

# CCEP Newsletter

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool

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## A Year For Growth

All things are new in September. Students are returning to new classrooms and new teachers, making new friends, learning new skills. Parents are greeting new families, building new relationships with their child's teachers, bringing new books to the Bring-a-Book Family picnic, and finding new ways to be involved at CCEP. Teachers have prepared new lessons, are greeting new students, taking new professional development training, and learning just what makes each child in their classroom tick.

September is a month filled with potential. We have put the summer behind us, regretfully, but are excited about the possibilities of the new year. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the important things, re-evaluate what we did last year, set new goals, and find ways to do an even better job of caring for and teaching our children.

For me, as the new Interim Head of School, everything is new! I am learning so much about this wonderful school and am enjoying getting to know students, teachers, and families. In the short time I have been at CCEP, I have learned that this is a warm and welcoming community with passionate and qualified teachers, dedicated parents, and loving children. As I experience this new year at CCEP, I will depend upon all members of the community to help me learn more: how things work, who is who, when we hold certain activities, what we've done in the past, and what our common hopes and dreams are for the school. I hope that you will all serve as my teachers, and that you will explore new paths with me as the year progresses.

Your children are precious to you and they are precious to us as well. As I met with teachers this summer to become acquainted and hear about their work here, I was impressed again and again by the passion with which each teacher expressed her love for the children and school. Parents should feel very comfortable entrusting their children's education to such caring professionals.



Our state licensing rules require a significant amount of professional development by teachers each year. All of us are currently enrolled in the course called Early Learning Foundations. This and other courses throughout the year in safety, nutrition, nature, science, and literacy will keep our teachers growing and improving as educators of young children. I would like to encourage you, as parents, to follow this example and seek your own opportunities for growth as parents this year. You are your child's first teacher and I am confident that all of you want to be the best nurturers, educators, and mentors you can be.

Suggested reading might include one of Dr. Becky Bailey's books on *Conscious Discipline*, the principle upon which our classroom expectations are based here at CCEP. Another wonderful book is *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* by Wendy Mogel. Consider attending our parenting classes which will happen later in the winter. Take an active part in the Parent Association so that you can learn from other parents of young children. Explore your own path to growth as a parent in a way that fits your family's culture.

I hope that as the new year begins, each member of the CCEP community will commit to supporting one another, finding ways to grow in our various roles, and being open to the many new opportunities God places before us at this time of year.

Jo Harney  
Interim Head of School

### **IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**

Welcome to  
School

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

Women's  
Dialogue 7:00pm  
in Commons Rm

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**

School Day ends  
at 3:30 pm

Bring-A-Book  
Back to School  
Picnic—4:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

Board of Trustees  
Mtg—7:00pm

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2010**

Back to School  
Night, 6:30pm

Back to School  
Reception,  
7:00pm



## A Warm Welcome

On behalf of the clergy and parishioners of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, I want to welcome all of our students and families as we begin another exciting year. The Christ Church Episcopal Preschool is a dynamic ministry of Christ Church, and we are looking forward to having the building once again filled with the sound of children. Personally, I want to welcome Jo Harney to CCEP and to thank her for serving as our Interim Head of School. I also want to welcome and to thank all of our teachers and school staff.

At Christ Church, our mission is to share the beauty and power of God's transforming love through worship, community, and service in the world. The

clergy, church staff, and I are glad to answer any questions that you may have about Christ Church

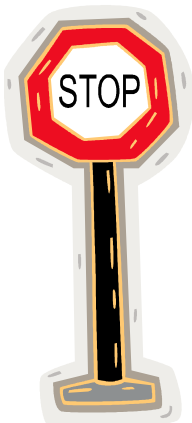
and to support you in your own faith journey in whatever ways we can. I look forward to meeting all of our new students and families and to greeting all of our returning students and families on Thursday, September 16 at the CCEP picnic.

May God bless us as we begin this new year together.

*Ruth Lawson Kirk, Rector*



## IMPORTANT NOTES

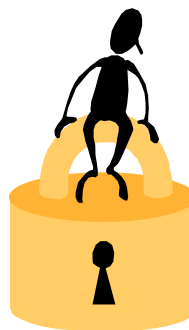


Parents and staff, please be aware of the **NEW** stop sign on Buck Road as you leave Christ Church (at the Hagley Museum gate). This is now a three-way stop. Be sure to exercise caution at this intersection, especially while everyone becomes accustomed to making this stop.

### Calling All Super Readers!

Our kids need your great reading skills! Each Friday morning, for about one hour, we are in need of a volunteer to take the library carts to each of the three upstairs classroom and read each class a story! This is a fun opportunity for dads & moms, grandparents, aunts & uncles, and all special CCEP friends!

If you are interested, please call Kendall Massett 302.798.0807 or email [kendallays@yahoo.com](mailto:kendallays@yahoo.com).



Parents, please be aware that our front door will be locked at approximately 8:45 each morning. Press the button located to the right of the door and you will be "buzzed in." Listen for a click and the door will unlatch.



### Please RSVP

Great social gatherings succeed because the hosts/hostesses were well prepared. Please RSVP today.

Bring-A-Book Back to School Picnic  
(302) 472-0021 or [ccep@christchurchde.org](mailto:ccep@christchurchde.org)

Wine & Cheese Back to School Reception  
Regrets Only  
(302) 655-5382 or [JenRaiford@mac.com](mailto:JenRaiford@mac.com)

## Summer Camp Overview

As Outdoor explorers, we adapted to the elements of the outdoors, beating "The Heat Wave of 2010", by using all of the resources available to us including our shady outdoor spaces, water, and air conditioning. Our mission was to become successful explorers. We participated in hands on science experiments and adventures, using our 5 senses. We "tried on" many science oriented jobs. As Naturalists, we saw and collected scented herbs and flowers in our 'Nature Discovery Bags'. As Chemists, we made bio- putty by combining paint with a medium that changed the paint to a gooey glob type of consistency. As Ornithologists, we continued with our bird identification project by observing and listening to birds that were attracted to our playground bird feeders. As Paleontologists, we excavated dinosaur's eggs to find miniature bones. As Architects, we built towers out of foam blocks on a large scale and out of foam clay on a small scale. I believe we completed the mission and had lots of fun too.

Susan Chatburn

## Parent Association: School Is Now In Session

Happy Back to School Season! My hope is you are all relaxed from vacation and sun and Camps were fun filled. It's hard to believe what just seemed like June is now the end of August. I am sure you are all busy shopping for back to school items. I too, love a new notebook and I am sucker for a fresh box of crayons and colored sharpies!

As we are all starting to fill our fall calendars, I just wanted to add in a few reminders. I hope you have managed to dig through the mail to find our amazing CCEP back to school packets! Amongst all the information, we have included the school calendar and list of Parent Association events. Our team is busy planning for the back to school picnic, on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup>, with fun new ideas and the Back to school night reception is in the works for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Back to school night is where parents get to spend some time with their children's teachers to re-

view the daily class schedule and curriculum for the year. Immediately afterwards, the Parents' Association will host a beer and wine reception to connect with one another and welcome our new families to the school.

Finally, I wanted to introduce the 2010/2011 Parents' Association Officers. Jinni Butz will be the secretary and will continue to be our liaison to the church for community outreach. Cynthia Chubb and Amie Gordon are our VP of Events and Kendall Massett will be the new Librarian. I am thrilled to have such a great team!

Please let us know of any questions. We look forward to another fun filled year and seeing new faces at our first Parent Association meeting on, October 13th!



**Jennifer Raiford**  
Parent Association President

## Welcome to Our New Families

Collette and Clifford Anzilotti  
Kayla (F) (Butterfly)

Jennifer and Andrew Brown  
Carson (M) (Cherub)

Beth and Rob Buccini  
Shepherd (M) (Cherub)

Michael and Kelly Davis  
Owen (M) (Lion)

Katy and Tim Gordon  
Paige (F) (Butterfly)

Audrey Jaymand and Robert Hall  
Morgan Hall (F) (Angel)

Robyn and James Hall  
Connor Hall (M) (Dove)

Mary-Rose and Richard Hannum  
Lily (F) (Lion)

Margaretta and Preston Hershey  
Landis (M) (Butterfly)

Magdalena and William Keenan  
Danielle (F) (Butterfly)

Nancy and Josh Leichter  
Jack (M) (Cherub)

Patricia and Frank McKelvey  
Jack (M) (Lion)

Meredith and Matthew Perny  
Samuel (F) (Cherub)

Kendall and Barry Ritz  
Anais (F) (Dove)

Patricia and Peter Sashin  
Olivia (F) (Dove)

Jennifer and Michael Steiner  
Wren (F) (Cherub)

Jill Tavani  
Joseph (M) (Lamb)

Deryn and Joe Zakielarz  
Evan (M) (Dove)

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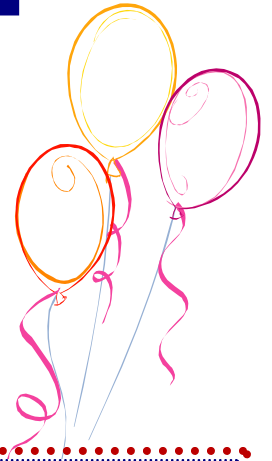
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**Happy Birthday!**

- Margot Hebert—September 2nd**
- Jasper Johnson—September 4th**
- Chase McGinley—September 12th**
- Anais Ritz—September 14th**
- Danielle Keenan—September 17th**
- Michael McGinley—September 23rd**
- Emily Maki—September 26th**



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Speech Screening 8:30am	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day (HC)	12 BOT Mtg 7pm	13 Speech Scr. 8:30am PA Mtg 8:45am	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Morning w/ Dad 8:30am	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						