



# Arcola Christian Preschool

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

## March 2026

### Director's Note

What a winter we have had! It was so nice to get back outside to the playground earlier this week. We are ready for March! 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 22 & 23) and 4/5-year-old classes (April 28 & 29) 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.

We still have a few spots open for next year. Please feel free to spread the word!

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

### Lenten Service Project

As part of Lent Arcola Church will be collecting personal care items each week to help restock the Hygiene Pantry. We invite our preschool families to participate in this project. You may donate each week or all at one time. There is a basket in the Narthex for donations.

**Ash Wednesday:** Children's 3-in-1  
(shampoo/conditioner/body wash)

**February 22:** Shampoo & Conditioner

**March 1:** Men's & Women's Deodorant

**March 8:** Body Lotion & Shower Gel

**March 15:** Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

**March 22:** Liquid Hand Soap

**March 29: (Palm Sunday):** Tylenol for Children & Adults (bottle of 30-40 pills/liquid)

### ACP Calendar

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



March 19 & 20 NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

March 30 – April 3 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

April 10 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

April 22 & 23 – Temple Hall Farm field trips for 3-year-old classes

April 28 & 29 – Claude Moore Park field trips for 4/5-year-old classes

May 1 – May 8 - Parent/Teacher conferences -3s & 4/5s only (students attend school as usual)

May 21 & 22 - Last Days of school for all students  
(Family celebration begins @ 11am)

### Lunch Bunch opportunity

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that occurs Monday – Thursday for children enrolled in regular morning classes. It offers the opportunity for students to extend their school day occasionally until 1:30pm while enjoying lunch, friends, and play. The link to sign up for your desired days can always be found in our Friday emails.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-62346732-acpmarch>

### Scholastic Books

Family Order Due Date: **3/15/2026**

Shop Our Class Page:

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

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



Thanks so much for your support!

## Snack Policy

Snacks must be in unopened, INDIVIDUAL, commercial packaging with a label we can read. The label can be on the box holding the individual packages. We will not serve any foods at Arcola Christian Preschool that may contain peanut or tree nut products or that were processed/manufactured in a facility that processes nuts (including coconut) or peanuts. Do not send beverages (i.e. juice, milk). There is a list of some snack suggestions in the Parent Handbook, but there are many more options available in stores.

**To assist in preventing choking, please do not send grapes, raw carrots or popcorn.**

## 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 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.

## 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.

## Message in a Backpack

Studies show that the single most important thing you can do to help your child succeed in school is to read with them. The attached article gives some suggestions on how to help build your child's vocabulary while reading together.

## Arcola United Methodist Church

**Pastor:** Chris Riedel

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

Wednesday Prayer Service @11:30am

Sunday Worship @ 9am & 11am

Preschool & Nursery available all morning

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

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

Adult Sunday School @ 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.

## Arcola Church Happenings – All are welcome!

### Holy Week/Easter Worship

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday Worship @ 9 & 11am

Eggstravaganza (Easter Egg Hunt & More!)@ 10-11am

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Worship @ 7pm

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Worship

@ 7:30am, 9am, & 11am

### Broadway Bells and Dessert Night *March 6, 7pm*

Arcola's handbell choirs will once again take center stage with a Broadway-themed concert, featuring a new Dessert Auction!

### Dates with a Purpose - March 7, 4:45pm

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! [Click here for more information & to register.](#)

### Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

*July 13-17 - 9:30am-12:30pm*

Rising PK4-5th grade kids are heading deep into Rainforest Falls, where God's love cascades over us like a mighty waterfall! For more info and to register, [click here.](#)

### Exploring the Arts Camp

*July 20-24, 9am-4pm*

Rising 3rd-6th graders are invited to participate in the Exploring the Arts Camp! [Register here.](#)

### Summer in the Arts Musical Drama Camp

*July 20-24, 9am-5pm*

This Musical Drama Camp is open to 7th-12th graders with auditions that they will be cast in and perform *Madagascar, Jr.* [Register here.](#)