

Messiah Lutheran Preschool Newsletter

January 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

W 1/2 MWF and PreK classes resume

Th 1/3 TT3 classes resume

M 1/21 **SCHOOL CLOSED — Martin Luther King Day**

Th 1/24—F 1/25 **NO SCHOOL for Students** — Parent-Teacher Conferences, sign up for time in early January

Sa 1/26 Open House for Prospective Families 10 AM—2 PM

Tu 1/29 Currently Enrolled Students and Formerly Enrolled Families — Early Registration for Fall 2019

Looking ahead to February...

Tu 2/5 Public Registration for Fall 2019

M 2/18 NO SCHOOL — Presidents' Day

Chapel themes for January are all about Jesus:

Jesus grows as a child

Jesus at the temple

Jesus chooses 12 disciples



Afternoon classes are scheduled to bring in snack items for January. Thank you for your generosity and support.

We follow the Montgomery County Public School's (MCPS) closing policy for inclement weather.

- If MCPS is closed due to weather, we are closed.
- If MCPS has a two hour delayed start due to the weather, there will be a **one** hour delay for the morning classes and afternoon classes will meet as scheduled.

You can sign up for alerts from Montgomery County at Alert Montgomery at <https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov/register.php>





Multicultural Night

MLPS is planning for a Multicultural Night in March. Please look for a survey in your email about your level of participation in this family-friendly and community event. Please let Mrs. Carpenter (mlpscarpenter@gmail.com) or Mrs. Wollman (mlpsoffice@gmail.com) know of your interest in helping with planning and hosting Multicultural Night. Thank you!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION UPDATE

Please keep MLPS informed of *any* changes to your contact information.

We *must* be able to reach you in the event of your child's illness or emergency.

It Is Cold and Flu Season!

Thank you for helping us to keep our school healthy by keeping your children at home when they are not feeling well. A phone call or email regarding your child's absence is so appreciated!



Did you know? Handwashing is the single best method for preventing the transfer of germs and viruses! Please look for other health reminders on our **FLU BOARD** in the entrance area of the preschool.

Messiah Lutheran Preschool increases its regular washing and sanitizing of classroom toys and materials during this cold and flu season.



Scholastic Book Orders for January are due Monday, January 14th. SIGN UP at <https://clubs.scholastic.com>. On the parent page, register by clicking the "Don't have a user name or password?" link. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code: **H8FYT**. This unique code ensures that your order is sent to the preschool.

January Fruit of the Spirit is **Kindness**

January Character Trait is **Acceptance**

January Bible Verse is

Be kind to one another.



Ephesians 4:32

Family Connections

Family Connections provides helpful information to you and your child. Please take the time to enjoy these family pages and wonderful opportunities to be with your child and to promote a healthy beginning for your child. Please let the MLPS staff know if you have additional topics of interest.

Nature and Play:

- Are your kids spending too much time inside? — <http://tinyurl.com/lbgowhd>
- The Power of Play — <http://tinyurl.com/ovsouef>
- Fun for Little Ones Outdoor Activities for Parents of Kids under 5 — <http://tinyurl.com/oorp9st>



New Year Activities:

- New Year's Bible Coloring Pages — <http://tinyurl.com/newyearscoloring>
- New Year Crafts and Activities — <http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/newyear/>
- New Year's Day Crafts — <http://tinyurl.com/levjruo>



Cold and Flu Information:

- Center for Disease Control (CDC), Good Health Habits for Preventing Seasonal Flu — <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits/index.htm>
- Flu or Cold Symptoms? — <http://www.webmd.com/cold-and-flu/cold-guide/flu-cold-symptoms>
- Cold and Flu Prevention — <http://www.parenting.com/health-guide/cold-flu/prevention>



Registration for 2019—2020 School Year

Registration for our continuing families (current students and siblings of current and former students) begins Tuesday, January 29th at 8 AM. Application forms for 2019—2020 will be available at

<http://www.messiahlutherangermantown.org/preschool/register/>



All forms are required at registration! Please bring a completed application and Family Responsibilities form along with all of the other required forms (except for those requiring a doctor's signature).

Continuing students will need:

1. Completed 2019—2020 application
2. Completed Family Responsibilities form
3. \$65 non-refundable registration fee
4. All other required forms except for those requiring a doctor's signature.

New students will need:

1. Completed 2019—2020 application
2. Completed Family Responsibilities form
3. \$85 non-refundable registration fee
4. All other required forms except for those requiring a doctor's signature.

*** A deposit equal to one month's tuition payment is due within thirty days of registration. ***



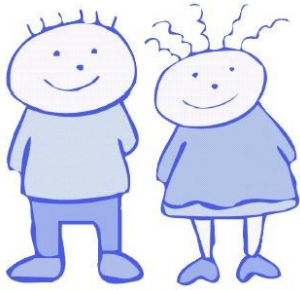
◆ Please bring your child to school on time (9 AM for morning classes and 12:30 PM for afternoon classes). The children miss an important part of the day's activities if they are significantly late.

- ◆ Please follow the flow of traffic in the parking lot. Parking or dropping off at the curb is not allowed.
- ◆ Tuition is due on the 1st of every month. There is a late fee of \$20 for payments made after the 5th.
- ◆ Please dress your child for the weather. We go outdoors unless it is raining/snowing or bitterly cold and windy.



Thank you from Messiah Lutheran Preschool Staff for all of your help and participation in December's many Christmas activities! These special events are possible because of the support of our wonderful families and students.

Blessings of health and happiness to all in this new year!
Messiah Lutheran Preschool Staff



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Messiah Lutheran Preschool was founded on the love of God in Jesus Christ and seeks to demonstrate that redeeming love through the instruction and care of the children entrusted to its safekeeping. To that end, Messiah Lutheran Preschool will love unconditionally, serve, and care for each child who takes part in our program. Messiah Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin.

Messiah Lutheran Preschool offers daily Christian Education along with Social Development, Physical Well-being & Motor Development, The Arts, Social Studies, Language & Literacy, Mathematics and Science. All subjects are taught within a Christian-based curriculum supplemented with The Creative Curriculum (Maryland State Department of Education-approved). Additional activities include Chapel Time with Messiah Lutheran's Pastor, field trips and special family events.

Messiah Lutheran Preschool is nationally accredited by the National Lutheran School Association and was nominated for Exemplary Status.

Just around the corner....registration for the 2019-20 school year!

Returning families will be able to register beginning 8 AM Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Registration for the General Public will begin 8 AM Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

If you know of a family that is looking for a Christian preschool for their child, please refer them to the MLPS website (www.messiahlutherangermantown.org/preschool) or have them phone the preschool office at 301 972-5428 for information.

Additionally, Messiah Lutheran Preschool is planning an **Open House** Event in January to help prospective families get to know our program and explore enrollment opportunities at MLPS. If you know of interested families, please let them know about these Open Houses:

Saturday, January 26 10 AM — 2 PM