

FEBRUARY
DATES TO
REMEMBER

15—School Holiday

16—Open House

6:00-7:00

16—Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

5:30-7:30



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The Weekday News

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A Word from our Director



As I sit at my computer, I hear a cacophony of

sounds...children making bird calls, excited chatter on the way to the playground, musical notes floating down from upstairs, babies talking as they take a trip in their buggy. Sounds of happy learning occur all over this building. Children's work involves play. Our

privilege here at the Weekday school, is to provide learning opportunities for each child to explore all areas of development. Each room has areas that specifically address small and large motor growth, dramatic play, literature, art and science/nature/math centers. As we have worked on our curriculum this year, we've created an extensive list of knowledge and

skills for each level of learning. We'll look forward to sharing the finalized lists as we begin the 2010-11 school year. Those skills are part of the warp and weave of each room, overlaid by thematic units that help children love to learn taught by our warm, loving teachers. What more could you want?

Pam

WDS Children in Mission..from Austin Street to Haiti

Thanks to all who have donated to the used toy drive benefiting the Austin Street Shelter. You may continue bringing your new or gently used toys until February 5.

The Parent's Association has put together

a wonderful effort to help with Haiti Relief. We are collecting **CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE**. Please have your children bring their coins through February 5 and drop in the class bucket. Each class comes down to the large bottle to drop in their coins. Funds will be sent to the Red Cross.

LET'S FILL THE



WATER BOTTLE!

Open House and Pancake Supper

Registration was great! We have 2 spots open in Kindergarten for next year. Every other space is filled!

Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday at University Park UMC. We have our annual Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 16th** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! The whole family can eat for \$20 or less.

Open House will be that same night from 6:00—7:00. Bring the whole family and come to your child's classroom and let them show you what they have been learning!



Save the Date
Carnival
and
Auction
Saturday,
April 24
11:00-
2:00

Countdown to the Auction!

Our 2010 Auction is on the way! We are asking each school family to consider making a donation. This could be in the form of a gift that could be bid on at auction time or a monetary gift. No gift is too big or too small. Donations are 100% tax deductible and for a great cause.

The funds that are accrued are placed in the Parent's Association fund. These funds are used to purchase necessary items for the school which enriches the lives of students, teachers and parents. For example last year's auction revenue was used to purchase changing tables, new mulch for the playground, supplies for the classrooms and for special events like Dad's night. We are living in a difficult economic time and any and all donations are greatly and so very appreciated.

Donation forms may be found in the office or online at www.upumc.org

I am blessed to be involved in the auction process again and am hopeful that this year will be our best fundraiser to date. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank You,
Natalie Cole
Auction Chair
(214)587-1314



Parenting in Today's World

Please join us for **Andy Stoker** and his series, "Parenting in Today's World" the first Wednesday of the month from 5:00-7:30pm in the youth center.

Feb 3 - "Boys in Guyland: Raising Boys in a Culture of Violence"

Mar 3 - "Girls in Girlworld: Raising Girls in a Culture of Indulgence"

Apr 7 - "A Child's Spiritual Development"

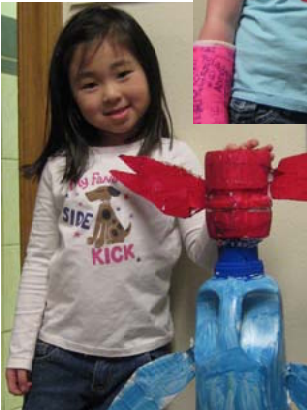
May 5 - "The Church as Family"

Dinner is served in the youth center at 5:00pm

Bible Study for the children begins at 6:00pm

For childcare, contact cwashburn@upumc.org

For dinner, contact jennytabor@sbcglobal.net.



On the Road Family Camp July 16th-18th

Buckle up for a sightseeing road trip along "Route 254" where serious fun can be found at every stop. As your family travels to Lake Texoma for a weekend camp kids will learn that by choosing God as their guide, they'll arrive at the ultimate destination—a relationship with Jesus! Book your family for the road trip today. This is for the entire family, all ages (Grandparents are welcome too!)

