

Kiddie Prep School

TEAM NEWS

**April
2009**

News...

- Congratulations to all the KPS team for their hard work and understanding while we work through the vacation policy. While in a meeting on Wednesday, Deb and Melanie had a light bulb moment and figured out what was creating the problem. What was suppose to have happened was each time the seniority list goes around, names should drop off the list. The first round should have everyone on it. After that, your name will be dropped off the list as you use up your paid vacation time. What happens to those who do not have paid time available? Your name is carried through the first time allowing you 10 unpaid days, then your name is dropped off the list. Everyone still has the ability to request needed days off four weeks in advance. I truly apologize for all your inconveniences.
- **OBSERVATIONS** - A very good question was brought to our attention the other day. It appears some classes still have some challenges to hurdle while coming up with observations each day. Observations are meant to be a tool for the teachers each week while creating new lesson plans. These notes are class oriented, not individually based like anecdotes. The information written should read as a map of how the curriculum went each day. Completing the observations should be a team effort by all lead teachers in the room. This way you all are aware of how the children are doing and if a teacher is absent, the notes still get done. Here is an example: If you are doing an activity that involves cutting and gluing, observe the children when using the bottles of glue and scissors. If the activity went well, make a note on the observation form that the children did well with scissors and glue. OR... If some of the children had difficulty with the scissors but had fun with the glue you could write, "Josh and Jannie had a hard time using scissors but the class loved the glue." It is a way to help you remember to specifically incorporate more curriculum using scissors. Remember, logging more information on how the children did with the curriculum each day will give you a chance to see where the children need more help, thus giving you more teachable moments.

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

*Matthew 27:45-50
New International Version*



Current Month Calendar News

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April 1st - CACFP Training at 1:30. Carrie, Joy, Karen and Deb S.

April 7th - Spring Program Rehearsal #2 @ 10:30 in the Worship Center.

April 7th, 8th & 9th - KPS Purpose Video Training YOU PICK WHAT DAY! Jeremy, Amanda, Kezia, Susan, Karen, Ashley, Janelle and Katie.

April 8th - Ruth York, KPS board member, will be here to help you complete the annual survey. She will be here at 1:00. Each employee must complete a survey. Please make time to visit with Ruth between 1-2:15.

April 8th and 22nd - Pay Day!

April 10th - Good Friday. KPS will close at 1:00. FWCS children will be in attendance on this day.

April 16th - Spring Program Rehearsal #3 @ 10:30 in the Worship Center.

April 20th - FWCS Closed.

April 22nd - Spring Program Rehearsal #4 LAST ONE! 10:30 in the Worship Center with Farrel running sound.

April 23rd - SPRING PROGRAM!!! Staff need to arrive at 6:15 sharp!

Spring is Here!!

- Spring Program is this month! ALL staff (except for the kitchen) are REQUIRED to participate in the program. If you are an assistant teacher, check with Cindy to find out what room you will be helping that night.
- With the arrival of outdoor playground weather, we highly recommend the children NOT wear flip-flop type shoes. Information was listed in the April Parent newsletter.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on May 12, 13 and 14 for all preschool classes. Do you have your assessments done? Have you been successful in collecting pieces for each child's portfolio? Remember the information in which you present to the parents represents the milestones their children are achieving. It also represents your

teaching abilities and professionalism.

- If you attended the IAIEYC conference in Indianapolis on April 2-4, you must hand in your conference papers to Melanie so she can log your hours. Make sure the copy that you give Melanie has the back side completed.
- PROOF READING - We want you to print out your papers for 2 weeks, give them to Tonya to correct, and fix your notes from their corrections when she gives them back to you. This will give you the chance to see what you are doing wrong and to learn to fix them yourself. Erika is no longer proofing. Be sure to have any notes that will be presented to the parents proof read before you email them. This includes lesson plans, anecdotal notes, My Day reports, parent notes out-

side of classrooms, etc.

- Yes, the rumor is true this time. Melanie is pregnant with number 3! Dan and Melanie will be adding to their family this November. Please pray for a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.



Anonymous Bag

Q: How long can ketchup and mustard be out before we can use it (without it getting bacteria)?

A: We had to look this up on the internet because there really isn't a set rule through CACFP. It says, "Technically speaking, you don't have to store opened bottles of ketchup and mustard in the refrigerator." "Due to their high acid content, both mustard and ketchup will keep fine for about a month in the pantry." It goes on to say, "An opened bottle of ketchup should stay at peak quality for about 6 months in the fridge, mustard for at least a year."

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Affirmation Box

- Joy - Thank you for your insight! You were right on the money with Malakhi!
- Darla - Thank you for making ice packs again.
- Darla - Thank you for cutting the carpet strings in the hallways.

"Congratulations DARLA!
You have won the Team Spirit award for this month."

April 6th - Ryan M.

Happy Birthday!

April 3, 1997 - Denise

KPS Anniversaries!

- Esther should be hearing from the council in Washington DC this quarter.
- Darla and Ryan will be receiving their packet from TEACH soon. They will be applying for their Associates Scholarship with TEACH and then entering school at Ivy Tech this summer or fall. Good Luck!

CDA Updates!