

Bethlehem Christian Pre-School



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**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...
And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested.** Genesis 1:1, 2:2

I believe this verse is included in the scriptures to give us “permission” to *slow down* . . . Many of us “hurry up and relax”—we don’t know how to turn our minds off and stop. God Himself shows us a balance. As parents it’s easy to feel guilty when we take time for ourselves . . . But it is when our children or family or work demands take all of our time that we can become burned out; we can become resentful of the good we are trying to accomplish. Try to find time in your day to pray . . . unload your heart to the Lord and draw close to Him. Read the Bible and be refreshed and renewed as you gain strength and hope from His Word. Jesus said, “I come that they might have life, and ... have it abundantly.” Let *Him* be the source of strength in your life. Rest in *Him!*

We want to welcome you all to Bethlehem Christian Pre-School!! We are ready for a great year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 5 Mon** Mrs. Cook’s class field trip
- 6 Tues** Mrs. Quarterman’s class field trip
- 7 Wed** Mrs. Stitt’s class field trip
- 8 Thur. . . .** Mrs. O’Donel’s class field trip
- 8 Thur. . . .** Mrs. Stuart’s class field trip
- 12 Mon . . .** Mrs. Hazen’s’ class field trip
- 13 Tues . . .** Mrs. Marincovich’s TTh class field trip
- 14 Wed . . .** Mrs. Marincovich’s MWF class field trip
- 15 Thur. . .** Mrs. Elrod’s class field trip
- 19 Mon** Parent/Teacher Conferences
MWF and PreK Plus classes
(Infant Toddler Open)
- 20 Tue** Parent/Teacher Conferences
TTh classes (PreK Plus and
Infant Toddler Open)
- 29, 30.** Sally Foster Delivery
- 30 Fri.** PreK Plus make-up day
NO Art & Science



While we are at Community of Hope ...

Please use the **South** entry to the East wing. This is different from last week. **Follow the sidewalk around the corner from the POD.** Watch for balloons and signs to help find your way!

Please remember to keep snacks simple and to refer to our approved snack list when it is your child’s turn to provide snack!

Look for a file folder in your child’s “home” room with his/her name on it for important notes and items to take home daily. This will be your mailbox !

We do much of our communication via email. Please let us know if you do not have access to email or if you require hard copies of important information.



Contacting us ...Are you wondering how to contact us? Our phone # and email will be the same while we are at Community of Hope ...For tuition or financial questions, please email our bookkeeper dwightnall@bethlehempreschool.org or call 503 638-7212.

Time & Talent



Helpers needed each Friday at 1:00 pm for about 30 minutes to carry items from classrooms to our POD.

AND...

Helpers needed on Sundays at 5:00 pm for approximately one hour to unload our POD and set up classrooms.

Information on Communicable Diseases and restricted illness may be found on line at the following link...
www.bethlehempreschool.org/handouts/disease.pdf

Wish List . . .

We need to update our emergency supplies.

- Space Blankets
- Forehead Thermometers
- Cliff Bars
- Graham Crackers
- Cheerios
- Gatorade
- 9 Volt Batteries
- Pedialyte
- Formula

Please bring your donations to the Administration Office (E-6).

Thank you!

 * **Thank You** *
 * ...to Amy Olson for donating box of greeting *
 * cards from Dragonfly Gifts; *
 * ...to Alisa Faulk for donating scissors; *
 * ...to the many playdoh makers for a rainbow *
 * supply to start our year. *
 * **We appreciate your generosity** *
 * **and your helping hands!!** *

Reminders.....

- Please return your **Open House Questionnaire** even if you did not attend. Thanks!
- Wrapping paper orders will be delivered on October 29th & 30th.
- As your child receives current **immunizations**, please remember to update his/her immunization form at the Administration Office (E-6).

For security measures outside doors will be locked each morning after drop off times, approximately 9:45 and unlocked prior to pick-up times around 11:45.



Remember to follow the side walk around the corner from our POD for entry to the preschool. Please knock on the door and/or call us to gain access when this door is locked. Thank you.

For Your Information . . .

◆ **PLEASE SEE OUR OFFICE MANAGER** located in room E-6 if you moved over the summer, changed any of your phone numbers, or want to add additional authorized pick-up people for your child.

Fund Raiser!



Entertainment Books on sale for \$20. You may purchase them from our school office. (E-6)

Auction News

Do You love to shop?
 -We are looking for procurement members to procure items for the auction & help with the live auction



Basket Wrapping Items Needed:
 Cellophane Rolls Crinkle Tissue Fill
 Wired Fabric Ribbon Tissue Paper
 Baskets and Bins –all shapes & Sizes
 Contact **Kathy Campbell** at school or at school or at kathy@allan-campbell.com

Field Trips at BCP

Field trips at BCP are designed to be fun and engaging. The following information is to familiarize our families with BCP field trip plans and policies. As you are probably aware, much time is put into the planning of such a trip. It is important that each parent arrive on time the day of the trip, or call the office if your child will be absent. For anyone who arrives at school after the class has already left for their destination, a map with directions will be left in the classroom.

Why Do We Take Children on Field Trips?

Because children learn by doing. Our classes take a variety of field trips throughout the year. These excursions are wonderful ways to extend what is learned in the preschool. Classroom Field Trips help children better understand their community by allowing them to experience learning firsthand.

How Do We Get There?

*Parents are asked to drive on field trips. This may require the help of many parents in order to transport the entire class. Some parents choose to drive their own child, while other parents volunteer to drive additional children as well.

*All children at BCP must use approved safety seat systems that are appropriate for their age and weight. Each parent is asked to provide a seat (labeled with child's name) for her/his own child.

*The drivers of cars with multiple children must drive to and from the field trip location caravan style. Please see the teacher for more details.

Who May Drive "Other" Children?

There are several requirements. Individuals who drive children other than their own must have a valid driver's license and be an insured driver with proof of insurance. BCP will need to have a copy of each driver's auto insurance card on file. Also the car must be large enough to accommodate several car seats and a teacher. **Please note:** Children may only ride in a car without their parent if they are accompanied by a BCP staff member.



What About Siblings?

While most field trips are designed for the preschool age child, occasionally there is a trip in which siblings may be welcome. Please check with your child's teacher.

Who Will Supervise The Children?

We need your help with this! The teachers work hard to coordinate the trip, keep the group together and watch for safety issues. When parents are present we ask them to help the children stay "on task". Sometimes this requires a quiet whisper or a subtle redirection. Thank you for being attentive! Whenever parents are present, we will defer to them when their child needs supervising or redirecting.

What Are The Expectations For The Drivers?

1. Have a full tank of gas before arriving at BCP.
2. Arrive early to meet with the teacher.
3. If your vehicle is equipped with a T.V. or DVD player, please keep it turned off, as many families have differing attitudes towards the use of videos.
4. Supervise children the teacher has assigned to you.
5. If a child (other than your own) needs to use the bathroom, please tell a teacher.

