

# WINFREE PRESCHOOL NEWS

## March 2009



**Jack Edwards Building Towers**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 13	<b>VAECE Conference</b> , school closed while teachers attend a full day of training
March 16	<b>Kay Dee Puppets</b> , 11:15
March 17	<b>Kay Dee Puppets</b> , 11:15, 1:15
March 24	<b>Preschool Chapel</b> , 9:30, 11:45
March 25	<b>Preschool Chapel</b> , 9:30, 11:45, 3:30
March 25	<b>Time Out for Mothers</b> , 9:45 – 11:45, continental breakfast and speaker, Teresa McBean
April 4	<b>Easter Eggstravaganza</b> , details below
April 12	<b>Easter Sunday!</b> Come to church and Sunday school. See the schedule below.
April 6-10	<b>Easter Holiday</b> , school closed
April 21	<b>Dad's Night!</b> 6:30 – 8:00 PM; Watch for details in your invitation.

### **REGISTRATION NEWS**

Once again, registration has been successful this year. Most every family was able to enroll their child(ren) in the class(es) of their choice. We are filling very quickly. Most morning classes are filled and we are taking names for waiting lists. A few remaining places are available in the Toddlers and 2's classes, TR 3's, the afternoon 3's and 4's class, and JK2. If you have neighbors or know of new residents who are looking for an excellent early childhood education, have them visit very soon to have the best chance of acceptance.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE TERRIFIC**

We want to thank all the many parents who volunteer at the preschool in so many ways. We have had parents visiting in classrooms, reading to children, cutting up snack, sharing a talent, cooking and assisting with carpool arrival. Each of you help the school more than you know. To the many parents who have been sending birdseed, the children and outdoor creatures send their thanks. It is such fun to watch the birds and squirrels come to the feeders. For all that many of you do to help the school, we are grateful. Years from now, your children will remember how you found time to be an important part of their first school experience!

## **MARCH WILL BLOW IN WITH BUSY PLANS**

After an unusually cold winter, spring is coming to our classrooms and to the playground. The children are busy discovering new wonders every day. Nature and science experiences begin with digging in the soil, finding worms and grubs, planting and watering seeds, finding and comparing rocks and observing the changes in the trees. The pussy willows on the playground are almost ready, and soon our bulbs will be coming up. If any of you locate tadpoles, we love to watch them daily as they grow legs and turn into frogs (then we let them go back to their natural habitat). Curriculum plans for the month include spring surprises, wind and weather, the five senses, feelings, and transportation. Read your child's classroom calendar for specifics!

## **TEACHING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**

Applications are now being accepted for teaching positions and substitute teaching positions in our preschool. Applicants for assistant teacher should have at least two years of college and some experience in the area of early childhood education. We consider preschool Sunday School teaching adequate experience. Applicants for lead teacher should have a B.A. degree in early childhood education or a related field. Apply at the preschool office Monday through Friday. Applicants should have resumes and references available. Criminal records checks through the VA state police and child abuse checks through VA D.S.S. are made on every employee of the school. Winfree Preschool is an equal opportunity employer.

## **MAJOR RENOVATIONS PLANNED THIS SUMMER!**

Plans are in place for a one half million dollar face lift to the preschool building this summer! How excited we are with all the renovations in store for the school. Winfree's preschool building will close on June 1<sup>st</sup> as renovations begin. We'll see new floors, ceilings, walls, cubbies, furniture, lighting, decking, and more when we reopen in September. But the heart of Winfree has always been about children and families and our relationships with one another. The core values at Winfree Preschool, a commitment to quality education, accountability through national accreditation, and uplifting support and nurturing of children and families, will remain constant, despite the beautiful facelift. Summer Fun day camps are still planned, but will be held mostly outdoors and in the old chapel building. Watch for details and an application in the April newsletter.

## **SPRING SERVICE PROJECT**

To teach our children care and concern for others in need, we will be collecting good used shoes, children's and small adult's clothing, sheets and towels for **Art for Humanity**, a non-profit humanitarian organization helping poor families to help themselves. The items will be sent to Honduras, where the climate is hot all year, so warm weather clothing is most desirable. Art for Humanity is a mission headed by Glen Evans, a former pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. You can go to the website for more information on the organization. [www.ARTFORHUMANITY.ORG](http://www.ARTFORHUMANITY.ORG).

As you "spring clean" please keep in mind our service project. We will be receiving donations in the "rainy day room" April 20, 21, 23, and 24.

## **5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**

Bring all your children from preschoolers through grade 5 to the church's annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00 AM. There will be crafts, treats and the all important Easter egg hunt. Some of the planned activities include: making Easter bonnets, blowing bubbles, bracelet making, fingernail painting, and planting seeds.

## **TIME OUT FOR MOTHERS, Wednesday, March 25**

A wonderful event is planned just for mothers on March 25. We'll have an elegant continental breakfast followed by an inspirational address by Teresa McBean, minister of Northstar Community, which is a ministry of Bon Air Baptist Church founded on the conviction that people can be restored to health in every dimension of their life through Christ. Come and be uplifted and fed spiritually and physically. We'll start at 9:30 and conclude by 11:30. Please call the school office to reserve child care.

*Happy Easter!*



# Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun!

## Creating Happy Families and Responsible Kids

*Jim Fay and Charles Fay, PhD.*  
Creators of the **Love and Logic** Parenting Courses

Winfree Preschool and Winfree Baptist Church

are pleased to offer a fantastic multi-media parent training course especially for parents of children from birth to 5 years.  
Classes will be offered for 5 Tuesday evenings April 28 through May 26, from 7:00 – 9:00.

Course facilitator:  
**Ginny Brenner, M.Ed.**

- Teach your tots that whining and arguing does not pay.
- Put an end to misbehavior in public.
- Smooth out mornings and bedtimes.
- Calm sibling bickering and battling
- Take the battle out of meal times, tooth brushing, bathing, etc.
- Make potty training fun.
- Teach respect, responsibility and self-discipline.
- And much, much more!

### **There's great news!**

When parents start Love and Logic early in their children's lives, they dramatically up the odds that the teenage years will be fun...instead of frantic. They also create kids who begin school ready to learn...instead of ready to drive their teachers batty.

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

**Text: \$10.00** (couples can share a text)

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Please reserve a place for \_\_\_\_\_ in the parenting course, **Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun**, to be held on Tuesday evenings April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00.

Please order a text book \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Cost:           \$30.00 per person (note that church member's course fee will be waived)  
                  \$10.00 per text/course work book

Total payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make your check payable to Winfree Preschool)

**Reservations accepted until March 31, 2009.**