PINNACLE
PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

This Month at PPP November 2016

Mark Your Calendar

Events In November

Thursday, Nov. 3 - November Scholastic Book Orders due

Friday, Nov. 4 - Great Lakes Scrip prepaid Gift Card orders due click here for order form

Friday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - Preschool closed

Wednesday, Nov. 16 - PreK Classes "Empty Bowls" celebration at 11:30 pm on the playground

Wednesday thru Friday, Nov. 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break - Preschool closed

Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec.1 - Optional Hearing, Vision and Speech Screenings. Preregister in preschool office by Wednesday,11/22

Events in December

Monday, Dec. 5 - Extended Day Registration begins for Session 3 (classes begin 1/9/17)

Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Wednesday, Dec. 7 - Gingerbread Fun Run during playground time

Thursday, Dec. 8 -Gingerbread Gathering Holiday Party from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Friday, Dec. 16 - Session 2

Empty Bowl Project

The children in the PreK classes have each made their own individual clay bowl by hand and will be sharing a simple 500 calorie meal with each other on Wednesday, 11/16 at 11:30 am. A small donation of $15 per bowl will be accepted in the preschool office or can be added to your child's monthly tuition. All money raised will be donated to UMOM New Day Center of Phoenix. Founded in 1964, UMOM is the largest homeless shelter for families in Arizona. Families are able to stay together through a continuum of care from emergency shelter to transitional housing and finally, permanent, affordable housing. Last year, through the incredibly community support we received from PPP families, Marjon Ceramics and PF Changs, we were able to donate over $1,500 to UMOM New Day Centers. For this year's event we are fortunate to receive donations again from Marjon Ceramics and new this year, Nick's Restaurant. To read more about the Empty Bowl Project, click here.

2015 Empty Bowls Celebration Event

Canned Food Drive

Extended Day classes end. No Extended Day classes 12/19 thru 12/23.

Sunday, Dec. 11 - Preschool children sing during 10 am Advent Service-click here for more information

Monday, Dec. 26 thru Friday, January 6 - Christmas Break - Preschool closed

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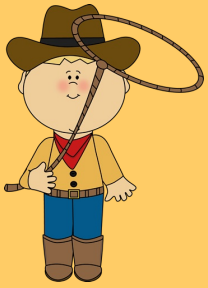
In conjunction with the Empty Bowls Project, ALL classes will be collecting non-perishable items & canned food from November 2nd - November 16th to benefit the Foothills Food Bank. Please swing by the store and check your cupboards items you might be able to donate. Donations can be dropped off in the crates that will be placed in the courtyard entrance. Click here for their most needed items for the month of November. Thanks for helping us fight hunger in our communities!

Resources within our Community

Do you have a special knack of repairing antique typewriters? Maybe you have your own landscaping business. Before we contact someone outside of our preschool community, we thought we'd first check from within. We're looking for a repairman for the Atelier's antique typewriter, as well as decomposed landscaping granite for the area behind Miss Copper. If you are able to assist, please stop by the preschool office. Thank you!

Silent Auction Update



The Silent Auction and Family Fun Night was a huge success with $15,800 raised! A **BIG** thanks to all of those that helped by rounding up auction items, making donations, or bringing yummy desserts to enjoy in the Atelier. The proceeds raised from the Silent Auction will go towards building the preschool's Scholarship Fund to help make early childhood education a possibility for families regardless of their financial situation. We hope everyone had a good time whether it was picnicking on the playground or visiting with friends, family and teachers in the classrooms. We are grateful for your continued support!!!

Meet Miss Susanne!

Has your child come home and shared with you all the interesting things they've built or repaired with Miss Susanne? She's a favorite teacher of many of the children, not to mention staff! Miss Susanne, our Project Coordinator, has been teaching at PPP for the past 13 years and wears several hats. From repairing the water pump in the sandbox to subbing at last minute in the classrooms, she is irreplaceable and an asset to our school. Next time you see her on campus, be sure to say "Hello"!

Haiti Donations

A big THANK YOU to our preschool families for the donations of supplies for the Haiti trip. During October we collected a LOT of items that will help with some fun activities for the children and families in need in Haitian villages. We appreciate the assistance of Krissi Tutrow and Jessica Rinehart of the Community Outreach Committee, as well as your continued support! Items collected were:

- Easter Eggs - 160
- Ziploc bags - 1,039 (total)
- Metal lids/playdough lids - 40
- Toothbrushes - 83

- Toothpaste - 83
- Razors - 19
- Floss - 15
- Soap - 41 bars
- Lotion/Wash - 6
- Containters of bells/beads/pom poms

Nature Collection

Being surrounded by nature and natural items provides infinite benefits to children. Nature instills in everyone a sense of beauty and calmness. It exposes us to things that are alive and growing and promotes curiosity and exploration. With an adult as a guide, children can learn about being gentle and respecting living things. Self-esteem can thrive outdoors because nature doesn't judge people.
To observe nature requires patience and quiet watchfulness. Imagination comes into play as children create special places and use natural items to create stories and play. All senses become engaged when children interact with the natural world. In the Outdoor Spaces at Pinnacle, we have many areas for children to interact with nature. Some of these areas need more "loose parts" for children to explore with - after years of use many of these items have become in need of replacing. The following list is items that we are looking for to enhance the natural items on the playground and in the classrooms.

- Tree bark
- Stones - (no larger than size of a golf ball)
- Tree Cookies (slices of tree branch)
- Pine Cones
- Leaves
- Dried Gourds
- Sticks (no longer than 12 inches/no thorns)
- Pine Branches (excess cut of bottom of Christmas Trees)
- Dried Flowers
- Seed Pods
- Any other natural items you discover

There is a sorting bin in the preschool courtyard (next to office door) that has a bin for 8 different natural items. Each bin is tagged with what we are collecting. When you bring items in please sort these items with your children into the correct bins. Thank you for your support!

What's Happening at PPC

November Pinnacle Vistas - Click here to see what's happening at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church during the month of November.

Parent's Night Out on Friday, November 11th from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Looking for a night out with your significant other? Bring the children (potty-trained thru 5th grade to Pinnacle where out team of adult and youth leaders provide an evening of games, Bible activities, crafts, a movie, and best of all, dinner! A modest donation of $5 per child is suggested to help defray the cost of dinner and supplies.RSVP to khorn@pinnaclepres.org

Read to Me Family Night @ UMOM New Day Center - This month's Read to Me is November 22nd from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. This is a wonderful way for your family to read alongside some amazing kids. Contact Diana Englund at readtome@pinnaclepres.org for more info.

POW! - POW! (Pinnacle on Wednesday's) is an inter-generational program meeting **every Wednesday at 5:00 pm** encompassing both Christian Education and Music activities. Nursery services is provided for children ages three and younger. Dinner is served for everyone at 5:30 pm for a nominal fee. Registration forms for all activities are available on the church website.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - **Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm** join us for a combined service here at Pinnacle with Living Water Lutheran Church. Enjoy combined choirs and a message delivered by Pastor Mark Rossman.

Parent Resources

Article: Raising a Thankful Child - **Click here** to learn many ways to model and teach your child how to be greatful not only during this Thanksgiving season, but throughout the year.

Technology & Creating a Family Media Plan - Young children need hands-on exploration and social interaction with trusted caregivers to develop their cognitive, language, and social-emotional skills. Because of their immature symbolic, memory, and attention skills, young children cannot learn from digital media as they do from interactions with adults and peers. The recently revised American Academy of Pediatricsv(AAP) guidelines sharply criticizes digital programming and apps making claims as being "educational". Moreover, research indicates extended exposure can lead to language delays and executive skills development. Considering that most children are exposed every day to phones , tablets, television and computers, AAP encourages families to created their own Media Plan.
The American Academy of Pediatrics Recommends:

- Avoid all digital media use (except video-chatting) for children younger than 2 years.
- Do not feel pressured to introduce technology early; interfaces are so intuitive that children will figure them out quickly once they start using them at home or in school.
- For children 2 to 5 years of age, limit screen use to 1 hour per day of high-quality programming, co-view with your children, help children understand what they are seeing, and help them apply what they learn to the world around them.
- For children 2 to 5 years of age, avoid fast-paced programs (young children do not understand them as well), apps with lots of distracting content, and any violent content.
- Turn off televisions and other devices when not in use.
- Test apps before the child uses them, play together, and ask the child what he or she thinks about the app.
- Keep bedrooms, mealtimes, and parent-child playtimes screen free for children and parents. Parents can set a "do not disturb" option on their phones during these times.
- No screens 1 hour before bedtime, and remove devices from bedrooms before bed.

  You can read the full AAP research statement by clicking here.

NAEYC For Families - NAEYC has a powerful resource for families that includes a wealth of research-based information about children's learning and development that families can trust. Use the site to find timely articles and information for all your family needs. For more information, visit **families.naeyc.org**

TAPI -The Arizona Partnership for Immunizations - TAPI is a non-profit statewide coalition of over 400 members. TAPI was formed in response to the alarming fact that in 1993, only 43% of Arizona's two-year-olds were fully immunized against preventable childhood diseases like measles, mumps, polio and whooping cough. Through the efforts of TAPI's partners from both the public and private sectors, immunization coverage rates in Arizona have improved dramatically, with nearly three in four children fully immunized by age two. Click here for informative info regarding immunizations.