

If you're happy and you know it, come to preschool!!!

We're excited! It's almost time! A meeting for parent's new to our preschool will be held on Wednesday evening, September 6 from 7:30-8:30. By now you should have received a postcard or letter from your child's teacher inviting you to attend an Open House next week. Open House days are Thursday and Friday September 7 or 8. You may bring supplies to either of these events. If you did not receive this information, please email me or call the preschool office at 598-6090. Preschool begins the week of September 11.

Important information about the changes at PUMC

Site work has finally started on the new Welcome Center for Powhatan United Methodist Church. Construction will begin by the end of September. This building will connect the two parts of the church. If you are interested, plans will be available during Open Houses and at the Parent Meeting. The construction is expected to take about 10-12 months.

How will this affect the operations of the preschool and your child? Be assured that your child's safety has always been and will continue to be our top priority. You will see fencing surrounding the construction area. It may not look pretty now but as Miss Anna has reminded me. 'Without change there would be no butterflies'. When it is completed, this building will have a large gathering area, church staff offices, meeting rooms and most important for the preschool a beautiful nursery area that will allow us to meet licensing requirements to care for children younger than 2 ½. Later in the construction process, the preschool director's office will be affected but that will be the only change to our preschool building.

The most direct impact construction will have on the preschool is on our drop off and pick up lines. New routes will be marked for you to follow. Car traffic will turn right from the church drive into the gravel parking lot. All pre k classes will use the same carport area they have always used but the route will be different. 2's and 3's will be dropped off at the front of the CLC (big room/gym). Please be very careful as you enter and leave so the driveway and be especially aware of cars as they pull up to buckle children in after pick up.

The main entrance to the preschool will be the double doors at the 4's-prek entrance at the end of the building facing the grassy hill. A doorbell is there and when doors are locked after 9:15 please ring this bell and someone will come and let you in. Just for this year, you may send your tuition payments in your child's tote bag if you choose not to mail them but please bring cash to the preschool office.

Our opening theme is "If you're happy and you know it..." but our BIGGEST theme for the year is "Construction Zone". We are so happy that your family will be a part of year #29 at PUMC Preschool!

See you very soon,

Sharon Baltimore