,F class will be Miss Deb. We welcome our new students and their families to Messiah. The W,F and the T,Th class each have one full day opening still available. Hours for enrolled students can be extended to half or full days.

## Classroom Openings-

We currently have some limited openings in our classes (Kdgn, PK3, PK2up and down (full days), PK1 up and down (full days), younger 3's and Parent-Tot). Check with the office if you are interested in adding time or days to your child's schedule. See Karen or Cathy if you or anyone you know might be interested in any of these openings.



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## New Year's Day

Decorate paper hats with stickers.



Sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

## Drinking Straw Patented

Serve juice or milk with drinking straws.

## Louis Braille's Birthday

Look for Braille writing in public places.

Make a row of snowballs and count them.

Sweep the kitchen floor together.



Put on jazzy music and exercise.

Snip thin strips of paper into small pieces.

Sort the silverware into its proper places.

Frost graham crackers and add a sprinkling of coconut.

Let your child play with measuring cups in the bathtub.



Play a clapping game, such as Pease Porridge Hot.

Arrange shoes from smallest to largest.



Punch holes in a cardboard shape and thread a shoelace in and out of the holes.

To revitalize your felt-tip markers: dip them in water, put on lids, and let sit overnight.

Think of things to do with your elbows.

Secretly deliver a homemade card to a friend or neighbor.

## A. A. Milne's Birthday

Celebrate by sharing a Pooh story together.

Pretend to be snow people.

Go outside and look for signs of animals.

Look at a new book together. Before reading the words, make up a story for the pictures.

Draw a design with crayons and paint it with watercolors.

## National Pie Day

Eat a piece of pie.



Let your child use a pencil and notepad to "write" orders for a pretend lunch.

Look through the newspaper to find the letters in your child's name.

Teach your child the rhyme "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."

Make up additional verses for "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."



Sort small toy cars or blocks by color.

Make circles with your arms.

Walk on tiptoe.

Tape colorful paper scraps to plain paper.

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