

Providence Nursery School
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Mark your Calendar

Wednesday, September, 4th

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.**

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, 5th

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, 6th CDO Abbreviated School Day

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Monday, September 9th First Day of School

Monday, September 16th Co-op Training 6:30-7:30 PM

(Alternate date)

September Board Mtg-7:30 pm

September 30th thru October 5th

Brunch for Parents

9:30am-10:30am (see calendar for your
child's specific class date).

This is not mandatory but attendance
counts for a 1/2 adult education hour.

The Providence Pages

A Letter from Jennifer...

Dear PNS Families,

On behalf of the Providence Nursery School elected board, I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-2020 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 4th: 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 4th 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 5th 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 6th 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 16th at 6:30pm and the September board meeting will follow at 7:30pm.

As I head into my fourth and final 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

September is such an exciting month; after a bunch of summer adventures with my family, I am looking forward to some *fall* adventures: starting a new school year 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 theme for this year will be **School**.

During the week of September 9th, we will focus on the new routine for each school day; we'll read through a photo book about the parts of our day, learn our "hello" song, and explore the play options in the Big Room and classroom.

The theme for our second week will be **Faces and Feelings**. Our books, songs and art this week will focus on the parts of our face and also introduce some important feeling words that we will continue to work on identifying and using all year (happy, sad, excited, tired, curious, frustrated...). Then, starting on 9/23, our theme will be **Families**. We'll talk about the people in our family, and share photos from home.

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 comfortable and ready to report back on the news of the morning. Parents can find out more about 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. With my boys now in middle and high school, I am so very happy and thankful to fill my mornings with FUN in the Threes Class

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, as well as daily bubbles, will probably be the highlight of most of the children's days.

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 by answering the morning questions, exploring different colored school materials through Guided Discovery activities and mixing colors in our Process Art as well as our Science Corner.

All About Me! is the theme for the week of Sept 16th. 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.

The third 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 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.

The week of September 30th, we will be discussing our **Body Parts** as well as the importance of **Hand Washing**. We'll be doing lots of yoga and movement activities as well as sharing what our body parts can do. We'll read a silly story and "paint" our bodies with dry brushes and practice washing our hands with our class song and felt set. Art activities will include a body mural for our hallway and dabbing "germs" onto paper hands.

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

Goodbye, August...goodbye long lazy days. Goodbye beach trips, ice cream trucks, and lots of time to do nothing in particular. Hello, September...now it's time for preschool!!! Hooray! Summer is coming to a close and the anticipation of a new school year is in the air! Welcome to the 3/4s class...I, along with Miss Phyllis and Miss Emmy, can't wait for the first day of school!!!

The 3/4s class will begin our time together learning about ourselves, our school, and others. September is a good time to explore our preschool environment and to learn our classroom routine. 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 for getting to know our friends.

And speaking of friends, friends play a big part of our time together, so we will try to learn all about our classmates – especially their names! And we will take time to learn about each other's families and homes. (How many people are there in your family...any pets?) Also we will review our colors (yellow, blue, and red) and shapes (squares, circles, and triangles). Yep, we will be very busy just getting to know what is going on at PNS...and all that we CAN do!

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 the 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 special daily Star. You

will find that your child's Star day will be very highly anticipated each month, so keep that calendar handy for reference purposes. :-)

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 concerning your child. 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's personality blossom and grow!

It's just so exciting to be at PNS!!! YAY!

Jane Millward



I am thrilled to be teaching the 4s class at PNS this year. It's never easy to say good-bye to summer and send my own kids off to school, but I am very fortunate to now be able to spend my mornings with yours! I am looking forward to welcoming everyone to the new school year. September is a very exciting month in the life of a preschooler...and in the life of a preschool teacher!

Our first two themes for the month are All About Me and Friends at School. In addition to getting acquainted and learning new routines, we will play games that focus on similarities and differences among friends, graph some of our favorite things, and start to work on our "All About Me" books for our class library. Everyone will have a chance to share their "Me" bags during the first two weeks of school.

During the last week of September, we'll talk about Kindness and Feelings. My hope is that we will begin to understand that how we act can affect how other people feel and that making people

happy by being kind makes us happy as well. We will also talk about how different feelings come and go, all feelings we have are okay, and some of the appropriate ways we can express those feelings. Most importantly, we're going to continue to have FUN!

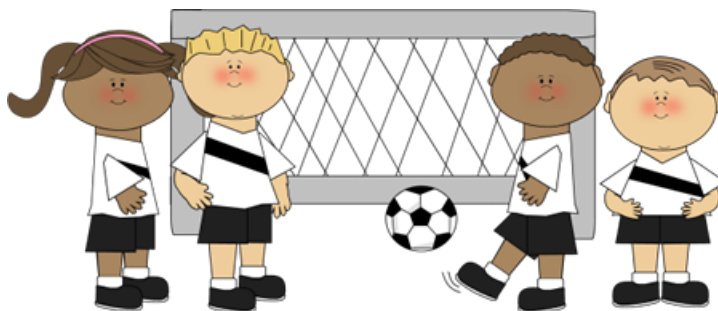
Please remember to bring in a complete change of seasonable clothes in a Ziploc bag with your child's name printed on the outside. Also, the kids should dress to play outside every day. Closed toed shoes are a must for our pea-gravelly playground.

I cherish the memories I've made with my boys when I was a co-oping parent here at PNS years ago. Now I am grateful to be a part of the memories you are making with your child. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. It's going to be a great year!

Ms. Kelly

Soccer

Fall Soccer kicks off on September 25. 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 18.



Tuition

Tuition is due by the 1st of each month. 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 tuition checks in the black PNS locked mailboxes by both doors 1 and 2, or in the Treasurer's mailbox in the music room.

Enrollment

We still have a few openings for the 2019-2020 school year. 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 5th**. 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 16th** 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.

Fundraising

The fundraising and social committee has a lot of fun things planned for this school year! Stay tuned for more details! In the meantime, there are several easy ways you can help our school earn money:

Mabel's Labels: You will receive an email with a link to Mabel's Label's. PNS will earn 20% of any purchases through the link.

Amazon Smile: PNS is participating in Amazon Smile again this year.

Certifikid: PNS has a unique promo code you can use for any purchases made on Certifikid. PNS earns \$5 on any purchase over \$20 you make. Our promo code is PNS and will work all year long, until June 15.

We look forward to a great year! If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at fundraising@providencenurseryschool.org

Emily Gillotte and Sara Levy

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 various 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 or third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Big Room at school.
- Come help take an inventory of the PNS Library on Sunday, Sept 29th from 1:00 until 2:30pm. Sign up on the PNS Sign Up Genius site or contact Ms. Ryan if you would like to volunteer.

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

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

Thank You!

Welcome to our new 4s teacher, Kelly Volciak! Thank you to Kristie McCauley for all of her hard work on enrollment. Thanks to Stephanie Kibler for managing all the forms, fingerprinting/background checks. Thanks to Kathy Brooks for working to get family jobs assigned. Thanks to Amy Schroeder for working on the 2019-2020 budget. Thank you to Chai Kale for continuing on 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 their continued service as our secretary. Thanks to the Class Reps for their efforts organizing co-op schedules and play dates over the summer: Amy Andrews (CDO), Sarah Millward (2s), Laura Heim (3s), Amy Rodgers (3/4s), and Luisa Blythe (4s). Thanks to those who attended our first Cleaning & Maintenance Day of the school year!



September 2019

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
1 Tuition Due	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4 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	5 Co-op Training & Abbreviated School Day 9:30-11:00am 2s & 4s 11:00am-12:30pm 3s & 3/4s	6 Abbreviated School Day 9:30 - 11:00am CDO	7
8	9 First Day of School! 	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Alt Co-op Training 6:30pm Board Meeting 7:30pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 First Day of Soccer	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Brunch CDO</i> 9:30am-10:30am					