



# Arcola Christian Preschool

"Let the little children come to Me . . . for of such  
is the kingdom of God."  
(Luke 18:16 NKJV)

## November 2023

### Director's Note

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Pumpkin Village! The weather was beautiful, and I loved seeing our preschoolers and their families exploring all that was offered. The Halloween parades were also a lot of fun. We loved your children's costumes and had fun celebrating with them!

November is such a special month! The colorful fall trees, blue sky, and cooler weather remind us of God's amazing creations. It is fun to watch the children take every opportunity to hear the "crunch" of the fallen leaves and it's wonderful to see how they are enjoying many new experiences and making new friends. They have adapted well to their classes and new routine.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to tell you how thankful I am for the wonderful staff, parents, and children at our preschool. You all make it a joy to come to work each day!

Fall is a great time for some new activities at home. I meant to send the attached list home in October, but November isn't too late to enjoy many of the things listed. Kids love new adventures all year long!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time.

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### ACP Calendar

November 7 - NO SCHOOL (ACP STAFF WORKDAY)

November 13 – NO SCHOOL - LCPS & ACP closed

November 16 & 17 - Thanksgiving Feasts  
(students only)

November 20-24 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

December 14 & 15 - Christmas Celebration

(Family Christmas Sing-along & Fellowship @ 11am)

Dec. 18 – Jan. 1 - NO SCHOOL (Christmas/Winter Break)

### Lunch Bunch now open to our 3s and 4/5s

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that requires advance registration and payment. Lunch Bunch will be offered on specific days each month. It offers the opportunity for regularly registered students to extend their school day until 1:30pm while enjoying lunch, friends, and play. **Details and the Sign-up for November dates was emailed on Tuesday, October 17.** Check your spam/junk mail if you don't see the email, or let me know and I will [send you the link](#).

### Enter in Good Health

As a reminder, when you enter the building or send your child into the building, you are confirming that you or your child do not have symptoms of a contagious illness. Please stay home if you are unwell!

### Snack

All snacks must be nut free – that includes peanuts and tree nuts. **This policy applies to all snacks to be consumed at the preschool, including those brought in for celebrations, as well as items to be sent home with the children in goody bags.**

We cannot serve items that have been processed or packaged in a facility that also processes or packages peanut products. Snacks must be store bought with labels we can read and be unopened. We will send home the leftovers, but we have no way of knowing if the items inside have come into contact with nuts if the package is open. Since this can be an airborne allergen, we need to be as cautious as possible. **Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our students safe.** We will send home any snack that doesn't meet our guidelines.

We will make sure your child's **reusable water bottle** is filled before snack.

Due to the choking hazard, we prefer to NOT serve grapes (cutting them into safe sizes can be time consuming).

## Tuition

Thank you for your timely tuition payments. They are **due the first of each month**. The best way to pay is on the preschool [payment page on our website](#). You can also use bill pay through your bank but please allow at least a week for the check to be delivered. There is a \$25 late fee after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

## Scholastic Books

Does your child love books? Reading to your child is the most important thing you can do to help them succeed in school. **Books make great gifts!** Each month, new flyers will be posted. Please take a few moments to explore the selection together and let your child help choose books he or she is excited to read. Orders will be submitted toward the end of each month (Scholastic sets the deadline.) Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child. ***If ordering books for Christmas gifts, this is the time to do it, so they arrive before Christmas break!***

**Family Order Due Date: 11/24/23**

**SHOP OUR CLASS PAGE:**

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZVWY>

**SHOP FLYERS:** <https://clubs.scholastic.com/prek>

## Absences

If your child is going to be out of school due to illness or travel, please email your child's teacher or the preschool office.

## Clothing

Please be sure to label all clothes, jackets, and school bags with your child's name. Many children do not recognize their own belongings when there are several others that look similar. Especially new jackets!

Please make sure to keep an extra set of clothing at school for your child. Occasionally, accidents and spills happen.

## Help those in need in our community:

### Personal Hygiene Pantry

The following items are regularly needed to supply the Hygiene Pantry and can be dropped off at any time in the bin outside the Worship Center doors (near the doorbell).

### **Full Size Items (or Size Indicated):**

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Tampons: Box of 25-35
- Maxi-pads: Package of 25-35
- Men's Deodorant
- Women's Deodorant
- Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Lotion (Hand and Body)
- Acetaminophen: Bottle of 30-40 Pills
- Ibuprofen: Bottle of 30-40 Pills
- Baby Wipes

### Dulles South Food Pantry

There are several places locally to drop off food for the Food Pantry, including the shopping cart just outside our front door! Here is a list of most needed items currently:

- Ramen

- Sardines
- Brown Rice
- Dry Chickpea
- Instant Potato
- Pears
- Fruit Cocktail
- Jelly
- Crunchy Peanut Butter
- Mac & Cheese

## **Arcola Church Happenings**

Arcola Church is an active church with opportunities for Worship, Sunday school for all ages, a variety of bible studies, music groups, support groups, and opportunities to donate to the Hygiene Pantry and the Dulles South Food Pantry. For more information, check out our website or ask me to point you in the right direction. You do not need to be a member of Arcola Church to participate in any of our programs. [www.ArcolaChurch.org](http://www.ArcolaChurch.org)

### **Playgroup for Parents & Children Newborn to Preschool Ages**

Come join us on Thursday mornings from 10-11am in Room 104 for a Parent & Child Playgroup led by Julia Riedel and her daughter, Jessalyn Odegaard. Bring your children, ages newborn to preschool, for a casual get together where kids can play, and adults can enjoy the company of others raising young kids! We welcome all caregivers: parents, grandparents, nannies etc. Please reach out to [Jessalyn](#) or [Julia](#) with any questions. Look forward to seeing you!

Sign-up here:

<https://arcolachurch.org/event/20308348-2023-11-02-playgroup-for-parents-and-children/>

### **Dates With a Purpose**

**November 4, 4:45pm**

Get more out of date night by making it a Date With a Purpose! Start your date out at Arcola Church (with childcare) with a mini (20 minutes or so) relationship-building discussion and conversation topics for your date. The rest of the evening is yours! Go to dinner, get coffee, or just find a quiet place to sit and spend time sharing your thoughts and exploring your relationship. Dates with a Purpose is for couples of all ages and life stages!

Register here:

<https://arcolachurch.org/event/22674129-2023-11-04-dates-with-a-purpose/>

### **Wednesday Prayer Service**

**Every Wednesday, beginning Nov. 1 @ 11:30am (finished before Preschool pick-up) Pearson Chapel**

This service is 30 minutes and designed to strengthen us until Sunday comes. During this service, we will sing some good hymns, hear a brief message, pray and share communion together. In November, this prayer service will focus on thanksgiving and how being thankful everyday can bring peace to us even in difficult seasons. Contact [Tianna Durbin](#) with questions.

### **Christmas Fest & Live Nativity**

**Friday, December 8, 5:30-8:30pm**

Experience an evening of holiday joy! Christmas Fest is family fun for all ages. The night will include a live nativity with our favorite camel, Delilah (she loves selfies!); a tunnel of lights; food trucks; musical performances; tasty Christmas cookies and a hot cocoa bar; Christmas crafts for all ages; and much more. We will end our evening singing Christmas carols at the manger.

No registration necessary - schedule details coming soon! [www.ArcolaChurch.org/christmasfest](http://www.ArcolaChurch.org/christmasfest)

### **Arcola United Methodist Church**

**Pastor:** Chris Riedel

**Web site:** [www.arcolachurch.org](http://www.arcolachurch.org)

**Worship @ 9am & 11am** (Preschool & Nursery available)

**Sunday School** for Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade @ 9am

**Youth** (grades 6-12) Sunday School/Fellowship @ 10am

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening in the life of Arcola Church, please send me an e-mail ([BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org](mailto:BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org)) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.