



Arcola Christian Preschool

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

November 2024

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 pleasure to come to work each day!

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

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Lunch Bunch

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 were emailed on Friday, October 18.** Check your spam/junk mail if you don't see the email.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-52102469-acplunch>

We plan to open lunch bunch to 2 ½ year-old students in January.

ACP Calendar

The calendar for the school year is posted on our website for you to view at any time.

Nov. 1 & 4- NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

November 5 - NO SCHOOL (ACP staff work day)

November 6 - 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

3s & 4/5s only (students attend school as usual)

November 21 & 22 - Thanksgiving Feasts (students only)

November 25-29 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

December 2-4 – Nativity story with Pastor Chris

December 18 & 19 - Christmas Celebration

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

Dec. 20 – Jan. 3 - NO SCHOOL (Christmas/Winter Break)

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. Children should be 24 hours symptom free without medication before returning to school. Please stay home if you are unwell!

Tuition

Tuition payments are **due the first of each month**. We do not send a bill. The best way to pay is on the preschool tuition [payment page on our website](#). There is a \$25 late fee after the 5th of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

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. **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 or baby carrots (cutting them into safe sizes can be time consuming).

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 too! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child.



Family Order Due Date: 11/15/2024

Shop Our Class Page:

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

Shop Flyers: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers>

Thanks so much for your support!

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.

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
- Body Lotion
- Acetaminophen: Bottle of 30-40 Pills
- Ibuprofen: Bottle of 30-40 Pills
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (especially sizes 5, 6 & 7)

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 current list of the most needed items:

Canned Pasta (no pork)
Mac & Cheese Boxes
Oatmeal
Dry Lentils
Dry Chickpeas
Baby Food/Cereal
Diced Tomato
Crunchy Peanut Butter
Canned White Beans
Soup

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

Wednesday Prayer Service

Every Wednesday @11:30am in Pearson Chapel (finished before pick-up carline)

This service is 30 minutes in length and designed to strengthen us until Sunday comes. Prayer is a powerful tool that connects us to God and with each other. During this worship, in addition to a variety of prayer opportunities, we will sing some good hymns, listen to special music, hear a brief inspirational message, and share communion together. All who wish, may also experience anointing during communion time.

Parenting Littles with Grace

4th Wednesdays @ 9:30am

Caring for littles is its own unique season, and we want to support you in your faith journey! Join us monthly for this low-key Bible study - we'll share a devotion, have childcare available (but please come even if your kids are in school!), and connect about caring for Jesus' littlest disciples. All caregivers welcome (parents, grandparents, and nannies, etc). Please register below to help us plan. Contact **Allison Bishara** with questions.
<https://onrealm.org/arcolachurch/Registrations/Registrants/389e8faf-96ac-409e-b113-b1d9001520d7?congregantView=True>

Dates With a Purpose

November 2, 4:45pm

Need a date night? DWAP provides an intentional way to do just that. You will meet for 20 minutes, get some discussion questions, then be on your way. Contact **Molly Riedel** with questions. Register here: <https://arcolachurch.org/event/23689361-2024-11-02-dates-with-a-purpose/>

Christmas Fest & Live Nativity

Friday, December 13, 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

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel

Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

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

Sunday School for Kinder-5th 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) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.