

Back to School News

August, 2011

Time Flies!

Can you believe that school is starting soon?? Time to get back into the routine of the school year, I guess. It has been a great summer thanks to our wonderful PDO families.

Bird Show

Don't forget the Wings of Love live bird show on Wednesday, August 10. Hope everyone can join us as we learn about birds and get to see them close up! Our older two-year-olds through our school age children will get to participate in the bird show.

New Registration Form

We will be passing out new registration forms as the school year starts so that we can get the most current information on all the children. Please help us out by returning your form promptly. It is important to have up-to-date emergency contact numbers!!

School Year Registration Fee

The \$30 school year registration fee per child will be due beginning on Monday, August 22. For your convenience you may divide this payment into two \$15 payments with one due August 22 and the other due in January. If you are participating in the PDO/Sunbeams Special Price Option, the registration fee is included in the fee.

Lunch Containers

I know that we repeat this information over and over in our newsletters but please remember that we have to get 60-70 lunches in our refrigerator. Brown sacks and zip-lock bags are strongly suggested. If you must use some other type of lunch container it should be **no larger than a regular brown lunch sack**. Thanks so much for helping us out as we must get all the lunches into the refrigerator.

Nursery Changes

When we start back on August 22, our nursery will be open all 5 days! We will have 4 spots each day with a total of 20 spots for the week. Twelve of these spots will be for standing reservations; the remaining 8 spots will be for call ins. Please call Ms. Leiva (741-3340) if you are interested in one of the standing spots or if you would like one of the call in spots for the first couple of weeks of the school year. The nursery is for infants, ages 6 weeks through those turning 12 months.

Allergies?

If your child has been diagnosed with an allergy that could present a health issue while at PDO (typically food allergies), it is a state requirement to have an allergy form on file. Please let us know at morning check in or ask your child's teacher if you need this form. Also, if your child cannot eat the snacks that PDO serves, you must provide a snack for your child each day. The snack should be some type of cracker or cookie that is ready to serve. In other words, acceptable snacks do not require spoons or any handling or preparation by the teacher. Please remind the teacher **each day** your child is present that your child has an allergy. Since we are a "drop in" service our staff may not remember from your last visit about your child's allergy.

Speech concerns

If you have concerns about your child's speech—either difficulty in understanding them or a significant delay—there are resources available. By age three, 85% of a child's speech should be understood by non-family members. If you feel your child needs to have a speech evaluation, some resources include:

1. Your family pediatrician
2. Parents As Teachers in your school district
Park Hill 816-359-4600
North Kansas City 816-413-5650
These services are **free**.
3. Children's Mercy Northland 816-413-2500

PDO/Sunbeams Special Price Option

If you want your child to attend PDO each day before or after Sunbeams Preschool, the special price option will save \$5 per day off of the regular \$17 fee. All payments for the Fall Semester are due at morning check in on your child's first day of Sunbeams. This is Monday, August 22 for 3-day or 5-day Sunbeams children and Tuesday, August 23 for 2-day Sunbeams children. You can download the forms and read more about this option on either the PDO site or Sunbeams site at www.plattewoodchurch.org.

If you just want your child to attend PDO occasionally before or after Sunbeams, the fee is \$17. If your child is in morning Sunbeams and you just want your child at PDO through lunch (1pm) the fee is \$10.

Sunbeams Openings

There are still just a few openings for the 2011-12 Sunbeams Preschool. Children must be 3 by August 1, 2011, and must be toilet trained. Call Director Jennifer Nelson (741-2006) **today** if you are interested.

Back-to-School Donations

PDO is asking that each child bring **at least one box of kleenex** and another one or two items off of our list to help us get started for the school year. You may deposit these items in the donation tub in the PDO hall or with your child's teacher.

- Kleenex (everyone brings!)
- Plastic spoons
- Small Dixie cups
- AA batteries
- Paper plates (for craft projects—not foam)
- Black sharpies
- Dry-erase markers
- Washable Crayola markers
- Zip-lock bags (any size)
- Aluminum foil
- Peanut Free Snacks (cookies, snack crackers, fruit snacks, pretzels, Cheerios, etc.)

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