



Arcola Christian Preschool

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

March 2024

Director's Note

We've already had a touch of spring during our mild winter, but March is an exciting month! It's always fun to explore the change of seasons with the children and it's especially fun to see the bulbs emerging from the soil, flowers begin to bloom, and the trees start to bud. We also love watching your children bloom!

We have our spring field trips scheduled for the 3-year-old classes (April 16 & 17) and 4/5-year-old classes (April 25 & 26) and will get the details to you soon. Meanwhile, we will get the kids outside as much as possible! I suggest you do the same.

Kindergarten registration is happening at many local schools. If you do not know which school your child will attend or need information about registration, you can go to www.LCPS.org to find out.

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

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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!

Lenten Service Project

The church and preschool are collecting items for the Personal Hygiene Pantry at Shreveport Ridge Apartments and clothing for our community partner Dulles South Neighborhood Closet. Care for your neighbors by donating the items below! What a great example to set for your children; they have such big hearts. You may bring them in each week or feel free to donate all at one time. Contact [Deborah Taylor](#) with questions.

2/14 - New girls leggings (sizes 4-14)
2/26 - Shampoo & Conditioner
3/5 - Men's and Women's Deodorant
3/12 - Body Lotion
3/19 - Toothpaste
3/26 - Hand soap & Body wash
4/2 - Tylenol

There will be a basket in the Narthex to collect donated items during office or church hours, as well as the one just outside the front doors, all day, every day, year-round.

2024-2025 Registration for ACP

We still have openings for the fall! We would love for you to follow our Facebook page and spread the word about our openings.

www.ArcolaChurch.org/Preschool

ACP Calendar

Feb 29 & Mar 1- School Pictures
March 5 - NO SCHOOL - LCPS & ACP Closed
March 25-29 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 16 & 17 - 3-year-old classes field trip
(Chimps, Seahorses, Penguins, Horses)
April 25 & 26 - 4-year-old classes field trip
(Frogs, Dolphins, Stars, Ladybugs)
May 23 & 24 - Last Day of School Celebrations

Ten Commandments for Parents of Young Children

1. *Create within your home an atmosphere of reverence for God, love for each other and friendliness toward all people.*
2. *Be careful of attitudes. Remember these are “picked up” by the short wavelength in your child’s sensitive mind.*
3. *Whether in work, play, conversation or worship, place emphasis upon those things of supreme value.*
4. *Endeavor to be what you want your child to become.*
5. *Respect your child’s developing personality. Try to see how things look from his/her point of view.*
6. *Be your child’s playmate and pal, and a source of real joy to him/her.*
7. *Give your child plenty of opportunities for creative activity.*
8. *Take every opportunity to develop a love for, and appreciation of the good and beautiful.*
9. *Answer your child’s questions with frankness.*
10. *Patiently try to use every situation as an opportunity for the development of good character.*

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that requires advance registration and payment. It offers the opportunity for regularly registered students to extend their school day until 1:30pm while enjoying lunch, friends, and play. **The sign-up for March dates was emailed on Tuesday, February 20.** Check your spam/junk mail if you don’t see the email, or let me know and I will [send you the link](#).

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!

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. **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. Do not send juice!

Due to the choking hazard, please DO NOT send 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](#).

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.

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.

SHOP OUR CLASS PAGE:

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

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

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.

Playgroup for Parents & Children Newborn to Preschool Ages

Come join us on Thursday mornings for a playgroup led by Julia Riedel and her daughter, Jessalyn. Bring your children for a casual get together where kids newborn through preschool age can play, and adults can enjoy the company of others raising young kids! We welcome all caregivers: parents, grandparents, nannies, etc. Contact [Julia Riedel](#) with questions.

Dates With a Purpose

[March 2, 2024](#)

[April 6, 2024](#)

Need a date night? DWAP provides an intentional way to do just that. Start your date out at the church with a mini (20 minutes or so) relationship-building discussion and conversation topics for your date. The rest of the evening is yours! Childcare provided; please select when you register.

We will post a copy of this newsletter on our website with active links.

Wednesday Prayer Service **Every Wednesday @ 11:30am** **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. Contact [Tianna Durbin](#) with questions.

Palm Sunday & Easter Worship Schedule

March 24 – Palm Sunday

One Worship service at 10am!

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11am – Please register so we know how many children to expect -

<https://arcolachurch.org/event/22868211-2024-03-24-easter-egg-hunt/>

March 30 – Easter Eve Worship @ 7pm

March 31 – Easter Sunday

6:30am – Sunrise Worship – outdoors

9am & 11am - Worship

Arcola Church Job Openings –

Chair of Children's Ministries

Make an impact on Arcola's littlest disciples by joining the church staff as the Chair of Children's Ministries. This part-time position leads Sunday kids programming, as well as managing nursery care, volunteers, and our annual Vacation Bible School program. [Click here to learn more.](#) Contact ChrisS@ArcolaChurch.org with questions or to apply.

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel

Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

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

Sunday School for Kinder-5th grade @ 9am

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