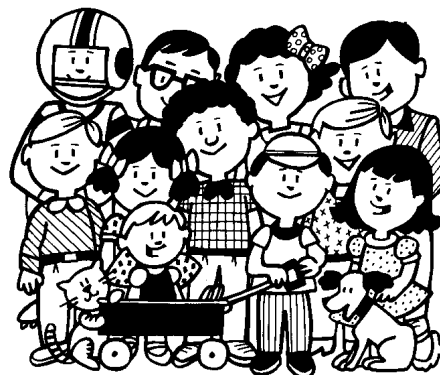


# YELLOW SCHOOL NEWS



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Welcome to the Yellow School! We had a great first week – a few tears early on, but quickly gone as the children discovered all the fun things to do in their new surroundings! Everyone is settling in nicely, learning the school routines and making new friends.

A few reminders:

- **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL** - PLEASE put the children's names on EVERYTHING.....mats, bags, all clothing, shoes, lunch boxes, thermos bottles AND their caps and cups, etc. Please put names where they can EASILY be seen, particularly on the children's mats.
- In the **CARPOOL LINE**, once your child is in the car, please pull out of the line before buckling him/her in.
- **TUITION** is due the first of each month. Make your check payable to **MDPC**
- If you are going to be **LATE** picking up your child at any time, please call. This enables us to reassure your child. In the afternoons, you may extend to 3:30, if space is available, in order to avoid late fees.
- Please use the pencil bag, which is attached to your child's backpack, for all notes, etc. that you have for us. If your information is too big for the pencil bag,

please put a note in the pencil bag alerting us to look in the backpack.

- Don't forget to **SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AND OUT** if you are coming late or picking up early. Sheets for this purpose are located by the front door.
- **The doors open at 8:45.** Prior to that, the teachers are preparing for your children. Please wait for us to come greet you.

## ROOM MOMS

Congratulations to the following new ROOM MOMS/PARENTS!

### 2-Day Three Year Old Class

Karen Smith  
Naomi Card

### 3-Day Three Year Old Class MTW

Noteel Koss  
Kathryn Murphy

### 3-Day Three Year Old Class WThF

Kristen Davis  
Emily Sweeney

### 3-Day Pre-K Class

David and Challie Sherrill  
Carrie Marshall

### 5-Day Pre-K Class

Amanda Ollison  
Julia Florey

## PM Class

Shannon Hilts  
Hedi Shankelton

## Kindergarten

Melissa DeLaGarza  
Alicia Whitely

Among other things, Room moms will be planning some "getting-to-know-you" activities. As the children settle in and learn about the routines of school, make new friends and get to know their teachers, we hope you will do the same.

We want you to be as involved as you would like to be. If you have an interest, skill, musical instrument (to play or just show) and/or items, information and customs from another culture that you would be willing to share with the children, please let us know. If you'd like to read a story, do a project of some kind or have a contact for a great field trip, please let us know that, too.

We can always use good substitute teachers. We'll pay you to play! Please speak to Naomi if you are interested.

## REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

We will be accepting applications for the 2017 – 2018 school year from **FAMILIES NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT YELLOW SCHOOL** beginning Sept. 22, 2016 at 6:00 am. Children who **are** currently enrolled and their siblings will register in January. If you have friends and neighbors who might be interested in the school, please encourage them to come visit us.

There will be information coffees here at the school on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:15 am and Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 am. Help spread the word!

## GRANDPAS

As many of you know, we are fortunate to have a group of retired gentlemen who come twice each month and do woodworking with the children. We call them our "grandpas" and the children really look forward to them coming each month. If

you know of anyone who might like to join these men, please call and let us know. There are also opportunities for "substitute grandpas" and any dads who might be available.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 6 and 8 – Grandpas and chapel  
Sept. 12 and 13 – Information meetings for prospective YS parents  
Sept. 14 and 16 – Speech, language, vision and hearing screening  
Sept. 20 and 22 – Chapel  
Sept. 22 – 6:00 am – registration for families NEW to YS.

## PARENTING TIPS

*Routines at school...* just as children need routines at home to provide a sense of security, routines at school help children know what to expect and what the expectations are of them. This enables them to separate more easily from parents and feel comfortable in their school environment.

Being greeted warmly by a teacher with a cheery, "Good Morning, I'm glad to see you" is one of the most important of our daily rituals. Once inside, the child is shown his/her hook and cubby. Hanging up bags and belongings helps the children know that they have a place at school and therefore, belong.

- **Circle time**, when the children gather together on the rug, includes greetings, news of the day, songs and fingerplays.
- **Choice/Circle time** gives the children an opportunity to explore the classroom, discover activities they particularly enjoy and from which they can learn.
- **Small Group Time** provides more specific instruction in the areas of literacy and math for small groups of children.
- **Letter Wall Activities** include the children's names and vocabulary words. It also enables the children to

identify characteristics of letters and words.

- **Music, Art and Dramatization** of stories all encourage creativity and help teach many aspects of literacy and math.
- **Science** activities help the children connect with nature and explore the world around them.
- **Health and Physical Education** activities teach the children to develop healthy lifestyles and strengthen their bodies.
- **Cleanup time** makes the children aware that the things in the classroom belong in particular places and the fact that it is their job to put things in their places, helps children know that they belong and are important to the running of the classroom.
- **Book browsing time** is a wonderful time to sit with friends and share books, a comfortable and companionable activity.
- **Snack time and lunch time** are both times when the children have jobs and rituals surrounding them. The children wash their hands, set the table, put out snacks, pour drinks (at lunch time, unpack lunch boxes) and say grace before eating.
- **Lining up for outdoor time** is part of the routine, which helps children know what is coming next, and adds an element of order to their lives.
- **Gathering at the end of the day** for a story, wrap-up of the day's work, packing bags and emptying cubbies and saying our goodbyes all provide closure, helping children learn about beginnings and endings.

You can help your child's adjustment to school by talking with her/him about school routines and about the children in class with whom she/he can play. Use the "What's Happenings" that we send home to talk with your child about the plans for the week.

It is important to be on time each day. It is very difficult for some children to enter a classroom after activities have already started and they are apt to miss fun and exciting things if they are often late. Letting

the teachers walk the children in to school helps the transition from home to school.

## POTTY TRAINING

As you know, we have no facilities for diaper changing, so all YS children must be potty trained. We understand that there will be accidents and we are happy to take care of them. However, we need you to work with us. Please do not put pullups on your child – especially during the day - and stop using them at night as soon as you can. Sometimes all it takes is getting your child up to go to the bathroom before you go to bed and then he/she can make it through the night. Pullups one day and underwear the next just sends mixed messages. Please do not send pullups to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Our school song is one that teaches the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are things we hope all children will strive to understand and practice. In a few weeks, ask your child to sing it for you.



The following are some activities that are available at (or through) the church from now through January. Some are on Sundays, some during the week. Try some out!

### **September**

- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) @ Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
For more information, contact Emily Bohn at [emilybohn25@gmail.com](mailto:emilybohn25@gmail.com).  
August 29-Kickoff/Sept. 12 Begins 9:30am-12pm
- The Living Well (Women's Bible Study; goes until April 5th)  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6am-7:15am (Run/Walk until 8:00am)
- "Breakfast Club" (Counseling Forum-Anxiety)  
Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:30am

### **October**

- Marriage Retreat (Woodlands Waterway Marriott)  
Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2 Noon to Noon
- Purely Parenting (Once/Month)  
Beginning Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 11:15am
- The Well (For Adult Women Only)  
"Who Do You Think I Am?"  
Wednesday, October 26 6-8pm
- Trunk or Treat (Family Friendly Event-Sponsored by MDPC Dads)  
Sunday, October 30 3-5pm

### **November**

- Women's Spiritual Retreat (Brenham)  
Saturday, November 12 9am-5pm

### **December**

- Christmas Coffee (For all Women)  
Tuesday, December 6 10-11:30am

### **January**

- Parent Palooza (Parenting Conference)  
Wednesday evenings, 1/11 and 1/18 6-8:30pm
- "Breakfast Club" (Counseling Forum-Depression)  
Sunday, January 15 8:30-9:30am
- CBGR Cook-Off (Family Friendly Event)  
Saturday, 1/28 1-5pm