

WELBORNE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with your families. Your children seem to have grown by leaps and bounds in the two short weeks they were away. They all walked into their classrooms so confident and ready to see their friends and have a great day!

A big thank you to those who brought yummy cookies for the Christmas Pageant, for your presence with us that day, and for your support in helping your children understand and revel in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus. Another big “Thank You” goes out to the families who participated in filling the basket of “new” underwear and socks. We were able to donate these to families that visit our food pantry here at Welborne.

Every weekend I have been sending out a mass email to remind you of activities for the upcoming week. These notices will continue to be listed in the newsletter as well. I hope this is helpful in keeping up with the events at Preschool. If you are not receiving the messages, please send in a note in your child’s backpack with your correct email address.

The teachers and I have been working hard to plan some exciting events for the New Year at Welborne. Listed below are some important dates and notices that you need to keep handy.

We will be starting an afterschool Basketball Enrichment class beginning on February 5th and running for 5 Mondays ending on March 20th (no class on Feb. 20th) Further information and Registration forms went out this week and sign up will be on a first come first served basis. The registration for the Dance/Yoga enrichment on Tuesdays will go out soon. We will also be offering a “Soccer Shots” enrichment on Mondays, April 16-May 21 and that information will go out at the end of February.

Registration 2018-2019...Forms for Welborne Preschool families and church members will be sent out on Thursday, February, 1st. Please try to return your forms and registration fee by Thursday, February 15th so I can see how many spaces are available. If you need an additional form for siblings, please let us know. Registration will open to the public on Tuesday, February 22nd. If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in our preschool, please have them call me. You are the best advertisement I could ever ask for!! (Remember you get a \$50 credit toward your first tuition for the 2018-19 school year when you bring in a family to our school) If you have a newsletter in your neighborhood that we can advertise in, please let me know and I can give you the information. Also, if there is any group you are involved with that would let us place an ad, let me know. We need to get the word out!!

Snowy Days...When Henrico County schools are closed for snow, we will be closed also. On days that Henrico County has a delay (one or two hour delay), we will begin preschool at 10:00 a.m. and go until 12 noon. As soon as I hear of a change, I will send out an email.

Calendars...Your child’s teacher has worked very hard to get them out, so please read over them and keep them handy.

Outside Time/Extra Clothes... We will be going outside as much as possible. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately (coat, hat, and gloves), so they can join us on the playground. Be sure your child's coat is marked with their name. Please check with your child's teacher and make sure the change of clothes you sent in at the beginning of the school year is appropriate for the current season. It is also important that your child wear shoes that they can run and play in safely.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuition - Tuition was due on January 1st. If you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible.

Lunch Bunch

- Dates for January – 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 31st
- Dates for February – 1st, 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, 28th. These dates for Feb. are PIZZA DAYS. - Registration form will go out. Your child will not have to bring a lunch or drink on these days in February. We will be serving pizza and a drink for lunch. An additional \$2 per day should be included with your regular February payment.
- If you have been waiting for the day your child is ready for Lunch Bunch, it's now! This is a great opportunity for them to make even more friends and have lunch at school - how cool!
- **** if you child missed a lunch bunch due to a school closing please note on a lunch bunch registration form what date you want to use as a make up day so we can apply that credit.**

January 15th, January 29th and February 19th the preschool will be **closed**. These are Henrico County holidays/teacher workdays.

Fire Drills - We will be having another fire drill for the entire school on Tuesday, January 16th and Wednesday, January 17th. If your child talks about this with you, encourage them that it is only a practice.

Coat Drive – One of our Welborne Christian Preschool alumni is organizing a coat drive for Food Pantry customers. A flyer is included with this newsletter.



A Few February dates:

Hibernation Day – Wednesday, Jan. 31st for MWF, JK and 2's classes. On Feb. 1st for the 3's and 2-day 2's. This is one of our favorite days of the year. The children wear their PJs to school to celebrate Groundhog Day and discuss what animals do when the weather turns cold. (No snack is needed on this day.)

Kaydee Puppets – Will perform for the Preschool on Thursday, February 8th. They will be performing the stories of "Goldilocks & The Three Bears" and "Stone Soup". If your child (ren) does not attend on that day, they are still welcome to join us in the Sanctuary at 9:30am.

Original Artwork – Children's artwork will go home on February 20th and parents will need to return the orders to the school by February 27th. These orders will be back to the school before Easter Break. More information about this wonderful event will go home in February.

March Date For Dads:

Dads & Donuts - This is a morning where dads come to visit with their child at Preschool from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. They join us for doughnuts, coffee, and juice, plus a lot of fun. There will be more information coming home later. On Tuesday, March 6th the JK , MWF and 2's classes and for the 2's and 3's classes their dads will come on Wednesday, March 7th.

Our **"Parent's Corner"** will open up to all families in the Preschool beginning with the February newsletter. This is our version of a classified section where you will be able to list any item for sale, job opportunity (babysitting?), items needed, or community activities that you want other families to know about. Your request will need to be in to me by Thursday, January 26th for the February newsletter. Just another way we can communicate with our families here at Welborne.

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts I received at Christmas; your children are such a blessing in my life. We are looking for Christmas pageant pictures for our website for the End of the Year slide show. If you have any you would like to share, we would greatly appreciate it. I would like for them to be in CD form or sent to me in an email. I have posted some on the church Facebook page. I can't wait to see what the New Year has in store for Welborne Christian Preschool!

Blessings,
Sheila

Ten Gifts We Can Give Our Children By Dr. Ben Bissell

1. Give them a good name.
2. Let them make decisions.
3. Give them an Ear.
4. Give them permission to have feelings.
5. Give them rules.
6. Give them lots of hugs.
7. Give them laughter and play.
8. Give them the truth.
9. Let them make mistakes.
10. Give them freedom. (With this comes self-esteem.)



