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News and Events for September, 2017

Mark Your Calendar

Tallulah Family Workshop in the Atelier

- **Preschool Closed** - Monday, 9/4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- **Tallulah Family Workshop** - Saturday, 9/16 join us for an Open House in the Atelier from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Bring the entire family!
- **Family Fun Night & Silent Auction** - Thursday, 10/26 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **Preschool Closed** - Friday, 10/27 for Staff Development
- **Just Kids' Stuff Yard Sale** - Saturday, 10/28 from 8 am - 1 pm on the preschool playground
- **Halloween Parades** - Monday, 10/30 at 9:15 am at the circular drive between Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary (Coyotes, Jackrabbits, Tortoise) Tuesday, 10/31 at 9:15 am also circular drive(Quails, Bobcats, Javelinas, Geckos, Owls and Roadrunners)

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Communities Built by Volunteers

We realize that having an active parent organization helps give us the ability to manage the variety of

moving parts throughout the year. Each family can make a difference and we value the time you give. Research shows that children of parent's who are involved in their child's education, in the long run, do better in school. Parents are strongly encouraged to become a member(s) of one or more of the worthwhile committees we offer. Fill out the sign up sheet you received in your Parent Folders or click below. Return your completed form to Diana in the preschool office. Thank you for your support!

Annual PreK Empty Bowl Celebration

[Link to Volunteer Opportunities]
[Volunteer Signup]

Fundraising at PPP

Because we are a not-for-profit organization, there are several simple ways you can help raise funds for the preschool. In addition to the information you received in your folder on Parent Night, we're having a Just Kids' Stuff Yard Sale coming up on October 28th from 8am - 2pm. We're now accepting donations of gently used CHILDREN'S ITEMS and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Proceeds will benefit the Reggio Journey Fund and UMOM New Day Center. Click the links below for more information for ways to raise funds for PPP while shopping at Fry's Food Stores, Costco (PV location) and Amazon Smile.

[Link to AmazonSmile] [Amazon Smile App]

[Fry's Rewards] [Costco Shopping Day]

Family Fun Night & Silent Auction

Save the date!! Our Annual Family Fun Night will be held

on Thursday, October 26th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Each classroom will be open to visit, desserts and lemonade in the Atelier, entertainment featured by Arizona's only Singing Cowboy with over 100 items to bid on during the Silent Auction. This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and the money raised goes towards the preschool's scholarship program and continuing education for staff. There are many ways you can help make this event a success. One helpful way is by collecting items to bid on or it you'd prefer, you can supply an item from your place of business or possibly a gift card you've purchased. Below is a link of the letter you can use when requesting donations. Thank you!

Family Fun Night with The Singing Cowboy

Silent Auction Parent Letter
Silent Auction Donation Request Letter

Parent Resources

NAEYC for Families - A powerful resource for families, the NAEYC website includes a wealth of research based information about children's learning and development that families can trust. For resources click here.

First Things First - Supporting Kids and their Families - First Things First is a critical partner in creating a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona's children, birth through age 5. For resources click here.

Cottontail Parent-Toddler Program

There are a few open spots available in the Cottontails Parent-and-Me class on Mondays, 11 AM- 12:30 PM, for children 18-30 months. If you're interested, click on the link below or share with a friend. Please contact the preschool office if you have questions. Thank you!

Cottontail Parent Toddler Info

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 14 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!".

Meet Harry Houdini

Have you stopped by to meet our new Desert Tortoise, Harry Houdini? We adopted him from Arizona Fish & Game and he's approximately 15 years old. His favorite foods are dandelion leaves (which can be purchased at Fry's) and hibiscus flowers. Harry would welcome any of these food items. So that we can monitor his daily nutrition, please bring any of these items to the preschool office or Miss Melanie in the Atelier. We're excited for the children to learn all about him and his desert lifestyle. He's quite the magical escape artist, hence his name!

Nature Explore Family Adventure Awaits

The activities included in this resource are experiences that used to be part of everyday family life. We realize, because of a variety of reasons, that many children and adults no longer experience regular time in nature. These Adventure Activities provide an initial focus, or stepping off point, to gently guide you and your child in joyful and meaningful interactions in nature. Over time and frequent supported outings, nature an again become part of children's everyday lives. Research shows that children benefit greatly from connecting to nature. Benefits include:

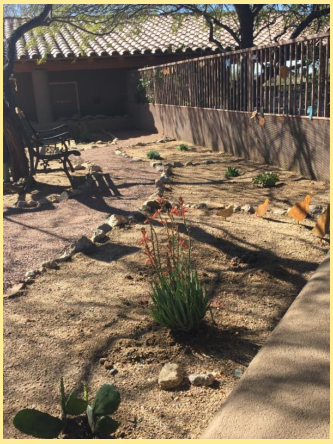
- Deepened sense of wonder, inspiring lifelong learning
- Strengthened observation and critical thinking skills
- Enriched learning through multi-sensory experiences
- Strengthened powers of imagination and creativity
- Hands-on enjoyment and care taking, inspiring tomorrow's generation of environmental stewards

September 's Adventure Activity, "Get to Know a Tree" can be done anywhere. Possible locations include your backyard, neighborhood park or green space, nature center, zoo or botanical garden. It an be fun and surprising to see what natural treasures you an find almost anywhere if you take the time to slow down, look closely and enjoy!

[September's Adventure - Trees]

Family Growing Kits

Fall is just around the corner and it's time to get our preschool vegetable garden started. While outside is too hot to plant, right now is the perfect time to begin planting seeds indoors. We encourage families to get involved in the life of the school by stopping by the preschool office to pick up a home "Grow Kit". Everything you need to start growing vegetables at home is included in the kit. Hurry in to the office because we only have 20 growing kits to hand out. We are asking that the seedlings that you grow be brought back to the preschool in mid-October to be planted in our school garden. Thank you for your support and Happy Growing!



PPP's Desert Botanical Garden

We have our own botanical garden with succulents and native desert plants located on the far side of the campus between Harry Houdini and the Fellowship Hall rear entrance. Unfortunately, the summer months took a toll on several and we would like to replace, as well as add, new native cacti. Each class has their own section and families are welcome to bring a native cactus or succulent to plant with your child at your convenience before or after school.

Preschool Friendly Reminders

- It's important as a parent that you familiarize yourself with the Parent Handbook that is on our website. If you have not already, please do so and return your signed & dated Policies and Procedures Form to the preschool office as soon as possible. Also be aware of our policy titled Celebrating Birthdays on page 31 of the Parent Handbook. 17-18 Policies Procedure Form Parent Handbook
- If your child will be absent, please notify the preschool office at 480-585-9448 x2 prior to 9 am regardless whether it be for vacation or illness.
- Due to licensing, always sign your child in and out each day they attend with your full name (no initials).
- Siblings that are not attending the preschool should be with their parents at all times. After 9 am, only children enrolled for the day will be allowed to use the outdoor classroom, also known as the Nature Explore Playground. After morning classes are released, children only staying for Extended Day are allowed to use the outdoor classroom.
- Please drive slowly in the parking lot and keep distractions to a minimum for everyone's safety.
- Help us keep our environment an inviting one by encouraging your child to pick up after themselves before leaving.
- A lost and found trunk is located in the preschool office. Please check this area occasionally for items may be left behind. All unclaimed items

will be donated.

- Tuition is due the 1st of each month and late after the 10th calendar day. A $25 late fee will be assessed for payments after the 10th. Forms of payment accepted are cash, check, Electronic Funds Transfer and credit cards with a 3% processing fee. EFT forms can be obtained in the preschool office. When requested, a receipt of payment is available. A drop box is located in the office for those paying by check.
- Dress for Success!! Proper attire for your preschooler is clothing that can get messy. Sneakers or shoes with rubber soles are required. Please no flip flops, dress shoes, Crocs or cowboy boots since they present a safety hazard especially when climbing.
- Due to severe allergies, PPP is peanut & tree nut free. Please keep this in mind when packing your child's lunch. If you inadvertently pack an item with nuts, it will be removed from your child's lunchbox and returned at dismissal. Alternative items are available in the preschool office if needed.
- Remember to check your preschool mailbox each day your child attends for important communication from your teachers, the preschool office as well as PPC.

Events at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church

- **May/June Vistas Magazine -** The September/October Pinnacle Vistas is now ready to view with interesting articles and events from Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. Click here to read.
- **Membership at Pinnacle** - Are you looking for a church to call home? Click here for more information about becoming a member of PPC.
- **Pinnacle on Wednesdays** - Starting on Wednesday, 9/6, this program is designed for all ages from 3 to 93 years. Evening activities include Christian Education classes, Children's singing and ringing choirs, mission opportunities and dinner. Click here to register and learn more about this program.
- **Connecting at PPC** - Click here to see the many ways you can get connected in the Pinnacle's church community.

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