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THE PROVIDENCE PAGES



Mark your Calendar

Wednesday, September, 5th

Open House – Big Room

(See calendar for class times). Siblings are welcome. This is a chance for you and your child to play together with their classmates. **Teachers will not be present.**

Wednesday, September, 5th

Back to School Night – Big Rm

7:30 PM (7:00 PM for CDO).

There is a lot of very important information discussed, so one parent from each family is **required** to attend.

Many of our events are child friendly; however this is not one of them. So please make other arrangements for your children.

Thursday, September, 6th

Co-op Training

& Abbreviated School Day

9:30 AM 2s and 4s

11 AM 3s and 3/4s

Co-op Training is required for every co-oping parent every two years. Attendance counts towards your Parent Education hours. Siblings are welcome to attend co-op training.

Friday, September, 7th

CDO Abbreviated School Day

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Monday, September 10th

Co-op Training 6:30-7:30 PM

(Alternate date)

September Board Mtg-7:30 pm

Monday, September 10th

First Day of School

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A Letter from Jennifer...

Dear PNS Families,

On behalf of the Providence Nursery School elected board, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. I look forward to working in partnership with all of you to make this year a success!

Our staff has been working hard to get ready for this school year and are excited to be with your children.

I hope you all have been able to attend some of the playdates offered by the school and your individual classes! There are several more events to kick off this school year. We have our Open House on Wednesday, September 5th: 10:00am-CDO, 10:30am-2s, 11:00am-3s, 11:30am-3/4s and 12:00-4s. This event is a great chance for the kids to get comfortable playing with their friends at school. Back to School Night will be also be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 pm (7pm for CDO). This is a mandatory meeting for each family, and it is for parents only. Children should not attend. We'll go over policies and procedures, logistics of our school days as well as the requirements of being part of a cooperative preschool. Following the general meeting, teachers will spend time with their individual class groups. CDO parents should plan on arriving at 7:00 p.m. to meet with Ms. Auten since she will be meeting with the 2s parents following the meeting. Thursday, September 6th is an abbreviated school day and co-op training for parents. The abbreviated schedule is: 9:30-11:00am 2s & 4s and 11:00-12:30pm-3s & 3/4s. CDO has their abbreviated day on Friday, September 7th 9:30-11:00am. There will also be an evening session of co-op training (for those who cannot attend the one on September 6th) on Monday, September 10th at 6:30pm and the September board meeting will follow at 7:30pm.

As I head into my third year in the role of PNS president, I'm honored and grateful to be in the company of so many working hard to support our children's education and development. Thank you for all you do. You are appreciated!

We have a wonderful school year ahead of us!

Jennifer

CDO & 2's

After some summer adventures with my family, and lots of sun and swimming, I am looking forward to starting school again and getting to know all of my new preschool friends!

My classes will have a new theme each week, with new books, art projects, and toys to go with it. Our first weekly theme will be **Friends**. Twos and CDO students may already have met some new friends at playdates and visited with me at the school. During the week of September 10th, we will spend some time getting to know each other better as we learn our “hello” song, read about our new school, and explore the many play options in the Big Room and classroom.

In the second week of school, our theme will be **Families**; we'll talk about the people in our family, and share photos from home. Finally, we will end September moving and singing about “heads, shoulders, knees and toes” with our **Parts of the Body** theme.

In these first few weeks, the children will be getting familiar with our class routine. Each school day will begin with your child “checking in” on the attendance board, and being greeted at the door and offered choices for play. You will be amazed at how quickly your child learns the entire schedule and knows just what to expect next!

Starting school can make both children and parents feel a little anxious. However, we will work together to say calm goodbyes at the door, find a favorite toy or activity to help settle in, and follow a predictable routine; soon we will all be adapted and ready to report back on the news of the morning. Parents can find out more about all of our activities through weekly emails from me and notes on the whiteboard outside the classroom.

Welcome to preschool, everyone!

Warmly,

Ms. Auten

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

- NO NUTS! PNS is a nut aware school. This means no peanuts or tree nuts in the school, on the playground, or at school events held after hours. Please also check with your teacher and other parents in your class before bringing any snacks or treats to share.
- Please send a complete change of clothes labeled with your child's name on the first day of school. Clothes should be appropriate for the season and changed for a new set when necessary.
- Check your child's backpack each day for any important notes from teachers as well as their newly created artwork.
- Weather permitting; playground time is a part of every day. Your child should be dressed appropriately in comfortable clothing. Open-toed shoes are not a good idea for the playground since pea gravel between the toes does not feel good!
- In order to avoid hurt feelings, please leave toys at home unless requested by your teacher for show and tell.

Summer has just sped by and it is always a bit sad for me to send my boys off to school come September. However, I know eighth and sixth grades will be a lot of fun for my kids and I am so very happy to have my mornings filled with FUN at PNS this year.

This will be a month of adapting to change for both Ms. Emmy and me as well as your little ones. Rest assured, we will be there with warm hugs, big smiles and lots of patience as we all begin getting to know each other and our new routines at school. By the end of September, checking in and discovering our jobs on the job chart will start to be routine. Seeing our friend, Bartholomew, the bear who lives in my book bag, will probably be the highlight of most of the children's days. The songs we sing and the games we play at our Morning Meeting will have become more familiar. You might start hearing some of them at home as well.

The first week of school will be about **Colors**. Focusing on the colors around us as we explore the Big Room, the playground and our new classroom will give us a common vocabulary. We'll make connections with each other as we share our favorite colors via the Daily News at our Morning Meeting. We will check out different colored school materials through Guided Discovery activities. Colors and color mixing will be at work in our Process Art as well as in our new Science Corner.

All About Me! is the theme for the week of Sept 17th. We'll still be figuring out our daily routine as we discover our favorite parts of the day. We'll start focusing on our similarities with our new friends, as well as differences. Looking at our own "feeling" faces, painting our own hands, and checking out our pictures in our Class Book will all be opportunities for self-discovery this week. At Morning Meeting we'll play games to compare our common likes and dislikes and the Daily News will focus on our eye

color and hair color. We'll feature mirrors in the Science Corner and each child will have the chance to pick out his/her favorite creation from the past weeks' art projects to go in a class display in the hallway.

The final week of school in September will be about **Me and My Family**. At Morning Meeting, we'll find out what activities we like to do with our families and The Daily News will help strengthen our counting skills as we talk about the number of people who live in our homes. Bartholomew's little sister, Betty Bunny, will be visiting us this week at Morning Meeting as well. We'll foster creative thinking as we ask the children to "make" a tree from a variety of art materials for a Family Tree art project. In the Science Center we'll have materials related to the Sense of Sight and the Building Center will include a variety of people to add to our structures.

Don't forget to dress for outside play each and every day that we can be out. Water will be available at snack time, so pack a non-breakable cup in the snack bag if you would like your child to partake. A seasonally appropriate set of extra clothes (and shoes if you have them) should be kept in a labeled ziplock bag in your child's backpack. ***Please don't forget to label your child's snack and lunch bags each day with the date using the provided masking tape and marker.***

I am so grateful to continue to be part of this fabulous co-op. I loved every moment my boys were at Providence Nursery School. I have the best memories of time spent here and I hope each of you and your children will continue to make your own wonderful memories this year. Please don't hesitate to email or call me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing each of you in class, whether co-oping or just visiting.

Ms. Ryan

Good-bye, summertime...hello, September and happy mornings at preschool. YAY! The anticipation of a new school year is in the air...and Miss Kelly and I want to welcome you all to the 3/4s' family! We can't wait to get started!

We will begin our time together thinking about all the things that we CAN do as members of the 3/4s community. We CAN follow our daily schedule, and we CAN clean up when we hear "macaroni and cheese - freeze!" We CAN sit on our parking spaces at circle time, and we CAN line up when it's time to go outside. We CAN use our imagination as we play on the rug with manipulative toys or blocks, and we CAN remember our class rules (Be kind. Play safe.). We CAN do so much together...just wait and see our smiles. There will be lots of time for play and getting to know our new friends, too! Later in the month, the children will share what they know about their families and their homes. And we will also review our basic colors (red/yellow/blue) and shapes (triangles/circles/squares). We CAN do a lot when we are in class together...and we WILL!

The "Fours Gang" will have a kindergarten readiness component added to their schedule on Mondays. Details about this will follow.

The "Star of the Day" part of our program will begin in October. On your child's special day, he/she will be line leader, calendar person, show-and-tell sharer, and all those other wonderful preschool "jobs." I'll provide a calendar at the beginning of every month, naming our daily Stars.

Co-operative preschools like Providence are a partnership between parents and teachers. I hope that throughout the year, you will share with me your observations and suggestions. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you over the next few weeks. We are going to have a great time together watching your child blossom and grow!

Let's get started on our new year of adventures!

Jane



Hello! I am super excited to be at Providence and start the school year. I have loved our home visits and meeting everyone. Back to school is such a busy and exciting time of the year!

Our first week the theme will be All About Me. We will be graphing our favorite color, making a craft of ourselves, using mirrors and magnifying glasses to look at our eye and hair color and our friends. Our second week theme will be Apples. We will cut apart an apple and look at all of its "parts", learn a poem about an apple tree and use the jumbo dice for apple counting. The third week our theme will be Fall and we will learn the signs of Fall. Letters Mm, Aa and Ff.

Please keep an extra set of clothes in a labeled zip lock in your child's backpack. Remember to change it out as seasons change. Looking forward to days filled with fun, play, dance, cutting, painting, laughter and glitter!!

Fondly,

Ms. Jenn

SOCCER

Fall Soccer kicks off on September 19. Soccer is held on the lawn behind the church and is open to PNS students enrolled in 3s, 3/4s, and 4s classes. The soccer lessons run 1:45 – 2:15 for 6 weeks. Applications will be sent via email soon. The application and a check for \$100 made payable to Soccer Club Management is due on Wednesday, September 12.



TUITION

Tuition is due by the 1st of each month. Please pay on time and include your tuition invoice, printable from the forms page on the PNS website. A grace period for all payments extends through the 10th of each month. Payment not received by then is subject to a \$25 late fee. Please make your checks payable to "Providence Nursery School, Inc." Your child's name must be printed on the memo line. Put all the tuition checks in the black PNS mailbox in the hallway by the double doors to the Big Room or in the purple box in the Assistant Treasurer's mailbox in the music room. Feel free to bring September's payment to Back to School Night.

ENROLLMENT

We have openings for 4 year olds for the 2018-2019 school year. Child must be 4 by September 30. Please spread the word to your friends, family, Mom groups, and play groups.

CO-OP TRAINING DAY NOTE

Co-op training will be held on **Thursday, September 6th**. The session for parents of 2's and 4's will begin at 9:30 AM; the session for 3's and 3/4's will begin at 11:00 AM. An alternate training session will be held on **Monday, September 10th** from 6:30-7:30 PM. The Co-op training day is expected to last about an hour but participants can plan on staying and enjoying some refreshments with other parents until they have to pick the kids up from the abbreviated school day at 11:00am or 12:30pm depending on which session they are attending. See the calendar for class times.

PARENT EDUCATION

September 18 - Financial Planning, 529s, 401Ks
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October 3 - 11:00 AM - CPR and First Aid Parent Education (materials to be purchased prior to meeting)

NEW PARENT CLASS!

September 11th - 7pm

September 13th - 9:30am

Are you new to PNS? Want to more about how our school is run? We are offering a class for new families to help with the learning curve of starting at our cooperative preschool. This class will complement our Back to School Night information by going more in depth on topics like volunteer hours, parent education, communication, and more! This is a great opportunity meet other new families and get your questions answered as well. Anyone is welcome to attend. You will receive 1 hour parent education credit.

MAINTENANCE

Part of the role of the Maintenance Committee is to fix broken things, but another part of the Maintenance Committee is to upgrade the school to provide a "safe, orderly, comfortable, clean and cheerful environment" (from my job description)!. As such, if you have some ideas on how to improve the school, please let me know, and especially the new people: you all can still see the "chipped paint" in the school.

Charles Havasy (Zoe's Dad)
PNS Maintenance Chair
chavasy@aol.com

FUNDRAISING

Welcome back to another year at PNS! We have a lot planned for the school year.

Discounted PNS apparel will again be available at Back to School Night. We accept cash or check, as well as credit cards this year! We are clearing out some of the current stock, which will be available at discounted prices. We will also be accepting pre-orders and payments for the sizes we don't currently have.

Our first fundraising "event" will be an online event with Mabel's Labels- stay tuned for more details!

Mark your calendars now for Barnes and Noble Day

(November 17) and Holiday Shop (December 8). More details to follow in the coming months. We can always use volunteers for both of these fun events.

There are also plans to have a restaurant night, as well as an additional fundraising playdate during the fall. Locations and dates are TBD.

As always, feel free to send us suggestions or questions. Thanks for your support of our school!

Sara Levy (3s) and Emily Gillotte (3/4s)

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading the PNS newsletter. If there is anything you would like to have published in the October Newsletter please submit it by September 20th. If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see in the newsletter don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,
Melissa Ahern

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Each family enrolled in a co-oping class must complete eight volunteer hours during the school year. CDO-only families are required to do four. Here are some ideas to help you get a head start on completing those hours.

- Bring a snack or baked goods to or help with setup/clean-up at Back-To-School Night or other school functions.
- Check in with teachers who might need help preparing for art projects or need other assistance in the classrooms.

- Substitute for lunch bunch on occasional Wednesdays - will have a list of dates soon
 - Attend an extra cleanup/maintenance day during the school year. One attendance is required per child enrolled, but we could always use the extra help.
 - Assist the fundraising committee with upcoming events. Check with Sara Levy or Emily Gillotte for details.
 - Attend a board meeting held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Big Room at school.

If you have any questions about your volunteer hours, please contact Stephanie Jensen, vpadmin@providencenurseryschool.com

THANK YOU!

Welcome to our new 4s teacher, Jenn Fagnan! Thank you to Kristie McCauley for all of her hard work on enrollment. Thanks to Laura Heim for managing all the forms, fingerprinting/background checks. Thanks to Stephanie Jensen for working to get family jobs assigned. Thanks to Amy Schroeder for working on the 2018-2019 budget. Thank you to Chai Kale for stepping in as our Technology Director! Thank you in advance to our fundraising co-chairs: Sara Levy and Emily Gillotte for being so organized with fundraising events for the year. Thanks to Elizabeth and Bo Boland for serving as our secretary. Thanks to the Class Reps for their efforts organizing co-op schedules and play dates over the summer: Melissa Ahern (CDO), Hein Phan (2s), Maliha Ahmad (3s), Jessica Bonds (3/4s), and Amanda Longstreet (4s). Thanks to everyone who attended our first Cleaning & Maintenance Day of the school year! Congratulations to Amy and Andrew Schroeder on the birth of their 3rd baby girl!



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
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2	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4	5 PNS Open House 10:00am-CDO 10:30am-2s 11:00am 3s 11:30am 3/4s 12:00pm 4s Back to School Night (7:00pm CDO) 7:30pm	6 Co-op Training & Abbreviated School Day 9:30-11:00am 2s & 4s 11:00am-12:30pm 3s &3/4s	7 Abbreviated School Day 9:30 - 11:00am CDO	8
9	10 First Day of School! Alt Co-op Training 6:30pm Board Meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13	14	15
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