

CCEP Newsletter

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool

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A Calling of Love

I am continually amazed at the outstanding job our teachers do each day. Their energy seems limitless as they welcome children, engage them in activities and play, create community in circle time, introduce new concepts, promote literacy, encourage independence in learning centers, and help children to solve problems through *Conscious Discipline*. They troop outside to play in the snow or to take a brisk walk even when the weather makes it tempting to just stay in. They fulfill professional development requirements cheerfully and many of them go beyond the 18 hours required annually. They call parents to discuss a child's progress, plan lessons that correspond to Delaware's Early Learning Foundations, and readily alter a plan when circumstances require it.

What makes adults devote their lives to children in this way? I believe it is a calling. They understand what a difference they can make in a child's life. A quality preschool education has been shown to benefit children well into adulthood. But the knowledge that a job is important is not enough to make a teacher throw herself so completely into the work. She must also recognize that she has gifts from God that can be

a blessing to others. She must nurture and develop her own gifts in order to be able to nurture a child and help develop his gifts.



It is easy this time of year to become a bit weary. The days are short, dark, and cold. It's hard to find time to exercise—unless you count shoveling snow. We're in the middle of the school year with many days remaining. It would be easy to just "coast" as teachers. As I visit the classrooms, however, this is not what I see. Teachers are introducing new material and helping students to practice new skills. More is expected of the children in terms of classroom routines, but they are always gently supported by teachers who have faith in them. Our mission statement says that children are "honored and nurtured" here. CCEP teachers do this by exercising their calling and making sure that the gifts they have been given are used to their greatest potential.

Jo Harney
Head of School

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

Encouraging
Independence w/
Yvonne Nass
PH A @ 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Parent Association
Mtg @ 8:45 am

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

Kids Music
Experience w/
Pete Moss
PH A & B @ 4pm

FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Answering
Questions about
God w/ Ruth Kirk
PHA @ 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

In Service
No School HC Only

FEBRUARY 21, 2011

President's Day
No School HC Only

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

Teaching Your
Child to Read w/
Reading Assist
PH A @ 7 pm

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Conscious
Discipline w/
Jo Harney
PH A @ 7 pm



"Yearbook Production is in Full Swing -- and it is OH SO ADORABLE!"

Ordering is easy -- fill out a form outside of Denise's office or use our **convenient "Bill Me Later" option** by emailing Kirstie Donohue with your child's name, class and number of books you wish to order and you will be charged \$29.95 per book on your next billing statement. It's that simple (kirstiedonohue@me.com)

CCEP's Night on the Town at the BBC featuring Special CCEP Guest Bartenders!



Please join us on **Thursday, February 24th from 6-9pm** for an evening of fun at the **BBC Tavern and Grill** in Greenville. Enjoy a casual night out with your fellow parents and teachers from school while supporting the CCEP Annual Fund!

The evening's highlights will include Special Guest Bartenders from CCEP and an amazing **iPad Raffle**. Don't miss out!

RSVP by **Monday, February 21st** to Denise Harris at dharris@christchurchde.org.

Guest Bartenders Needed! If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in a 15 minute shift serving drinks at the BBC, please let us know! Contact:

Jolie Houston at joliehouston@yahoo.com or Kara Hebert at kara.hebert@gmail.com

**All proceeds and "tips" from the evening will benefit the CCEP Annual Fund.*



Parent Association

What a Great start to the New Year! We have had two fantastic events and we were so happy to see new faces! We hosted our Mom's Night Out on January 27th! Despite the cold snowy day, we had over 25 moms attend this fun night out! Great food and Margaritas made us feel we were some place warm, if only for 2 hours. Thanks to Cynthia Chubb for setting up this event.



In the same week, we had Movie Night along with the church on January 29th. Lynn Jensen set up a great night of movies, snacks and fun for the kids! Another great night of attendance and the kids had a blast in their "jammies" and

sleeping bags. What fun after a snowy week!

Our next great event will be **"Mornings With Mom", on Thursday March 3rd!** Just like the Dads' morning, we will spend 45 minutes in the children's classrooms learning about their day and sharing in a craft and enjoying the interaction with their friends.

The event will be followed by a coffee reception in the Parish Hall on the lower level. We have some special things planned for the rest of the morning that we all can participate in. Be on the lookout for details on shopping and spa opportunities as we partner with the development team to support our annual fund!

Jennifer Raiford
Parent Association President

Get Up and Move!

CCEP has signed up to be a participating group in the "Be Healthy Delaware: Get Up and Move!" program sponsored by the News Journal. Participants are asked to engage in all types of physical activity—walking, biking, running, swimming, dancing, etc.—for at least 150 minutes per week. Many of our teachers will be participating and



we hope our families will join the fun. We need a minimum of 20 people to be part of our group. Online registration will begin in February and we will provide information about how to register in the weekly email.



Jo Harney

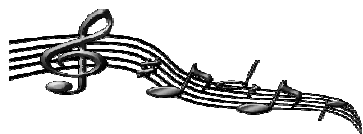
Library News

Our library reading is going great! Thank you to all of our readers so far! I know that the kids and teachers have enjoyed your presence.

We are always looking for library reading volunteers! Library is for the three upper classrooms on Thursdays from 9am—10am, unless we have a special occasion on that Thursday; then it will be on the Friday of that week. If you are interested in sharing in the enjoyment of reading, you can sign up on the bulletin board outside of Denise 's office or please contact Kendall at 302.798.0807 or kendallays@yahoo.com to get on the schedule!

Kendall Massett

Kid's Music Experience with Pete Moses



February 13th @ 4pm
Christ Church Parish Hall
Ages 2-10 years old
Family Fun Event
Music, movement and pizza
RSVP to the Church office at
rsvp@christchurchde.org
Or
(302) 655-3379



The Yearbook Committee welcomes you to submit your favorite school photos for the yearbook. All photos are welcome. Photos from the Welcome Back Party and the Stars Christmas Pageant are wanted. Send electronic photos to Kirstie Donohue at

kirstiedonohue@me.com.

You can still order yearbooks. Place a call to the school office or fill out a form on the reception table outside of Denise's office.

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Happy Birthday!

Brady Kelly—February 4th
Chloe Abel—February 7th
Grey Dugdale—February 7th
Olivia Sashin—February 21st
Michael Waesco—February 25th
Henry Kirtley—February 27th
James Vella—February 28th
Robert Vella—February 28th



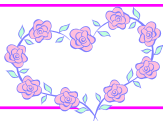
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday
God Bless you,
Happy Birthday to you!

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Join Our Unique Parenting Classes

The series begins February 7th. The Christ Church congregation, friends, family and neighbors are all welcome.

Please RSVP by sending the attached form with your \$10 per class donation to the school



MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Morning w/ Mom	4	5
6	7 Conscious Discipline w/ Jo Harney P.H.A @ 7-8:30	8 BOT Mtg Shrove Tues Pancake Supper	9 PA Mtg	10	11	12
13	14 Women's Dialogue @ 7pm in CR	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spring Break A—No School—Holiday Camp Only						
27	28					
Spring Break B –No School—Holiday Camp Only						

