



The Preston Royal Handprint

October 2011

Preston Royal Preschool, 5600 Royal Lane, Dallas TX 75229 phone 214-987-3446

Ms. Kitty's Corner



Kitty Ammann, Director

Fall is in the air; the children are growing more comfortable and making new friends, as are their moms and dads! We hope you are noticing the art projects and other work that your child brings home, as well as the things going on in your child's classroom. Each of the teachers puts a great deal of thought

and time into selecting and developing the activities each day. Everything we do works toward the academic, social, physical and emotional development of your child. Our goal is to work with you to help your child along his/her path toward maturity.

Date	Happening
9/28	Ice Cream Social, 6-8pm
10/1 – 10/6	\$ Tuition Due
10/2	Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
10/3	Vision, Hearing, Speech and Language Screenings
10/6 & 10/7	School Pictures
10/11	School CLOSED for Teacher In-service
10/14	Pizza for Lunch \$5
10/22	Fall Carnival and Silent Auction, 11am – 2pm
10/25	Pizza for Lunch \$5
11/11	Fall conferences for Parents; No School for Children
11/21-11/25	School CLOSED for Thanksgiving

* See page 5 for printable calendar format

Fall Carnival and Silent Auction - Need Volunteers



Mark your calendars to attend PRP's Fall Carnival and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 11am until 2pm. Please invite your family and friends! Kids can wear costumes and play carnival games with prizes. We will also have a bounce house, balloon artist, face painters, and the chance to see a fire truck, police car, and an army jeep. Adults can bid on items in our silent auction for photography packages, sports tickets, bakery treats, restaurants, and themed activity baskets assembled by each PRP class.

We still need your help to make the event awesome. If we each do our part, it will be a great success! If you or your company would be willing to underwrite items such as the bounce house or balloon artist, please let us know. Also, we are still looking for wonderful items for our auction. And last but not least, we love volunteers! Please see sign-up sheets on the main doors for volunteer opportunities.

For more information or to donate, please contact:
Silent Auction Co – Chair Sheetal Patel sheetal@sbcglobal.net or 214-732-7155
Silent Auction Co-Chair Laura Villasana laurav2576@gmail.com or 214-998-8652
Carnival Chair, Shauna Nafziger mama6bee@hotmail.com or 469-487-6172

First Class to 100% Wins Cookie Party

Help your child's class win a cookie party by paying your annual parent club dues (\$35) at The Ice Cream Social.

Families, Ice Cream, Pizza on Wed.



Bring the whole family for pizza and ice cream on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 from 6pm – 8pm. The Parents' Club is organizing the food, drinks, and fun. The Ice Cream Social is a great opportunity to visit with other parents while your children play with their classmates. We kindly ask \$1 per slice of pizza, but ice cream is free. You can also pay your parent club dues of \$35 for the year if you have not had a chance. First class to reach 100% wins a cookie party. Any questions, contact Noelle Schmidt or Jordan Teeple.

Options If You Arrive Before 8:50am

School starts at 9:00am each day with classrooms opening at 8:50am ready to receive the children. If you arrive before 8:50am, you are welcome to use the playground with your child or bring him/her to the Early Bird Teacher. One Early Bird teacher opens her classroom at 8:00am each morning and then takes each child to his/her regular teacher at 8:50am. This service can be used as needed. Cost is \$3 per use. Please pay the teacher directly.



Parent Survey for Pay Tuition Online

Would you like to pay tuition online and have access to receipts at any time? PRP is considering using an online tuition service that would let parents pay for tuition online, directly from their bank accounts. Parents would receive their own tuition accounts where they could access their bills and print their own receipts. Parents would also receive e-mail reminders when tuition is due.



We would like to know your thoughts by Monday, October 10. To let us know if this service would be helpful for you, please complete the survey that will come home with your child, or click on the link below. Thank you for giving us your opinion.



<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8CP6ZFK>



Eyes, Ears, and Language Screenings



Would you like your child's vision, hearing, or speech and language screened? A letter and permission slip were sent home via school bags September 22 and 23. Please return permission slip and check by Thursday, September 29, 2011 for your child to be tested.

For one day only on Monday, October 3, 2011, The Shelton School Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic will be at PRP to conduct vision, hearing, and a combined speech and language screening for children whose parents request these fee-based services. The Texas State Health Department requires that all children by age four have a vision and hearing test, so this is a convenient way to meet that requirement. Two year olds are not screened for hearing or vision, but can participate in the speech and language screening. If your child attends only on TT and you want any of these screenings, please make arrangements for the Monday only appointment times.

Check Announcements on Website

Check out the Announcement link at <http://www.prestonroyalpreschool.com/> on Preston Royal Preschool's website for up-to-date information about school happenings. Any changes to the monthly school calendar on page 5 of this newsletter will be posted there.

Can you Cough Like a Vampire?



Things have changed since we were in school. Instead of covering our mouths with our hands when we cough, children today are taught to cough and sneeze into one of their elbows... as though they were vampires. Sneezing or coughing into an elbow instead of a hand helps hamper the spread of germs when grown-ups shake hands or little kids.... well you know.

Each classroom has a pump of hand sanitizer and tissues for the children. There is also a pump near the front desk for when you enter the building.

Room Parents on the Run in October

Thanks to all who volunteered to be room parents. With silent auction preparations and Halloween parties to plan, October is a busy month. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Guillot amandaguillot@gmail.com or 214-717-7299.

Teacher	Room Parent(s)
Ms. Gloria	Anne Daniel
Ms. Mary Ann	Heather and Ross Murfin
Ms. Noelle	Julie Bell
Ms. Caroline	Kristin and Geoff Case
Ms. Carolyn	Natalie Vaughn
Ms. Laurie	Roxana Vandehey(MWF); Kelly Crider (TT)
Ms. Kim	Michelle Vadia
Ms. Autumn	Chandler Feldman
Ms. Karen	Tiffany Lilly and Kim Felch-Feck

Substitute Positions Available at PRP

PRP likes to use parents as substitutes. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Kitty.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Day is on October 5



On Wednesday, October 5, 2011 we have our monthly Spirit Day with Chick-fil-A (Inwood and Willow location, just north of Lowe's). Please tell them you wish to support Preston Royal Preschool when you place your order. This offer is good at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The address of our Chick-fil-A is 12120 Inwood Rd, Dallas TX 75244.

Thank you to all who participated last month. It was so fun to see kids and families at lunch. We earned 10% of the \$330 in PRP receipts.

Smile! Say "Cheese" for Picture Day



Children will have their individual school pictures taken for the fall on Thursday, October 6 or Friday, October 7, 2011. No need to send money. You will receive a packet of proofs to review before submitting payment for the ones you choose to keep.

Why is School Closed on Tuesday?

While the children have no school on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, the teachers will spend the workday completing several of our annual training hours. The trainings are designed to keep us well-informed about the current best practices in preschool education and to offer opportunities to learn new skills.

Halloween Parties on the 31st and 1st



We ask that children not wear costumes to school, so they can run unencumbered on the playground! Children are encouraged to wear costumes to the Fall Carnival on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Room parents will organize class parties in coordination with the teacher. For MWF children, their parties will be on Monday, October 31 and for TT children, they will celebrate on Tuesday, November 1. Since we know the little ones get plenty of candy trick-or-treating, please do not send some to school to be passed out to friends.

Tips for New PRP Parents

Silent Auction Preparations – You may be asked by your child's room parent to solicit some donations for the silent auction. Your child's class will also pick a theme for its activity basket that will be auctioned off. You will be asked to donate some items for that basket as well. Consider shopping at Tuesday Morning, Marshalls, or Ross for great deals.

Halloween Costumes – No pressure. The children don't wear their costumes to school and wearing them to the carnival is optional.

Candy - Please don't send candy to be given out for Halloween or other holidays.

Child Looks Sick? – Call the school to leave a message that your child will be absent; keeping your little one home will be more comfortable for your child and keep a possible infection from spreading to others.

PRP Directory Updates

Please make the following updates to your printed directory.



1. Change Claire Deeken's address to 4541 S. Versailles Avenue, Dallas TX 75205
2. Change the phone number for Reese Lynch to 504-220-6809
3. Change the phone number for Victoria Vadia to 305-968-6548
4. Jamal Williamson's mom's email is rosemary_sc@hotmail.com with an underscore

Music Program in Need of an iPod

From Ms. Laurie



We are in the process of overhauling the music room at PRP. We are converting all of our lp records, cassettes, and cds to mp3 files on iTunes. Once this is completed, we will be able to access all of our music much more efficiently. Our stereo system will support an mp3 player, so I thought I would shout out to see if anyone has an old iPod they are no longer using that they would like to donate to the school. (We can give you a tax donation form!) With technology changing so fast, and so many folks upgrading or converting to iPhones, perhaps someone can help? Thanks!

Some Openings for Lunch Bunch

If your children need lunch and more playtime until 1:50pm, consider sending them to Lunch Bunch at PRP. Contact Ms. Emily or Ms. April at the front desk for enrollment information.



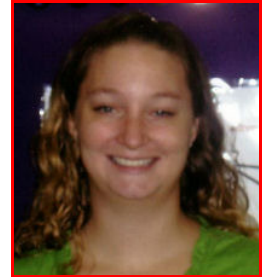
Monday: We have three spots.
Tuesday: No lunch bunch. All children dismissed at 12:50pm.
Wednesday: No openings at this time
Thursday: We have three spots.
Friday: No openings at this time

Goodbye, Ms. Eileen; Hello, Ms. April

Ms. Eileen is leaving us at the end of September for a full time job in communications. Her enthusiasm and expertise will be missed. We are very sad to see her go, but excited that Ms. April will take over the Tuesday/Thursday enrichment activities. Her sons are in 1st and 2nd grades, which gives her great insight into what skills will help your child meet the current expectations for kindergarten and first grade.

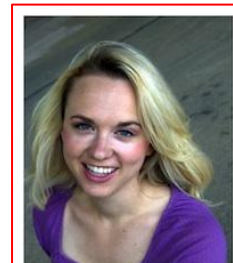


Eileen Weber



April Osborn

Welcome Ms. Lindsey for Music Class



Lindsey Schmeltzer

Our new visiting music teacher is Ms. Lindsey Schmeltzer. Ms. Lindsey is a graduate of California State University, and has extensive professional music and theatre performance experience. She works in professional theatre in Dallas. She is a very energetic teacher and also has previous teaching experience for students 2 to 18. She tutors voice and piano privately as well. Our students are enjoying getting to know her and having lots of fun. They particularly like the guitar she brings. She comes on two Mondays and two Tuesdays each month. Ms. Lindsey is on contract to us by The Dramatic Difference, which is a company owned by one of our new moms. The company specializes in providing schools with a music and creative drama program.



October 2011 at Preston Royal Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 Vision, Hearing, and Speech - Language Screenings 	4 Tuition Due by the 7th 	5 Eat at Chick-fil-A for PRP Spirit Day Fundraiser	6 Fall Picture Day - Individual for TT 	7 Fall Picture Day - Individual for MWF	8 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	9
10 <i>Columbus Day</i> Online tuition survey due	11 CLOSED - Teacher in-service	12 Ms. Karen and Ms. Autumn's classes to the symphony, 10am-12:40pm	13	14 Pizza for Lunch 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 	22 11am - 2pm Carnival and Silent Auction for Families; kids may wear costumes	23
24	25 Pizza for Lunch 	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Halloween</i> Halloween Class Parties for MWF; no costumes 	1 NOVEMBER Halloween Class Parties for TT; no costumes	2	3	4	5	6