

Upcoming
Events in
October:

12th—No school

15th—Dads
Night (6:00)

19-22—School
Pictures for
2-1/2s, 3s,
4s, & K

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A Word from our Director



As I walk down the halls of the Weekday School, I see busy children

playing and interacting with their devoted teachers. Each room is filled with centers that help children develop in special areas. A happy, buzzing sound emanates as they explore activities designed for their growth.

I've been so pleased to learn about the fifty year traditions of

teaching and loving children that are a hallmark of the Weekday School. That common thread has woven its way through the years to your children.

As we move forward through this year, we'll continue those traditions and expand upon new curriculum developments so that WDS remains the best possible school you can choose for your child. Thank you for entrusting us with these first learning years in your child's life.

Pam Dean

Chapel Corner

This month in chapel we have been focusing on God and Creation. God is a GREAT BIG GOD and God loves us WITH A GREAT BIG LOVE. These have been the two points we have really focused on. Let your children tell you about all the things that God created and how Good, Good, Good it is.

We'd love to have you join us for chapel. All 4s classes have chapel Monday mornings at 9:15 in the Sanctuary. Tuesday morning at 9:15 is for our T-Th 3s and Wednesday morning is set aside for MWF 3s. This is a great way to start your day.

Curriculum Development

Have you ever wondered what we do on Monday afternoons? This year the faculty is re-writing the curriculum. Our first task is to create milestones for every age level. Our developmental program recognizes that children grow at different paces. These milestones will help teachers track your child's growth throughout

the year, planning activities to address key concepts for each age. These areas range from small/large motor skills to language development to social/emotional concepts. When we have developed the entire spectrum from infant to kindergarten, we will share those milestones with you so that you can see our goals for your child.





One of our fundraisers for the year will be to sell coffee instead of cookie dough. The sales will take place in November...start thinking of who would like to buy some coffee. More information will be coming later.



SPREAD THE WORD

We have openings in the following:

2 spots—Toddler 2

2 spots—2—1/2s

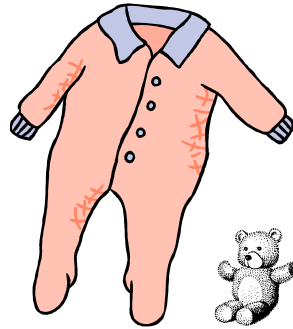
1 spot—Kindergarten

If you or someone you know has a child that is the correct age for our openings, please stop by the office to get more details!

Lend a Helping Hand

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We will be collecting new children's pajamas and teddy bears for the Family Place during the month of October. Please bring your donations to the collection box outside the school office.

Many times women and children must leave in a hurry and ar-



rive in a shelter with no belongings. A pair of pajamas and a new stuffed animal can be

such a comfort for a child who is scared and suffering.

This is a great opportunity for you to take your child to the store and let them help you pick out some pajamas for a child in need. You are teaching them to give to those who have less than we do.

Support the UPUMC Weekday School



We have signed up for the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor program. You may go into any Kroger grocery store and present the barcode to your cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your Kroger Plus Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger program. Every time you shop they will contribute a percentage to the fund.



The next time you are at Tom Thumb, please go

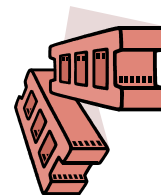
over to the courtesy desk and ask them to link your reward card to our school number, **9792**.

(Each reward card can be linked to 3 charities.)

Please link up the UPUMC Weekday School today!



Earn \$\$\$ for UPUMC Weekday School with Box Tops for Education. Start clipping box tops and drop them off in the box outside the office.



Bricks for Sale!

The kids love seeing their names engraved on the bricks that are installed on the playground!! Stop by the School office for an order form and get your brick ordered today!

Stop a Bad Day in its Tracks



The teachers at the Weekday School want to help you and your family. You can never have enough ideas to help your child as you walk this parenting road. So here are a few ideas to help with "one of those days".

You know those days. The kids are cranky and pushing all of your buttons. When you feel this happening, try these ideas to regain control of the situation and salvage the day:

- Stop everything, sit on the floor and read some books with your kids
- Give your child a warm bath, maybe even add some bubbles.
- Put on some soft, gentle music and encourage everyone to relax.
- Turn off the television and turn down the lights.
- Make sure that you stay calm yourself, this will keep the situation from escalating.

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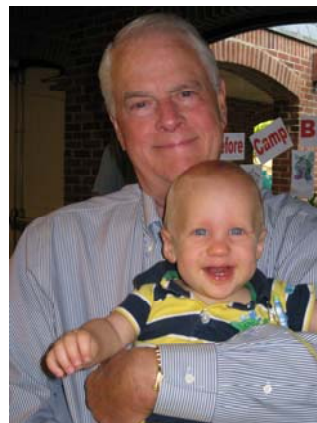
Vaughn J.
Featherstone

WDS First Grandparent Day

This year we will be adding Grandparents Day for the 2-1/2s, 3s, 4s, and kindergarten. We've chosen to have our celebration the week of Thanksgiving.

On November 23 & 24, grandparents will be asked

to join us for part of the school morning. More information will be coming later, but let your children's grandparents know that they will be invited to visit our school on one of those days. We can't wait for them to be here with us.



New Hours for 2010-2011 School Year

The WDS Board voted to extend the 2010-2011 school year for the children by eight days. Our school year will begin one week earlier and end three days later than we currently do. The WDS board also voted to eliminate the lunch bunch option for 2010-2011 and instead

provide a full day program for all age levels. This will allow teachers and students an extended period of time for classroom curriculum.

Our school hours next year will be 9:00 - 12:00, Monday and 9:00 - 2:00, Tuesday - Friday.



UPUMC WDS Recipe Book



The Parent's Association is putting together a recipe book full of your recipes!!

We are hoping that all families submit at least one recipe. All categories of recipes are needed!

Please submit your recipes by October 20th. These will be printed and ready to be sold in time for Christmas!

You may submit them in person or by email. To submit by email, please send to Natalie Cole at babynewyear74@yahoo.com or you may drop off a copy in the school office. Natalie would love for all to submit a family photo with their recipe.

For more questions, please email or call Natalie Cole.
babynewyear74@yahoo.com 214-587-1314



When to Keep Your Child At Home

Flu and Cold season is upon us. We are doing our best to keep our equipment and rooms sanitary and germ free and the children are doing a wonderful job of washing their hands (supervised) several times throughout the day. Thank you for doing your part by keeping your child home if they are not well enough to come to school.

FEVER — Oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher

RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS — Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing.

DIARRHEA — An increased number of abnormally loose stools in the previous 24 hours.

VOMITING — Two or more episodes of vomiting within the previous 24 hours.

EYE/NOSE DRAINAGE — Thick mucus or pus is draining from eyes or nose.

PINKEYE — Child can return 24 hours after the treatment has begun and there is an absence of drainage.

SORE THROAT — Especially when fever or swollen glands in the neck are present.

STREP THROAT — Child can return 24 hours after treatment has begun.

SKIN PROBLEMS — RASH — skin rashes (undiagnosed or contagious), infected sores, persistent itching.

CHICKEN POX — Each sore must be crusted over and no fever present before child can return to class.

APPEARANCE— Child looks or acts differently: unusually tired, pale, lacking appetite, confused, irritable, difficult to awaken.

LICE — Child can attend after treatment and when all nits have been removed.

RINGWORM, SCABIES — Child can attend once treatment has begun.

For more information or more details please refer to page 7 of the Parent Handbook.