

Director's Note

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year! I am so excited for the year to start. The teachers have already started getting their rooms ready for the new year. Our wonderful Parents' Association has given each classroom funds to buy new goodies to start the year. They will also be purchasing new computers for all 4s and kindergarten classrooms. The new portion of our building is moving toward completion during the winter months. I am still amazed to be part of a church that supports children by building and remodeling spaces designed especially for little ones.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Coffee on August 25. If there is any way I can be of help to you, please give me a call or stop by the office. I'm so grateful that you have trusted us with your children. We are all working hard to continue the tradition of loving care and nurture infused with best practices for teaching young children.

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Parent's Association

Welcome to the beginning of another school year at UPUMC WDS. I am honored to be serving as president of the UPUMC Parent's Association this year. The goal of the Parent's Association is to support the mission and educators of the Weekday School. Each one of you became a member of the Parent's Association when you enrolled your child at UPUMC WDS. We hold our board meetings the first Monday of every month at 9:15 am in the

IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

August 25 - 9:30 - Parent
Coffee

August 26 - time varies by class
- Classroom visits

August 29 - First week of school

September 5 - Labor Day
holiday

September 11 - 6:00 - Ice
Cream Social

Construction Update

We have been told that the construction should be complete in early February. As soon as the classrooms are ready, we will move the infants and toddlers into their brand new classrooms! We can't wait!

Chapel for 3s, 4s and Kindergarten

Welcome from the Chapel!
At UPUMC WDS your child's spiritual development is a priority. Every week children 3 and up will come to chapel and learn a story from the Bible as well as a focus statement for the week so that you will know the point of every lesson. The children will have a chapel leaflet to bring home each week so that you will know what scripture they learned and so you can help reinforce the lesson at home. In chapel I will seek to offer age appropriate

basement gathering area. I hope you will find time to come to the meeting and be active participants in the school.

I want to take a moment to tell you about the wonderful ways the Parents' Association benefits the school, the teachers and your children. Last year, the Parent's Association gave \$ 36,700 to the Weekday School for furniture, classroom supplies, and updates to the library. This year, the Parents' Association plans to purchase a new computer for all the fours and kindergarten classrooms and help to fund the infant playground, which will be in the new addition.

In addition to these financial gifts to our school, the Parents' Association supports our amazing teachers who are such a blessing to our children. Twice a year, the Parents' Association hosts teacher appreciation luncheons for all the teachers and staff. The Parents' Association gives money to each teacher so they can buy supplies for their classroom, a Christmas gift and a gift of appreciation at the end of the year spring luncheon. We want to continue to support our teachers and school in any way that we can. We hope these small gestures we make, let the teachers know how much we appreciate all they do on a daily basis for our children.

The Parents' Association hosts several events throughout the school year to bring us closer as a school family and to help raise money for the school's needs. The first teacher's appreciation luncheon will be held before school begins, but we hope you will join us for the Ice Cream Social Sunday, September 11 at 6 pm. It will be a time for us to gather with our families and meet new friends from our class and the whole school. It is always a fun event for all. In October, we will host Dad's Night on the 6th. Dads and children will come to the school that night for a pizza dinner, games, and a raffle. October is also when we will begin our fall fundraiser, which is when we raise the majority of the money we are able to gift to the school. I hope every family will choose to participate and show your support. April 21, 2012 is the date for the carnival and auction which are our fundraisers for the spring. It is a fun family event with bounce houses, horses, games, and activities. The Spring Olympics will be on May 1 and 2. Parent volunteers make this event a wonderful day for the children as they run and play, complete challenges and win ribbons.

Each one of us chose to be a member of this school for different

Bible learning. Kids will become familiar with Bible stories and understand its basic meaning. Kids will also relate with Bible characters and see themselves in the Bible stories. Here is a list of the stories that we will focus on for the fall:

Fall Bible Lessons

Lesson 1- Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:4-25

Lesson 2- The First Sin Genesis 3:1-24

Lesson 3- Joseph and His Brothers Genesis 37:1-28

Lesson 4- Joseph Helps His Family Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21

Lesson 5- Baby Moses Exodus 2:1-10

Lesson 6- The Burning Bush Exodus 3:1-15

Lesson 7- Manna, Quail, and Water Exodus 16:1-18; 17:1-7

Lesson 8- Deborah Judges 4:1-5:31

Lesson 9- God Calls Samuel 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Lesson 10- David Is Chosen 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lesson 11- Solomon Builds the Temple 1 Kings 6

Lesson 12- Naaman Is Healed 2 Kings 5:1-19

Lesson 13- Queen Esther Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17

Lesson 14- Daniel and the Lions Daniel 6:1-28

The schedule chapel is as follows:

4s & K - Monday at 9:15

3 day 3s - Monday at 9:45

2 day 3s - Monday at 9:15

Parents and siblings are

reasons, but when we all come together in support of UPUMC, we can accomplish amazing things. I hope you will join us this year not only for the social events, but also by donating your time and talents to support the school.

I hope you too will choose some way this year to be an active part of our school community. If there is an event you would like to help with please contact me at collinsgina@me.com

Gina Collins
2011-2012 President
Paren"s Association

Parent Coffee and Classroom Visits



Parents are invited to **Fellowship Hall at 9:30 on August 25** for a brief overview of the upcoming school year, hear about our construction and meet all of the teachers. The class lists will be posted in Fellowship Hall at this time too. You will then be asked to go to your child's classroom to hear from the teacher about curriculum, the class schedule and to sign up for class events. Parents and children are invited on **August 26** to visit the classroom and for the children to meet the teacher. Each teacher has a specific time for these visits which will be mailed to you the week of August 20th. Please try to come during your scheduled time slot.

Monday Afternoon Enrichment Classes for 3s, 4s and Kindergarten ages

The following classes will be offered on Monday afternoons this school year. You may sign up at the parent coffee or by stopping by the office to pick up a form.

ALWAYS welcome to join us for chapel.

I'm looking forward to a great year of Bible Learning!

-Pastor Rachel



Ice Cream Social - September 11 - 6:00 - WDS Playground

The Parent's Association invites you to the WDS Playground for an Ice Cream Social on September 11 and 6:00. Bring the whole family and get acquainted with friends and families of the Weekday School while enjoying a dish of ice cream.

SummerAdventures were a BLAST

The kids and teachers has a terrific time at our Summer Adventures camps this past summer. From a visit by a giant tortoise, to being able to contrast in our construction room, going wild in our ball room to playing outside in the sprinklers.

Mark your calendars for next summer, so that your child can come go wild

SRETCH AND GROW

You can have TuTu much fun! This class has themed ballet classes that are educational and developmentally appropriate. They teach ballet technique and skills, posture, and balance, gross and fine motor development, flexibility, grace, and poise. It is designed to give little ones a life-long love of movement and a foundation for dance and ballet.

KIDOKINETICS

Kidokinetics is an exciting program developed to promote sports and fitness in young boys and girls within a non-competitive setting. These fun-filled classes include activities that develop motor skills, promote physical fitness, and improve self-confidence. Classes introduce different sport activities each week keeping kids interested and practicing skills that build team sports enjoyment and confidence.

Soccer Palz

Soccer Palz is a program designed to introduce children to the world's most popular sport. The curriculum has been created to teach children the basic fundamentals of soccer in a fun, active environment. Through the Soccer Palz program, children will develop their coordination as well as learn lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, and character. This program is a great fit for those familiar with the game of soccer and first-timers alike. We are looking forward to another great season!