



Arcola
Christian
Preschool

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

April 2024

Director's Note

April certainly got here quickly this year! I hope you all had a fabulous spring break and wonderful Easter celebration! It is so nice to have more pleasant temperatures, blooming flowers, and budding trees as we enjoy Spring.

Field trips are scheduled for our 3 and 4/5 year old classes and FIELD TRIP FORMS ARE ATTACHED! (**Note:** the 2 ½ year old class will not have a spring field trip. They will get to experience that additional excitement next year!)

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up at the beginning of May, so please continue to check your child's school bag for that information.

I've attached a couple quick articles with some fun ways you can enjoy the outdoors now that the weather is getting warmer.

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!

ACP Calendar

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

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

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 April dates was emailed on Tuesday, March 18. 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.

No Sale Yard Sale

April 26-27

Arcola Church is hosting our annual No Sale Yard Sale event to benefit local families. Family Liaisons from our partner schools invite families to come "shop" for items. Everything is free.

Donations and Volunteers are needed April 24 - 27. Donations being accepted include clothes (coats, shoes, and accessories for men, women, and children), toys, NEW (with tags and/or packaging) underwear and socks, and household items (dishes, kitchen items, linens, lamps, home decor). Sign up to donate or volunteer!

<https://arcolachurch.org/event/16848875-2024-04-27-no-sale-yard-sale/>

Scuba Vacation Bible School

Registration is Open!

July 15-19

Join us for Scuba VBS, where your kids ages PreK-4 through 5th grade will have an amazing undersea adventure and experience the never ending love of God. Nursery and 3-year-old class available for Volunteers! Register here:

<https://arcolachurch.org/grow/children/vacation-bible-school/>

Dates With a Purpose

First Saturday of the month

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.

Summer in the Arts Day Camps

Open for Registration!

July 22-26

Summer in the Arts at Arcola Church encompasses FOUR performing and visual arts camps for rising 3rd graders through adults, led by a staff of professional musicians, artists, and teachers, who pass on their genuine love of their crafts to their campers and students. **We're also looking for a dance instructor!** Contact **Tianna Durbin** to join the amazing staff. Register here:

<https://arcolachurch.org/whats-happening/announcements/summer-in-the-arts-camps-july-22-26-2024/>

Beauty and the Beast

Tickets on Sale Now!

It's almost showtime! Beauty and Beast tickets with reserved seating are on sale! Showtimes are Friday, April 19 at 7pm; Saturday, April 20 at 2 & 7pm; and Sunday, April 21 at 2pm. Contact **Tianna Durbin** with questions. Purchase tickets here:

<https://arcolachurch.org/whats-happening/announcements/arcola-church-presents-beauty-the-beast/>

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