



## Room Parents

The following parents will be serving as room parents for this school year:

<u>3's:</u>	<u>4's 3 day:</u>	<u>4's 5 day:</u>	<u>PreK AM:</u>	<u>PreK PM:</u>
Hillarie Hegarty	Adrienne Delligatti	Laura Farnham	Sally Fritter	Brooke Patel
Julie McElroy	Elizabeth Jankowski	Emily Marshall	Kelly Scott	Molly Seago

If you offered to be a room parent and your name is not on this list, you may be called to help or fill-in as needed. In some of our classes we had more volunteers than spaces available!

These parents will be asking for your help. Please say yes!

## Halloween Party

First up will be the Halloween Party and, yes, the children should wear Halloween costumes! As you are thinking about costumes, here are a few guidelines to consider:



1. Costumes should be of a friendly nature. Scary or violent costumes or props are not appropriate for school. (i.e. guns, swords, etc.)
2. The children will be doing activities at the party. Masks or big bulky costumes may impede their ability to participate.
3. Costumes should not be so intricate or complicated that the children are fearful of ruining their costume.

Preschool parties are meant to be a special time for the children. We encourage you to join us for the parties to *share this time with your child*. Please try to arrange your schedule so that each child can have at least one adult (mom, dad, grandma or grandpa) present. This is one of the reasons that we have the rule of no siblings at parties.

### Halloween Party times:

Morning-9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Afternoon-1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

4's 3 day –Wednesday, Oct. 29th

3's, 4's 5 day & PreK --Thursday, Oct.30th

Children and parents should arrive at either 9:30 or 1:15.

## Picture Make-Up/Retake Day

Picture Packets should be coming home soon!

If after seeing your child's pictures, you are interested in PICTURE RETAKES – **Monday, October 27th** is PICTURE RETAKE/MAKE-UP DAY for the whole school. If you want to have your child's picture retaken, you need to return the picture packet by October 27th. Remember that the picture sheets must be uncut.

For 3's students, since Monday is not normally your child's school day, if you want to try again, you will need to plan to bring your child to school that day. It will help with planning if we have an idea of how many retake pictures will be needed, so please let us know if you are choosing this option. We will try to give you a time slot so that you do not have a long wait. Your child should wear his/her uniform to school.

Please call 718-5825 X244 if you have any questions!



## Preschool Party Childcare

We recognize that trying to find childcare for younger siblings during the day can be a challenge. We have a solution--the Carr Nursery! The plan is to use the childcare room in the parish center for younger siblings that need care during the parties. The room will be staffed by preschool parents on a rotating basis with the understanding that if you leave your child you would work at least one of the other parties throughout the year.

Depending on the number and ages of registered children, we would need 2 to 3 'sitter' parents for each party. We have parties in the morning and in the afternoon each of our party days. As with any volunteer opportunity, the completion of *Protecting God's Children* and fingerprinting would be required for sitters.

Tina White has offered to coordinate this effort. Please contact her as soon as possible at (614) 205-7237 or [tj\\_nawhite206@hotmail.com](mailto:tj_nawhite206@hotmail.com) if you are interested in learning more or to sign-up.

The parents that participated last year really appreciated having childcare right here at St. Brigid. This will only work with cooperation--if you want to use the service, you need to volunteer to work it, too.

### Kool-aid Playdough

Here is the play dough recipe that we used. This is a fun, easy recipe to make at home *with* your child!

- 2 1/2 cups of flour
- 2 pkgs. unsweetened Kool-aid
- 1/2 cup of salt
- 2 cups of boiling water
- 3 TBSP oil
- mix dry ingredients
- add boiling water to dry ingredients (at this point you can add food coloring to help intensify the color)
- add oil
- mix until cool enough to knead-knead until no longer sticky



## Literacy Night

Thanks to all of you that attended Literacy Night. We had a great time planning the evening for the children! Many thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Rubadue, our special guest reader!



## Speech and Hearing Screenings

Laura Gran, M.A., M.Ed., CCC-Speech-Language Pathologist, will soon be offering speech screenings for our preschool students and our school nurse, Peg Iannarino, will do the hearing portion.

The teachers are identifying potential candidates and may be asking for your permission to have your child screened.

If *you* have concerns and would like to have your child screened, please either call or email the preschool office or send in a note and we will add your child's name to the list. The screenings will be held next week. Results of this initial screening will indicate whether a complete evaluation is recommended.

**“There is no substitute for books  
in the life of a child.”**  
~~May Ellen Chase

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### October

- 21/22 Speech Screenings
- 27 Picture Retakes
- 29 Fall Party 4's 3 day class Halloween costumes--no uniform
- 30 Fall Party 3's, 4's 5 day & PreK Halloween costumes--no uniform
- 31 No School-Teacher Workday

### November

- 7 Scholastic Book orders due (both on-line and paper copies)
- 13 Mrs. Funk's PreK Parent Teacher Conferences (Classes are in session!)
- 14 Mrs. Funk's PreK; Mrs. Kellogg's 4's 5 day and Mrs. McKenna 4's, parent teacher conferences (no classes!)
- 26 Thanksgiving Break No school-26, 27, 28

## Parent Teacher Fall Conferences for 4's and PreK

Soon it will be time for round two of our fall parent teacher conferences. Teachers will share progress and goals at this time. Conferences days will be November 13 and 14, however, only Friday is a non-class day for the 4's and PreK students.

Mrs. Funk will meet with parents on both days. Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. McKenna will schedule conferences only on Friday.

The 3's and 4's 5 day and PreK classes will have class on November 13th.

Watch for an email the last week of October with information regarding how to schedule conferences. We will again be using an electronic scheduling program to schedule times.

## Book Orders

The books from the October Scholastic book order should be arriving soon. Thank you to everyone that ordered!! If you are new to Scholastic online ordering and want to give it a try, go to [clubs2.scholastic.com/](http://clubs2.scholastic.com/)

Our class code is 1F216. We'll send the November fliers as soon as we get them. The due date for the next book order is Friday, November 7th. If you want to preview, you can go to the website to look and see what is offered.

## Reminder

*Help us help you!* We want your child to come home with everything that was worn to school. Please check to see that all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and coats are clearly labeled. It is especially confusing if your child is wearing something that has been passed along to your family and the label has not been changed. We are sometimes finding a sweatshirt where the name on the tag is a student who is currently in 3rd grade!

