

**Kiddie Prep  
School**

# TEAM NEWS

**September  
2009**

## Fun Facts

“I’ve come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It’s my personal approach that creates the climate. It’s my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child’s life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or dehumanized.”

...Haim Ginott

This quote coincides with something which was mentioned by a person who recently called for employment information. She asked, “Are you hiring teachers?” Then she politely added, “Someone that wants to teach and not just watch kids.” I thanked her for the call and explained to her that our staff *are* educators. They mentor the children and help mold them into what they were intended to be with the help of the Holy Spirit. She thanked me and said she was happy to hear that.

There are times that we get caught up in all the busy work and forget that the children look up to us and depend on us to help them learn. Not only do they gain information about their ABC’s and 123’s from us, they learn social behaviors, emotional behaviors, and spiritual (unconditional) love. Keep talking with your co-teachers to stay focused on the children at all times.

## September Calendar News

September 7th - Labor Day; KPS Closed

September 9th & 23rd - Pay Day!

September 11th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Safety Village. They are leaving @ 8:30.

September 14th - Birthday Lunches; 1-2:45. Erika, Krissy and Amy

September 17th - KPS Open House 4-6:00

September 29th - School Pictures: Train, Bug & Farm

September 30th - School Pictures: Bear, Castle & Balloon

October 1st - School Pictures: Safari, Ocean & Ark

### NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER:

Begin Fall preschool assessments and begin creating folders with portfolio information for conferences.

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# -Bits and Pieces-

- At this time, we have two volunteers at KPS, Sue and Jessica. Some have questioned what the regulations are for them being in the classroom with children. Because Jessica is still in high school, children cannot be left alone in her care. Both can be counted in ratio.
- When using the printer from your laptops, please make sure you keep an eye on the document you are printing to make sure there aren't 20 pages to be printed. This will help save on paper and toner. There is also a drum that periodically has to be changed and it too is very expensive. If you need assistance on selecting specific pages to print, please ask for help.
- Biography Pages - Please return your picture pages to Melanie so she can get things updated. She would like to have them by the end of the week (9/4/09).
- MANY parents have had concern when picking up their children. Each room has a KPS map that is supposed to be hanging outside each room. When you leave the

room, mark it appropriately. Also, when children have to be bumped from your room to another classroom, put the new room name next to the "P" on the attendance sheet so you know exactly where they are when the parents ask. We have already had some near panicky moments with parents because the lead teacher forgets where the children were bumped.

Kris from AFLAC would like to come in and meet with the teachers again about a supplemental insurance. Please keep an eye on the calendar to find out what day and time she will be here.

EMAILS!!! This is a vital part of communication with parents and co-workers. YOU MUST USE AND CHECK IT DAILY. Don't forget to send your lesson plans and anecdotal notes weekly to the parents. They now expect it and miss it when you don't do this. Make sure to use the BCC (blind carbon copy) area when sending the lesson plan as a mass email. Ask for help when needed because it is a requirement to use your emails.

## A LOOK AT NEXT MONTH

- October 30th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch - 1-2:30.
- October 23rd - Classroom Harvest Parties! Please be sure to keep the parties clean from costumes, spiders, ghosts, witches, and black cats. There will NOT be any Halloween parties.

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## Affirmation Box

Janelle - Thank you for cleaning up the playground! It's really appreciated!!!

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



Nothing in the Anonymous Bag



**Happy Birthday!**

Sept 2, 1975 - Jean  
Sept 8, 2003 - Lisa  
Sept 10, 2001 - Angelica  
Sept 12, 1979 - Chris  
Sept 15, 2005 - Laura  
Sept 21, 2005 - Esther

**KPS Anniversaries!**

- Ryan, Deb S. and Joy are working on their TEACH applications and will be registering soon.
- Katie was awarded her Mentoring Scholarship and will be registering for the Spring 2010 Semester.
- Susan, Laura, Amy, Nicole, Darla, Cheryl and Meg are registered with the appropriate college/universities and are attending classes.

**CDA Updates!**