



# Linglestown Christian NURSERY SCHOOL

*Nurturing young hearts for God since 1981.*

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back. I hope that the New Year brings good things to you and your families. I continue to lift your children in prayer and would appreciate your continued support in all ways, beginning with prayer, for the Nursery School.

Mrs. Cartwright, Director, [ncartwright@linglestownlife.org](mailto:ncartwright@linglestownlife.org)

## Emergency Form Reviews

Each January you are asked to review and update your Emergency Form. Please take a few minutes to look over your form. It is very important that we have current information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs. Cappello, Administrative Assistant,  
[lcappello@linglestownlife.org](mailto:lcappello@linglestownlife.org)

## Reminder: Inclement Weather and Illness

Please review the Inclement Weather policy and the Health policy in your Family Handbook. Thanks to all of you who have been calling the school before 9:00 to let us know of your child's absence. The teachers really appreciate knowing.

We are grateful that you have not been sending your children to school when they are feeling under the weather.



## January 2018

### Volunteer Coordinators

#### **Spring Teacher Appreciation Luncheons:**

Holly Stevens & Jennifer Finnell

**Sandwich Sale Coordinator:** Casey Hurst

#### **Soda can tabs:**

March: Anna Black

May: Janell Kiser

Pick up the tabs by the school office and drop them off at Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

Thanks to all who volunteered.

If you volunteered for **St. Patrick's Day, Easter Bunny helpers and Spring faculty appreciation**, someone will contact you soon.

**Tour Guides needed for Open House on Thursday, Jan 18.** A script will be provided.

**Tour guides needed for 2 & 3 year old Meet and Greets:** Jan 8 & 9 at 11:30 am.

Contact Mrs. Cartwright

## **Body Rights Program for Children**

### **Good Touch/Bad Touch**

An Educational Trainer from the YWCA will present the program, "The Owner of Your Body is You." This 30-minute program addresses the concepts of body ownership, inappropriate touches and secrets and the right to say NO to unwanted touches. It stresses the importance of telling and who to tell. Students learn to keep their bodies safe by saying NO, getting to a safe place, and telling someone. This program is meant to be both an educational and enjoyable experience. A 15-minute video is included. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

### **Body Rights: Good Touch, Bad Touch Schedule**

Room 206 Upper Level

Wednesday, Jan 3

10:15 Cherubs (2's), Little Lambs (2's)

10:45 Shepherds (3's)

11:15 TK (5's), Wisemen (4's)

Thursday, Jan 4

10:15 Angels (2's), Two by Two (2's)

10:45 Fishermen (3's), Rainbows (3's)

11:15 Prophets (4's), Disciples (4's)

### **Vision Screenings: Jan 11 & 17**

Representatives from Vision Resources of Central Pa will be at LCNS to perform vision screenings. Permission slips will be sent home. Every year children are identified with vision needs and we are very thankful that we can provide this free service.



## **Meet & Greet for 2 & 3 year old families:**

**Jan 8 & 9**

Our two and three year old families are invited to an Open House to meet and greet our three and four year old teachers.

11:30 Meet in cafe, then a volunteer will take you upstairs to meet the 3 & 4 year old teachers.

Meet the teaching staff, introduce yourself, see the rooms, view their artwork.

RSVP to Mrs. Cartwright

### **Open House for prospective families**

Open House will be held on January 18 at 11:00. Families will be taken on a tour of the school and given registration forms.

For families unable to attend Open House, we will be giving tours each week (depending on volunteer availability. (More tour guides are needed and a script is provided. See Mrs. Cartwright to volunteer.)

We appreciate our volunteers who will be sharing their enthusiasm for LCNS to our new families during Open House and on tours.

### **Help us spread the word about Linglestown Christian Nursery School**

If you know of a family who may be interested in a quality Christian education at LCNS, please have them call Mrs. Cartwright at 545-3617 to set up a tour. Encourage them to check out the website:

[www.linglestownlife.org](http://www.linglestownlife.org) Click on the Nursery School page.

We have flyers that can be hung in stores, churches and other public places. We appreciate your help in posting them.

**Transitional Kindergarten Open House and Information Session, Jan 19**

Families from our four year old program who may be hesitant to send their child to Kindergarten are invited to meet the teachers and learn more about the program and curriculum. RSVP to Mrs. Cartwright.

See the TK Class in action from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Attend the Information session at 11:00 in Room 105 to learn more about the class.

+To enroll in Transitional Kindergarten, children must be 5 before September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**++Attendance at the Information Session is required if you are interested in enrolling your child in this program.**

+Receive your TK Registration form at TK Open House. Complete and return your TK Registration Form on Registration Day.

If you know of someone who may benefit and is eligible for this program, please invite them and pass their name and phone number to Mrs. Cartwright.

If there are still openings in the TK class after April 1, we will begin to offer this class to children with September and October birthdays who are already registered in one of our 4 year old classes. If you are interested you are welcome to attend the TK Open House and Information Session.

Please keep in mind that our 4 year old program is very much age-appropriate for the 4 year olds and is designed to prepare children with the social, emotional, pre-literacy and pre-math skills they will need to be successful in Kindergarten.

**Registration Information for current families**

**Step 1: Registration forms**

1. Registration forms will be distributed in January in the Two and Three Year old classes.
2. Registration forms for TK will distributed at TK Information Session
3. Families with siblings eligible for the 2's or 3's classes can pick up a registration form in the school office.
4. Be sure to mark a first and second choice (or a third, if applicable)

**Step 2: Registration Day, Feb 1, 8:45**

1. Current students & church members bring your Registration Form(s) and the \$50 registration fee per child to the cafe.
2. Pick up your numbered ticket as you enter.
3. Ticket numbers will be called and registration forms taken on a first come-first served basis.
4. You will receive your first choice unless you are notified by the office later that week.
5. The children will be assigned to classes with regard to the order in which children were registered, making sure that siblings can attend on the same days and having a fairly even distribution of boys and girls. **Requests for specific teachers can be considered but not promised.**

After Feb. 1, bring your Registration Form (and fee) to the Nursery School Office. In order to be assured of a space for your child, you must register before registration is open to the public.

**If there is a school delay or closure, registration will be held the next school day.**

### Pajama Day

Wear your pajamas to school. Please wear shoes, not slippers and be prepared to enjoy a day filled with fun activities.

### Epiphany

The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany also called "The Adoration of the Magi" . Celebrated on January 6, it is known as the day of the Three Kings (or wise men/magi):

Epiphany comes with its own traditions, rituals and symbols. Carolers are going from house to house; in many homes the Christmas tree is taken down and in some areas is burnt in a big bonfire.

On the evening before Three Kings, traditionally there were prayers, blessed dried herbs would be burnt and their aromatic smell would fill the house. Doorways would be sprinkled with holy water and the master of the house would write with chalk C + M + B and the year above the house and barn door. ("CMB, protect us again this year from the dangers of fire and water.") "Christus Mansionem Benedictat" (Christ bless this home).

### Spiritual Disciplines

Regular practice of spiritual disciplines enhances the formation of Christian disciples. These are some of the practices engaged in by Christians.

- +Prayer (private and public)
- +*Lectio divina* (Reading scripture slowly and meditating on it while asking the question, "What are you saying to me, Lord?")
- +Worship
- +Fasting (usually from food but may be from other distractions or encroachments on time with God)
- +Holy Communion
- +Christian Conferencing (Gathering with others for study, accountability, prayer, worship)
- +Works of Mercy ( includes serving the poor, tithing and almsgiving, visiting the sick and imprisoned, acts of compassion and justice)

### Our Christian Life

(What we do)

Worship Weekly

Pray Daily

Learn Constantly

Serve Joyfully

Live Generously



### Our Christian Life

(What we believe)

Check our page in the Family Handbook for a Christian Confession of Faith.