



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

John Knox Cooperative Preschool

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Director's Message



We are so glad that you chose JKCP; it is more than a great preschool; it is a Cooperative school where adults get to finger-paint and “play alongside” the children. In our hurried world it is so easy to get distracted by to-do lists that we forget to schedule “play time” and playtime is when we make memories with our families.

I am sure you all have heard the saying

**“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...
but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”**

- Forest E. Witcraft Teacher, Scholar

Your time is the best gift you can give your own child. As the school year begins and you work in the classroom, we hope you have fun “playing”. As you play with other parents, we hope you build adult friendships alongside your children.

A big thanks to our parent board for the wonderful orientation. Now they are working to make our Fall Festival a lot of fun and our silent auction a successful fundraiser.

Leslie James

President's Message



I would like to thank you all for coming out to the Parent Orientation night. It was so nice to see everyone. I hope the seeds were planted for many friendships to come!

I would also like to thank our volunteer board members for their efforts in making the Orientation dinner a success! I would especially like to acknowledge:

- Kelly Sheridan and Jenna Zemlok for coordinating the orientation
- Kristin Kennard and Jackie Carr for the raffle
- Alison Jensen and Roxana Garcia for getting the paperwork organized for all the students

It cannot be said often enough how vital our parents' efforts are to JKCP, both on the board and in the classroom!

SAVE THE DATE! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th - FALL FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION!!!

This a fun event for the whole family and our biggest fundraiser of the school year. Please invite your friends and family for food, children's games, a bouncy house, a train, a photo booth and our amazing silent auction. There are always many wonderful things to purchase, donated by the community, in addition to the priceless teacher baskets and class projects. This is a truly fantastic event for everyone. My family is really looking forward to this year's festivities!

To those families that are new to JKCP – WELCOME!

To those families that are returning – WELCOME BACK!

I am so excited for a year of learning and fun for everyone!!!

Heidi Wallace

JKCP Parent Board President



Assistant Director's Message

Our new school year has begun, and it's been so nice to see all of the children and families!

Show & Tell will begin the second week of school:

- 3am class: Tues. Aug. 27th
- 4am & Pre-K classes: Wed. Aug. 28th

Please label your child's item (tape is fine) and help them place it in the Show & Tell cabinet. 4am & Pre-K item should relate to the letter of the week, more information will be sent home in a handout during the first week.

Letter of the Week:

Aug. & Sept.

- Aug. 28th – A
- Sept. 4th – B
- Sept. 11th – C
- Sept. 18th – D
- Sept. 25th – E

Teddy Bear Picnic:

In September our classes will each have a Teddy Bear Picnic

- 3am & Pre-K classes: Thursday, Sept. 12th
- 4am class: Friday, Sept. 13th

We have a regular school day, but around snack time we take our stuffed toys and snack outside to have a picnic and play games. Children will bring their own snack that day, along with a soft stuffed animal.

Apron schedule reminder: If there is an asterisk by your child's name on the apron schedule, that signifies the date we are celebrating your child's birthday or ½ birthday, and you are automatically signed up to bring snack that day.

We're off and running to a great new school year!

Alice Richards – Asst. Director

Parent's Corner



I am so grateful to have parents who have chosen to be a part of their child's education. This choice will enrich your child's life and you own. Our staff is very approachable- remember they were all parents here too and have walked in your shoes. So please use us as resources – just ask. As the year goes along, I will include various topics in the monthly Parents Corner.

Co-operative Preschools have been around for a long time- because they offer such a nurturing environment to children. Also, Co-operative Preschools adapt and rejuvenate as new families join and add their own talents. Not only do parents learn from staff in a Co-operative Preschool, but staff learns from parents and the children gain so much from the talents of the

parent base. Also, by working in the classroom (and our weekly emails and open communication) you will know what we are doing in class. Then you can extend the experiences that your child has in the classroom to real-world activities that happen in the home. By understanding what your child is working on at preschool you have a better sense of your child's interests, strengths, friendships and abilities. For example, If we are learning about circles- you can go on a circle hunt at home.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of learning inside and outside of the classroom.

Fall Festival



Our annual Fall Festival will take place on **Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.**

Join us at our Winnie the Pooh and Friends themed night with fun carnival games, a clown, a bounce house, a train ride, and other activities for all ages. There will also be a photo booth available all night. Parents are sure to enjoy our Silent Auction with exciting items and great deals to bid on.

There will be a catered dinner and many treats such as popcorn, cotton candy, and ice cream. Nothing Bundt Cakes and our generous families provide Bundtini's, a treat that sells out quickly, so get yours before they're gone.

This is our biggest fundraising event for the school. It helps keep our tuition low and allows for our kids to experience wonderful opportunities throughout the school year. **All preschool families help by working a shift during the event (mandatory).** We thank you in advance for your participation and efforts in making this year's Fall Festival a success!

Our silent auction is an amazing array of items that JKCP families and local businesses donate. We appreciate any donation that your family or company is able to provide, such as sports & concert tickets, craft items, trade services, cabin & vacation rentals, gift cards and products (i.e. toys or craft kits) to complete baskets. We can wrap up your items in an attractive basket if you don't have one. Your empty baskets for the auction items are also appreciated. Please contact Kristin Kennard, our Ways & Means chairperson, at kristin.kennard@gmail.com for any questions. Thanks!

We will be collecting new and clean gently used Happy Meal type toys to be used as game prizes at the Fall Festival. Please save them and watch for more information about when and where to drop them off. Please invite your friends and family to join you and your little ones. We are looking forward to a fun evening at the Fall Festival and thank you for helping to make this event a great success.

Snacks

3 AM - Bring items in bulk, enough for 28 kids and 8 adults

4 AM - Bring items in individual baggies, enough for 22 kids and 7 adults

PreK - Bring items in individual baggies, enough for 20 kids and 6 adults

Always remember, we are a nut free school!

Donations

Donations are greatly appreciated! Items currently needed include:

Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox or Lysol)

Swiffer Wet Jet Cleaner bottles and pads

Swiffer dry pads
Gallon size zip lock bags
Sandwich size zip lock bags
Black sharpie markers medium tip
Small glue sticks

Communications & Website

Check out the JKCP website at www.jkcp.org. The website has information regarding programs, tuition, registration, curriculum, facilities, staff, parent endorsements, photos of the school, and ways to email the school. You will also receive regular email updates regarding class activities and school business.

Find us on the internet –

- Like us on [Facebook](#).
- Check us out on [Yelp](#).
- Connect with us on [Linked In](#).

Upcoming Dates

2019-2020

August 30 th	Emergency Information Form Due (yellow sheet from orientation packet)
September 2 nd	Labor Day Holiday
October 10 th	No School – Fall Festival (ALL families work one shift)
October 11 th	No School – Day after Fall Festival
November 4 th	Picture Day for 4AM & PreK
November 5 th	Picture Day for 3AM
November 11 th	No School: Veteran's Day
November TBD	Parent Craft Workshop – 4 times available
November 25 th – 29 th	No School: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20 th – Jan. 3 rd	No School: Christmas Vacation
January 20 th	No School: Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan. TBD	No School: 4am & PreK Conferences
February 14 th	No School: Following Dublin Unified Schedule
February 17 th	No School: President's Day
April 6 th – 10 th	No School: Spring Break
May 20 th	Last Day of 3AM class
May 21 st	Graduation 4AM class - AM
May 21 st	Graduation PreK class - PM

