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# Dunwoody

UNITED METHODIST  
PRESCHOOL

*Developing the Whole Child Through God's Love*

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## News from Nancy

If the old saying "in like a lion, out like a lamb" holds true for March, after some dramatic weather days in February, we may be in for a wild ride! Please prepare your children for all kinds of weather, and always send a jacket for chilly mornings on the playground. We'll be looking forward to welcoming Spring with the following events:

Brenda Fitzgerald presents "Helping Boys to Succeed in School" on Friday, March 12 from 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Childcare is available by reservation only. Her presentation includes scientific research as well as practical strategies for parents. Childcare reservations are due by March 5 to Fran Bartel at [Fran.Bartel@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:Fran.Bartel@dunwoodyumc.org).

**Preschool Summer Camp registration** begins Monday, March 15. Camp is available to children who will be two by May 1, 2010 up to children who have completed our Young Fives class. Session I is Monday, May 24 -Thursday May 28; Session II is Tuesday, June 1 - Friday, June 4. Fees are \$150 per session, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Snack will be provided, and children will need to bring a lunch.

**Orders for Original Works**, featuring artwork created by every student in our program, will be due on March 24 for delivery by Mother's Day. The sample magnets may be purchased or returned by that date.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held the week of April 19 - 23. Teachers will be setting up schedules for conference times immediately following Spring Break.

**Save the Date:** Donuts with Dads will be held for 4s and young 5s on Friday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Mother's Day Teas are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 6 & 7. Teachers will be sending home information for both occasions.

I hope to see you at one or more of these events. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Nancy Tatnall  
Director

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March 2010

**SAVE  
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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

If you have a vacation home or other special opportunity you'd be willing to share as a Silent Auction item for the annual Ice Cream Social in May, please let us know by contacting, [preschool@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:preschool@dunwoodyumc.org).

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to the numerous Board members who assisted in registration in January. We give a "hearty" thanks to Lisa Beiger, Kristin Eith, and the Teacher Appreciation Committee for the Valentine treats given to teachers and the delicious luncheon provided for our February staff meeting. A special thank you to our traffic control officers, Wayne Henck and Terry Gilley who keep us safe at carpool. Thanks to all our families who "appreciated" them and Mr. Simon Jones and his staff in February.

We appreciate our families who so generously donated to the UMCOR Haiti Relief effort with health kits and monetary donations. Our donations included 58 kits and \$313 in financial support towards creating 26 additional kits. Thank you to Sara Easton and Kelly Marley for coordinating the effort on behalf of the Parents' Club Community Service Committee.

And finally, thank you to preschool parents Dr. Chrissy Scott, her hygienist Jennifer Elliott, and Dr. Bill Jamieson for sharing their expertise in dental health with our students last month.

## Reminders!

### Forms Due May 1

Immunization (Georgia Form 3231), Emergency Contact and annual Health History forms are due May 1 for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have misplaced the forms provided at registration, please go to [www.dunwoodyumc.org](http://www.dunwoodyumc.org), click on "Preschool" and look for the "Registration" button. The Emergency Contact and Health History forms are downloadable. Immunization forms are available from your child's pediatrician. Health History Forms require a doctor's signature as well.

### Toilet Training for Twos

While it is tempting to wait until the summer to begin the toilet training process for children enrolled in our three-year old classes for 2010-2011, it would be advisable to begin the process now. Our two-year teachers would like to encourage all of their students to participate in using the toilet and are more than willing to support your and any other caregiver's efforts to do so. Children who are not toilet-trained by September 7 will need to remain home until the process is complete. Occasional accidents are expected, but in general, children should be using the toilet for all functions by the time school starts. If you have any questions or need suggestions, please consult your child's teacher or pediatrician. Parenting expert John Rosemond's website, [www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com), has many helpful hints as well.

## Room For More

While there are waiting lists for our Twos, Threes, Fours, and Young Fives classes, we still have room for a few more Infants (Tuesday/Thursday) and Toddlers (Tuesday/Thursday and Wednesday/Friday). If you have friends and neighbors who missed out on our January registration period, encourage them to come by for a tour and complete an application. Registration materials, instructions, and an overview of our program offerings is available on-line at [www.dunwoodyumc.org](http://www.dunwoodyumc.org), click on "Preschool".

## Focus On...Fives and Fours

Staff member emeritus, Mary Curtright and her new assistant, Pam Scott, take care of our oldest students in the Young Fives. Mary's 26 year career at DUMC Preschool began when her daughter was in the Fours class. Mary obtained her teaching degree at SUNY Fredonia. While Pam is a newcomer to the staff this year, she has been a Preschool parent and a substitute in previous years. As a team, they are preparing this very energetic group for the rigors of their next school environment—kindergarten!

Our fabulous fours are headed up by age-level lead Amy Rohan and her assistant Laura Bona. A Furman graduate, Amy's background includes teaching and admissions at Mount Vernon Presbyterian School. She is also a former preschool parent of three and long-time DUMC member. Amy's assistant, Laura Bona, is a former registered dietician and mother of a musically gifted teenage daughter. Laura has been on staff for 10 years, serving as an assistant and interim lead teacher in three and four year old classes. She's also a member of DUMC.

Cassie Odom has a dual role as teacher and preschool mom, with two children enrolled, as well as her assistant, Lisa Cumming, whose youngest son will be graduating from the fours in May. Cassie graduated from Auburn University with Bachelor and M Ed. degrees in Early Childhood Education. She taught kindergarten in Auburn, Alabama, and then in the Georgia

Pre-K Program where she was named a DeKalb County "Teacher of the Year." She is a DUMC member and Sunday School teacher with her husband Ken. Lisa is a two year veteran at Dunwoody Preschool but has previous experience as a lead preschool teacher and as a special needs preschool teacher. She has a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Florida.

Anne Trask, known as our staff "artist," has been with Dunwoody Preschool for two years. Previously, she taught a fours class at St. Jude Preschool, plus kindergarten and first grade in the public schools. She loves four and five year olds because they are so eager to learn, and they get so excited when they make new discoveries. There are a lot of light bulb moments in a fours class! Her assistant, CeCe Farrell, has been teaching four year olds at DUMC Preschool for the past three years. A Mercer University grad, she has a business and communications background. But her greatest experience has been as a parent of three children.

Another set of team members, Sharron Coletta and her assistant Sue Hebda bring a lot of experience to their classroom. Sharron has been a preschool teacher for 17 years, as well as having worked in a kindergarten and first grade classroom. She has a particular passion for children's literature from her years as a school librarian. Sharron hopes that one day each child will say, "Hey! I know that.

Mrs. Coletta told me!" Sue, a graduate of the University of Missouri, has been a lead and assistant teacher with three and four year olds in her post-business career and has been with DUMC Preschool for eight years as a Fours Assistant.

All of our teachers have been working hard meeting the many specific needs of our four and five year students, working with them individually, as well as in large and small group settings. Their goals are to prepare the children for the next step, whether it is enjoying our warm and loving atmosphere another year or moving up to a new classroom at a public or private school. We applaud their efforts at personifying our mission statement: "Developing the Whole Child Through God's Love."



*As parents, we have an obligation to endow our children with the skills they will need to lead successful adult lives. One of those skills is respect for others, which a child begins to develop by first learning to respect his or her parents.*

*John Rosemond*

## March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tuition Due	2 NO EXD	3	4	5 NO SCHOOL	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Brenda Fitzgerald & Donuts w/ Dad	13
14	15 April EXD Calendars Due & Camp	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 NO EXD	24 Original Works Due	25	26	27
28	29 Class Pics	30 Class Pics	31 Class Pics			

## April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Class Pics & Tuition Due	2 No School/Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 ←	6	7 Spring Break	8	9 →	10
11	12	13 NO EXD	14	15 May EXD Calendars Due	16	17
18	19 ←	20	21 Book Fair	22 Book Fair & Chick-Fil-A Night	23 →	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Tuition Due
2 Ice Cream Social	3 2010-11 Forms Due	4 NO EXD	5	6 Mother's Day Teas	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Spring Programs, End of Year Parties and Last Days of school - NO EXD	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Camp I begins	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	June 1 Camp II begins & Sept. Tuition Due	2	3	4	5