



# PPP October News

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## School is off to a Great Start!

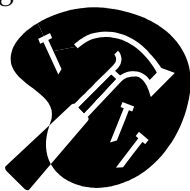
Well, it's official: the 2005-06 PPP school year is underway. It is exciting to see so many new and returning families walking through the doors. Everything is going smoothly so far. It is exciting to see children get to know each other and make new friends, and to see the parents doing the same. We are glad to have such a supportive community!

## Big Thank You to all who helped at the Parent Workday!

For a Saturday in late August, we had a decent turnout (10 families represented) and everyone worked very hard to improve things inside and outside the classrooms. Among the tasks accomplished were: laying 8 yards of mulch onto the playground, adding 2,000 pounds of sand to the sandbox, tightening screws and checking the playground fenceposts for safety, sanding and applying polyurethane to the picnic tables and climber, weed-whacking all around and inside the playground, washing all outdoor toys, scrubbing walls/floors /bookcases indoors, scrubbing all the plastic child-size chairs,

cleaning wooden blocks, and washing the windows. All those efforts made a huge difference, and we appreciate the contribution to our school and playground. It is good to know that we have a neighborly and supportive community-within-a-community.

A special thank you to Wallace Farms on Eastfield Road for donating all the mulch.



And after all that clean up we can see another little project that needs attention. Anyone who has very basic hammer and nail skills and a little spare time to give to our school, we could use your help. The bench on the playground is in desperate need of repair. See Deb/Debbie in 4 days for the wooden slat measurements.

## Fertilizing the Money Tree



Tracy Hensley is our Fund Raising Chair and she and her committee are working hard to support our wonderful preschool. Please feel free to contact Tracy 704-509-9261 to offer help or with any ideas you have about fund raising. Here are a few things in the hopper.

You can support our school by shopping at Harris Teeter and linking your VIC card to **#4841**. This will enable the school to earn money from Harris Teeter on items that you would have purchased anyway. You can link up to 5 different schools to your card and your donations will be evenly divided between each registrant (just in case you are having trouble choosing who gets the loot ☺). Please remember that the link only lasts for one school year, so if you were linked last year, you must re-up for the 2005-2006 school year. Donations from HT are only on purchases of items from the HT family of products. Please check the website or at your local store to verify which brands this includes. We currently have 16 families signed up. Check out the website to link your card and to get more details on the program.

[tinyurl.com/8jpax](http://tinyurl.com/8jpax)

Tracy is currently checking with other grocery chains in the area to see if we can register for similar programs.

Remember to clip those Campbell soup labels and send them in with your children. We can use them to help support the school.

A great big thank you to all the generous families who donated clothing to the annual PUUC consignment sale on behalf of PPP. It looks like 75% of your donations sold. We don't have the final numbers yet but are delighted at the success of the sale.

Our annual spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18. Save the date and watch for details. Remember this is a family event, so bring the kids and invite friends, neighbors and other relatives to join in the fun.

Have you seen those wonderful t-shirts that sport the PPP slogan "Play is Powerful" and original artwork by a PPP alumna? Well if you don't have one for every member of your family yet, you will be getting your chance soon. We'll be taking early orders where you can pre-pay (\$10/shirt) and select the color(s) and size(s) right for you.

We will be taking orders for Tupperware products from our PPP family consultant Sharon King during the month of November. All proceeds

and commissions will be donated to PPP. More details to follow.

PPP note cards are available now, only \$5 for a pack of 10.

April may seem a long way off, but planning is already starting for our annual Silent Auction. Start thinking about your favorite restaurants, retailers, crafters, and professional services (house cleaning, massage, computer services, etc.) so we can get them involved in supporting our school.

Thanks for your help and participation! This makes a huge difference to our little school. Tell your friends and family, too!

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## Philosophy Q&A

Watch Your Words, OK?!

By Debbie Wolfe



Without the benefit of a highly scientific, years-long study that the government paid billions for, it's safe to say the word/phrase "OK" is the word most often used in our culture. As adults we understand its usage in everyday language. Children, however, are very literal and unable to detect the subtle use of language. We often ask a

question by tacking on "ok" at the end of a sentence that we never intended to be a question. "I'm going to the store and I'll be back to pick you up later, ok?" It may very well not be "OK" with your child, but in fact she has no choice...so don't imply she does by saying, "OK?" Sound reasonable? Good, OK!



### The Candle Song

(same tune as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Little candle burning bright,  
Won't you share with us your light?  
May we always learn to share  
With other children everywhere.

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## Safety! Safety! Safety!



Please remember that the law for car seats requires that our precious little people have a safety seat until they are 8 years or 80lbs. Our school policy is that we only put children into cars with appropriate car seats. So buckle up for safety! PPP is planning to purchase a loaner booster seat that can be borrowed if the need arises, like parents helping parents to pick up children. The seat can be signed out and then

returned quickly for the next family that may need it.

Please pay close attention to your speed in the parking lot. Especially that jump to light speed from Mallard Creek Road. Better to wait for a larger opening and keep our little ones safe.

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## All Full Up – 2's Teacher Needed

We currently have a waiting list for both classes. In fact we have enough 2 year olds on the list to open a second 2-day 2's class. All we need is another teacher for a Wed/Thur class. If you know of any candidates, please have them contact either Sharon King 704-948-8293 or Dana Emery 704-248-0599.

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## Dates to Remember

**1<sup>st</sup> of each month** – tuition due  
**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PPP Family Picnic  
**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** – PPP Council Meeting, 7:00, PUUC, parents welcome  
**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Spaghetti Dinner

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## Council Positions Filled/Needed



We are delighted to welcome George Gruber as our new Treasurer. George has a son, Silas, in the 2's class. He has graciously agreed to help us by giving his time and financial expertise to keep those paychecks coming and balance sheets in balance. This is a critical position for the smooth running of our school. Thanks George!

Special thanks are offered to each family that makes up our PPP community. We are a special school in that it happens because we make it happen. When you are thinking, "What are They doing about that?" "Wonder when They will fix it?" or "What a great job They are doing here!" remember to fill your name in the blank, because we can't do it without the help of everyone. The idea is to keep the jobs small and manageable. Remember the value of an hour here and there. There is always a small task that will benefit in a meaningful way.

There are still a few official positions that are needed to help with overall operation of the school. Please review them and consider signing up for what works best for you and your family. A list can be found on the bulletin board. The Fund Raising and Advertising committees are in need of members. As you can see by the Money Tree section of the newsletter, we are working lots of different angles to keep the wheels

greased around here. Tracy can surely use help, big and little, in keeping all those projects going. Motivated Advertising Execs are needed to help us keep our school's name constantly circulating in the University area. There are a few committee members who need a leader. Just think how wonderful it will look on your resume of life that you played an active part in keeping such a terrific, non-profit organization running and thriving.

Catherine Lutin, 704-766-0660, is our Parent Volunteer Coordinator. She will happily direct you towards jobs large and small that need attention. Happy Volunteering!

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## Website Updated

Last but not least, thanks to Chris Emery (Jackson's Dad) for updating and giving our website a new and polished look. You can check it out at [progressivepreschool.org](http://progressivepreschool.org).