

Montgomery Methodist Children's Center Newsletter – September 2019

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Welcome to Montgomery Methodist Children's Center

Our staff for the 2019-20 school year:

Debbie Buck – Asst. - M-TH AM and PM Pre-K 4's
Joann Clugston – Asst. - T/TH 4 hr. 3's, MWF 3's
Barbara Elizondo – Asst. - MWF 4 hr. Pre-K 4's
Christy Farster – Teacher – M-TH AM & PM PRE-K 4's
Sherri Hain – Teacher – MW AM 2's
Kim Kelley – Teacher – MWF 3hr. Pre-K 4's
April Martin – Teacher – M-TH 4 hr. Pre-K 4's
Kim Menyhart – Teacher – T/TH 3 hr. 3's
Kara Mullinix – Asst. – T/TH 3hr. 3's
Margaret Olsen – Director
Sharon Rhodes – Office Manager
Beth Stafford – Teacher, T/TH 2's, F 2's
Kathy Thurston – Teacher MW 2's, T/TH 2's
Meaghan Trout – Teacher MWF 4hr. Pre-K 4's
Mary York – Teacher- MWF 3's, T/TH 4hr. 3's, MW PM 3's



- For security reasons, the doors into the school are locked at all times. Please ring the buzzer on the wall to the right of the door for admittance. We will make sure someone is always in the office to let you in!
- Each morning our staff begins our day with a group prayer. We ask that parents wait until 8:50 to ring the bell for entry. This will give us time to complete this special start to our day and not leave anyone waiting outside in the weather. When it's time to walk down the hall to the classrooms, someone will be asked to turn the stop sign in the hallway to GO!
- All students must be escorted to and picked up from their classrooms by a parent or authorized adult, and signed in and out. This is a licensing requirement!!



- Tuition is due the first of each month, and a late fee of \$10 will be charged if payment is received after the 5th of the month. Please note, if the 5th falls on a weekend, tuition is due the Friday before. There is a tuition box located on the wall between the two preschool office doors.

- We follow Frederick County Public Schools in regards to weather/emergency closings and/or delays. As soon as an announcement is made I will put the information on the school's phone message, website, and Facebook page. You can also sign up to get Frederick County's "Find Out First" notifications by logging on to their website at www.FCPS.org



- Lunch Bunch will begin on 9/18 and will be held most Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Students in 3's and 4's classes are eligible to attend. (Sorry no 2's!) The cost is \$10.00 per day and will be billed at the end of each month. Sign-ups will be done weekly and will go through the Sign-Up Genius email program. The email will go out Monday mornings and registration is limited to 20 students. (Students in the afternoon MW 3's and M-TH Pre-K 4's class are eligible to participate – please check with the office for details.) Additional days for Lunch Bunch may be added later in the school year.



- September is the only month you will receive a paper copy of this monthly newsletter. Beginning in October you will receive an email copy of this and your child's class calendar at the email address you gave us in your registration packet. Please let us know if it changes!
- Each month different classes will be asked to bring in snack or wet wipes. When it is your turn it will be noted on your child's monthly calendar, along with a list of snack suggestions. Please remember, only 100% apple juice and peanut free healthy snacks should be provided.
- If you are planning on volunteering in your child's class this year, you must turn in a copy of the required Volunteer Screening form that was in your registration packet. No exceptions to this rule will be made!!
- Please do not park in the driveway! This is a fire lane and must remain clear. Also, parking behind the school is for staff only.
- MMCC participates in the Scholastic Book Club and your child will receive fliers in their cubbies once a month throughout the year. If you wish to order items, you can do so online or make checks payable to MMCC and drop the order form and money off in the school office. The preschool earns points from orders that can be used to buy books and other resource materials for the school.
- Our school participates in the "Box Tops for Education" program, and a collection container is located on the white cabinet outside the preschool office. Each Box Top collected is worth 10 cents to the school.



Important Upcoming Dates:

September 10th – Back to School Night (for parents only) See your class calendar for details.

October 1st and 2nd - school pictures

October 1-4 – Scholastic Book Fair (****Volunteers Needed – Please contact the office if you can help!**)

October 21st and 22nd – Gaver Farm field trips

September Bible Memory Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1
September Song of the Month: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."



A note from Ms. Olsen...

I am so excited to start a new school year and am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all our new families and welcoming back our returning families. My hope is that your child will grow in wisdom and in faith this year and will discover the joy of learning! My door is always open so please feel free to let me know any comments, concerns and/or suggestions you may have. We are very proud of our school and will continue to work hard to provide the same high quality of care to our students as we have done for the past 35 years!!

In Christian Love,

Margaret Olsen, Director

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