

# Kiddie Prep School

# TEAM NEWS

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A couple weeks have gone by since the start of the Fall Session. There is always a lot to do at the change of sessions. Sometimes things can get a little hairy. The teachers get reorganized, clean closets and drawers, repair cots, and much more. Then there is the task of remembering all the new names in the classroom, learning what the children like and dislike, figuring out what "characters" are in the room and then making sure they do not sit together for a meal! Behind the scenes, the office is polishing up the tours and enrolling more children. Stress runs high all over the school.

Day in and day out the children feed off the love and energy the team has for them. Just think how many times you have been able to share your love with a Kindergarten child who was once a Train Room child. Maybe you can think of a child that you thought would never make it. Maybe you have mumbled, "They shouldn't be here!" Maybe you mentioned something to another team member about a child just to "warn"

## Shared News

them about their attitude. This can be "labeling a child" and it can be discouraging at times. Some children have moved on but some have stayed. Look at them now!

Children are not the only ones that nourish themselves from the attitudes of the team. Adults do too! The One who called us to Kiddie Prep has gently massaged us all into a family. Lead Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Floaters, Kitchen help, Director, Assistant Director, Staffing, Accounting and the KPS Board all add up to one big family who must work together as a TEAM. There is efficiency when we work together. What happens if someone throws a rock into a puddle or when one makes assumptions before asking for clarity? Ripples start to change the attitude of the team. One ripple starts very small and then grows into a wave if allowed. Then you begin to see ripples in the classroom between the children. Over-

whelming stress can do this to any of us. Before it starts or before you feel like it is getting out of control, please remember we are a loving family that must listen to each other's thoughts and help clarify any misunderstandings.

Our team is like an umbrella. God is the tip of it that dedicates strength to us as the body, which in turn protects the children who are rays of sunshine from God. Dark clouds of frustration or disruptive assumptions tend to create holes that helps rain find ways to create puddles in our way. Patching up holes is not always easy but we are in this together. It is so great to be able to love and respect each other as a family.

It takes one person to open the door for God to enter our hearts but it takes the whole body to complete the work together. Don't forget, the children are why we do this.



Excerpts have been used from the September 2007 newsletter.

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## Current Month Calendar News

Sept 1st - Labor Day; KPS is closed.

Sept 3rd - Fall Fundraiser begins.

Sept 3rd - Kindergarten Field-trip to Safety Village.

Sept 3rd - Train & Bug Room Training with Deb from 1:30-2:45.

Sept 8th - Farm, Bear, & Castle Room Training with Deb from 1:30-2:45.

Sept 10th - Balloon, Safari, & Ocean Room Training with Deb from 1:30-2:45.

Sept 12th - Paths to Quality assessment by representative before the official visit.

Sept 17th - Fall Fundraiser ends.

Sept 18th - KPS Open House for all parents from 4-6:00pm. All staff (Lead Teachers, Kindergarten Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Kitchen Team, Office Team,

Floaters, etc...) are required to attend.

Sept 18th - KPS Dinner at 6:15pm, following the open house. The GP staff will be catering the dinner for the KPS staff only.

Sept 23rd - Train, Bug & Farm school pictures.

Sept 24th - Bear, Castle & Balloon school pictures.

Sept 25th - Safari, Ocean & Kindergarten school pictures.

# The Fall Session Is Here!

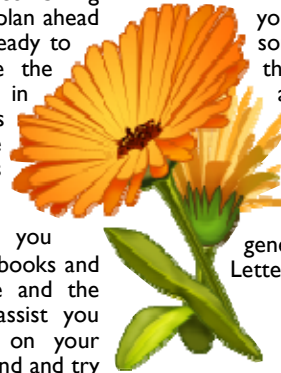
- When creating your lesson plan, please look around the storage closet to see if there is anything you can use for your creative curriculum. We have numerous things in the closet that have been donated for your classrooms. Please remember to check this area first before ordering more from the store. You may have to move some "Grammy Cindy" things around but there is a lot of things there to use and to be creative with!
- Please help us train the kids to leave the telephone in the hallway alone. We have had a lot of kids jumping and pulling on the phone

causing it to fall and break.

- This is a reminder to all afternoon staff. Please review the combining schedule. You need to plan ahead and have the children ready to combine slightly before the time you are scheduled in the next room. This way everyone can leave at their scheduled times as long as ratio permits.
- Teaching Aids - Did you know there are several books and magazines in the office and the staff lounge that will assist you with creative thinking on your lesson plans? Look around and try

some new things. See if there is anything that will spark ideas.

- There is a spot in the office where you can find originals for some of the papers you use throughout the year. They are on the countertop next to the paper cutter. Some of the papers you will find there are generic Child Profiles, 08-09 School Calendars, and generic New Child Welcome Letters.



## Affirmation Box

- Thank you Miss Amy for helping me with Kathryn. Thank you for help in getting a routine in the Bear Room. Thank you for being you - Laura
- Thank you Melanie for working out my schedule. Thank you for helping with TEACH and Ivy Tech - love Laura.

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

**Q: Please do not eat by the computer in the break room. The keyboard is gross! It has drink and food spills all over it! Please treat it as if it were your own keyboard at home.**

A: This is true for everything in the facility. Remember that the facility and its possessions should be treated with respect.

**Q: Can we monitor spending for each classroom? Some classrooms ask for many things each week while others only ask for things occasionally. Those who only ask sometimes, ask for things that are a little costly and are told no but in the end it would all balance out.**

A: This is a good question. When shopping is done, it is spread into classrooms for budget purposes but it isn't being compared at this time. The question has been submitted to Deb and Cindy for further review. You will receive an additional notice via email regarding the decision.

**Anonymous Bag**

Sept 9th - Jean C.  
Sept 18th - Deb H.  
Sept 22nd - Amy B.  
Sept 23rd - Kris Z.  
Sept 23rd - Griselda Maria  
Sept 25th - Erika K.

## Happy Birthday!

### Welcome!

Kezia Clifford  
Katie Wenta  
Amanda Burns  
Sarahi Valencia

Sept 2, 1975 - Jean  
Sept 10, 2001 - Angelica  
Sept 12, 1979 - Chris  
Sept 15, 2005 - Laura  
Sept 21, 2005 - Esther

## KPS Anniversaries!

- Carrie is awaiting the final call to make the appointment with Rhonda from Washington D.C.
- Laura and Carrie are working on their Associates.
- Nicole, Amy, Meg, Griselda, Esther, and Susan are finishing their schooling for their CDA.
- Congratulations Jill! She received her CDA on Sept. 1!! WAY TO GO!!

Great Job!! Don't forget to give Melanie copies of grades and other registration receipts for TEACH.

## CDA Updates!