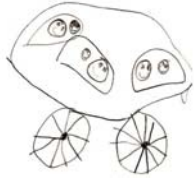


April 2008

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PPP April News

Please Join Us For Piedmont Progressive Preschool's Fifth Annual Goods & Services Silent Auction Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of fun, refreshments and some great items to bid on. This is our biggest and most fun fundraiser of the year. You won't want to miss it! We received donations from businesses all over and here are just a few items that will be up for bid:



Black Lion Gift Card
Carolina Panther's Memorabilia
The Carolina Trail – 4 Green Fees
Charlotte 49ers – 4 Tickets to any home game
Charlotte Checkers 2 Tickets to any Home Game
Charlotte Knights – 4 Field Box Seats
Charlotte Symphony Orchestra
Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens
Adventure Children's Museum
Gymboree
Historic Latta Plantation
Irresistible Portraits
Joseph-Beth Booksellers
Lazy 5 Ranch
Lowes Motor Speedway
NC Zoo
Northcross Lanes at the Lake
Paramount's Carowinds Tickets
Ray's Splash Planet – 3 Month Family Pass
Riverbanks Zoo
Southern Light Photography
Walt Disney World Park Hopper Passes
Wines for Humanity Wine Tasting Night

Arbonne, Barefoot Books, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, Southern Living, Stampin' Up, Tupperware

Not to mention jewelry, area restaurants, pampering items and **much, much more!**

For a complete listing of items go to our website: www.progressivepreschool.org

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

\$5 in advance / \$10 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets call Paula Canavan at 704-717-0195.

Dates to Remember

April 19

Silent Auction

April 24

Council Meeting at The Wine Vault



Classroom News

Here's what has been going on in your child's classroom...



In the two's class we continue to see growth in communication and cooperative skills.

Most of the children are playing together inside and out, making up games, songs and dances.

In art we have used two colors of paint to create green, purple and orange. We have finger-painted and stamped shapes. In the sensory table there have been babies for washing and "snow" with artic animals. We recently created a pretend grocery store with a toy cash register. One of our shoppers told the cashier, "I need some cash".

Our favorite song in circle time has been "the elephant song" and several made up games of falling asleep and waking up and spinning our bodies around. We also have been counting in Chinese—thanks to Tracy.

Thanks for everyone's help and the goodies some of you have brought us.



The 3s have been busy painters with red, yellow, and blue using brushes, sponges, and feathers.

Look for our spectacular art work for the Silent Auction. Bring lots of \$\$\$, you'll need 'em!

Beading with mesh and pipe cleaners was a big hit, as was the snow in the water table and the bug stamps.

The writing table has grown with the addition of tape and glue sticks to our regular assortment of crayons, scissors, and hole punchers.

Our friends love puzzles and we've been steadily adding new (and more difficult) ones to capture their attention. The floor puzzles have been great fun after lunch and just this past week, on a rainy day with extra time, both were completed! High fives all around.

The new swings on the playground have been a huge hit. Our friends have shown great patience waiting for their turn and love pushing each other. The basketball games and dramatic play continue to keep them busy.



The fours have been enjoying the beautiful weather we were having.... warm and sunny and we never want to leave the playground. All kinds of imaginary play and games have been taking place. We have noticed lots of role playing and working together for a common plan.

Inside we have been mixing many new and vibrant colors with the paint and we have collaged with tissue paper and boxes as well as stringing beads on strings to make necklaces and bracelets. The children are asking for specific items to complete projects and ideas they have on their own, and we always try to accommodate.

Yesterday they began making crowns out of scrap paper from something the teachers were cutting out. We have been working on making tiles out of clay to be fired in a kiln and used in a mosaic table top for the auction. The year is almost over, I can't believe it we have some much more to do and so little time. We will be gardening next and welcome any donations of soil and flowers and seeds.

PIEDMONT PROGRESSIVE



SUMMER DAY CAMPS

for the young mind, body and spirit

Camps will include free choice activities for children to explore and work at their own pace as well as group activities, discussions, storytelling, books and outdoor play.

CAMPS ARE FILLING UP!

REGISTER TODAY!

Magnificent Mudpies, Music and Motion

June 2-5 9:00-12:00 Preschoolers Only \$90

The following camps are for ages 5-9 and run Mon-Fri from 9:00-1:00 at a cost of \$110

Outdoor Explorers **June 16-20**

Weird Science **July 7-11**

Outerspace Nuts! **July 14-18**

Peace Out **July 21-25**

Days of Knights **August 11-15**

Under the Sea **August 18-22**

Please call or email Sharon as soon as possible if you are interested in registering for summer camps.

aking2@mindspring.com or (704) 510-1022

PPP Logo Items

We only have a few PPP Car Magnets and Tote Bags left, if you are interested email Sharon at

aking2@mindspring.com.

Car Magnets are \$5.00

Tote Bags are \$12.00



Fall Tuition Deposits Due in May

If you have a child returning next school year, tuition deposits are due by the end of May.

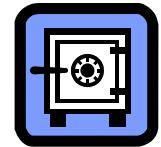
The tuition deposit is equal to one months' tuition and will held until May 2009. when it will then count as tuition.

We are pleased to announce tuition will remain the same and is as follows:

2's (2 day) \$155

3's (3 day) \$195

4's (4 day) \$235



READY, SET, READ!

On February 4th, the PPP staff explored the topic of "Literature for the Preschooler." Teachers began by pondering the criteria they used to determine their favorite books to read to children. Then we discussed questions both parents and teachers can ask themselves when choosing books...

Will this book encourage imagination, enhance a child's capacity for curiosity, invite compassion, humor, irony?

Will the language challenge awareness of rhythms and structure?

Will the characters and events call for and strengthen understanding of human motives and circumstances, of causes and effects?

Will it provide a child with joy of achievement, of understanding, of an encounter with a sense of the "magical?"

A house without windows, no matter how adequately lit, would be a limiting environment in which to live. Stories, picture books, nursery rhymes and poems are the windows necessary in the house of early childhood. Through them shine the light, warmth and the wonder of the beyond. Stories serve as reflectors of the child's inner thoughts and feelings. Books are the windows through which the young child's imagination may soar; these flights illuminating her searching mind as she lives her day to day existence. Books may quiet inner turmoil, helping the child to understand better and accept the full range of her feelings...love, hate, anger, joy, and fear.

And you thought you were just helping them fall asleep!



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Please Remember:

The sun is getting strong.
Be sure to apply sunscreen to your
child's tender skin
before school.
Teachers cannot apply
it at school.



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Homemade Granola Bars

These sweet, wholesome treats are sure to be a favorite with your family. Great for an on-the-go breakfast, lunch box addition or midday snack.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup dried fruit bits
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350. Coat a 9x13 pan with non stick cooking spray.
2. Melt butter in a large pot over low heat. Remove pot from heat and whisk in sugar, honey, flour, vanilla and cinnamon. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
3. Transfer mixture to baking pan. Using a spatula press granola firmly into the pan to a flat and even thickness.
4. Bake for 20 minutes, until golden brown. Allow granola to cool for 1 hour in pan, then transfer to wire rack to cool completely before cutting into bars. Makes 16-24 bars.



Council Members Needed

This past school year has been a very successful one thanks to the many parents who volunteer their time to the school.

Some of our parents will be moving on to new adventures. Therefore we need new volunteers to fill the void.

One way you can help is to volunteer on the PPP Council. As you know, our school is run by a board of parent volunteers.

Consider becoming a Council Member, it only requires a few hours a month and really helps to keep our school running at it's best.

