



The Parent Helper

The Newsletter of Community Preschool



Parent Survey

Our school is made better by the families who make up our community. We ask that you help us to improve by giving us your feedback. Please take our short 9-question survey by visiting surveymonkey.com/r/9MSTRNB during the month of January. We'll compile the results after January 31 and use what we learn to make Community Preschool the best it can be.

REGISTRATION
for 2016-2017 classes



Registration for 2016–2017 Classes

Online pre-registration for 2016–2017 classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 8, and close at 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 19. Visit CommunityPreschool.org right away to reserve your place in line. Registration will take place on Friday, March 4.

Please visit the [Register](#) page on the CommunityPreschool.org website for more details. More information will be included in the February newsletter as well.

Mark Your Calendar

Beginning of Third Quarter

January 4

Cell Phone Sally 9-1-1 Visiting 4s Classes

January 4

January 5

Moms Night

January 8 from 6:00–10:00 p.m.

Beth Epley Storyteller

January 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

January 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Barb the Storyteller

January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

January 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting

January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

No School / Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 18

Scholastic Book Order Due

January 28

Martinez MWF 4s Big T Elementary School Field Trip

January 29

Playground Project Meeting

February 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration for 2016–2017 Begins

February 8

8:00 a.m.

No School / Parent Teacher Conferences

February 11–12

Tuition Due for Fourth Quarter

February 12

Mom Night

February 12 from 6:00–10:00 p.m.

No School / President's Day

February 15

Parent-Help Sign-up for Fourth Quarter

February 16–26

Board Meeting

February 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-Registration for 2016–2017 Ends

February 19

8:00 p.m.

Registration for 2016–2017 Classes

March 4 at 9:00 a.m.

See the full calendar at CommunityPreschool.org/Calendar. You can subscribe to our calendar as well.

Make Contact

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Jodie Hamilton

Associate Director/4s Teacher

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2s and 3s Teacher

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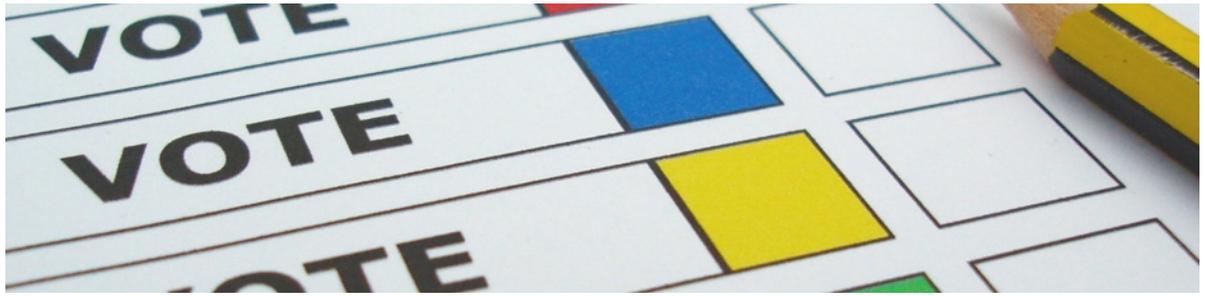
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4s Class Coordinator

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Click on any teacher or board member to e-mail them directly.



Board Elections in January

We are looking for energetic, organized people to fill open positions on our Board of Directors for 2016–2017. Serving is a two-year commitment, and a great way to get involved. Families will have the opportunity to cast their votes during elections later this month.

In return for serving on the board, officers receive:

- A 10% tuition discount
- An exemption from community job assignments
- First priority for class registration and parent-help signup

If you are interested in one of the available positions: Write a Letter of Intent stating the position, why you are qualified for and interested in that position (background, personality traits, etc.), and any personal or school-related information you'd like to include (which classes your children have been in, etc.). A small photo may be included with your Letter of Intent to help parents recognize you when voting.

Letters are due by 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 15. Place your typewritten letter in the President's bin in the hallway or e-mail it to the [President](#). Voting will take place the week of January 25–29 and results of the election will be posted on Monday, February 1.

The positions with openings are listed here with brief descriptions. Detailed descriptions are also posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you have any questions about these positions, you can send them to the [President](#) or [Secretary](#).

President: Oversee the preschool and ensure that it runs effectively and smoothly. Must currently be serving on the Community Preschool board.

Secretary: Part of the executive board. Records monthly board meeting notes, makes sure supplies are ready for registration and fall open house, schedules and promotes photographer, orders t-shirts, arranges and tends to events such as the spaghetti dinner, walk-a-thon, pancake breakfast, etc.

4s Class Coordinator: Maintains parent-help schedules and contact information, maintains an accurate roster for each class and notifies board/teachers when changes are made, helps Ms. Tammy compile and update student records, and returns phone calls/emails in a timely manner.

Publicity Coordinator: Responsible for promotion and communication through the Community Preschool website, e-mail, Facebook page, monthly newsletter, and newspaper press releases. Update and distribute the parent handbook. Work with the teachers and board members to promote events and market the preschool.

All board members are required to attend monthly board meetings.

Update on Background Checks from Mrs. Martinez

I am excited to share the newest development regarding our rules and regulations. Our licensing specialist informed us that the State decided to stay with the current regulations, and our parent-helpers may continue to be used as part of the ratio within the perimeters of time that the state mandates. I believe our voices were heard and honored.

At this point, there is nothing we need to do other than keep going as usual. Please be sure to sign in and out when you visit the school to parent-help. That is the system used to maintain the volunteer rule, and proof for the inspection we will undergo every year.

Thank you to everyone who voiced their opinion. I believe that it helped in so many ways.

Revised Community Jobs Policy

The board recently revised the community jobs policy to make it more clear.

A \$40.00 late fine will be assessed if your community job is not completed on time. For every additional month the task is not completed, a \$30 fine will be added. Also, be sure to put your Community Job Receipt, signed by the teacher, in the Community Jobs Coordinator's inbox in the hallway, or your job will be considered incomplete and you will be charged the late fine.

Families who have not completed their community jobs will not be in good standing and will not be able to register for the following school year until the problem is resolved.

Teachers Wish List

Our teachers are in need of a few items for their classrooms, including some for upcoming projects. We'd be grateful for any items you're willing to share!

Miss Jill:

Baby wipes
New or used Barbie clothes

School:

Paper towel rolls
Egg cartons

Ms. Jodie:

Empty wrapping paper rolls
Markers
Wiggle eyes

Ms. Tammy is also running low on extra clothing to have on hand in case of accidents. If you have any of the following items you would like to donate, it would be very helpful. 3T pants and shirts for boys and girls, 4T pants and shirts for boys and girls, and boys socks.

4s Class Openings

We have an opening in each of the following classes:

- Mrs. Martinez's PM 4s class on MTR from 12:45–3:15 p.m.
- Ms. Jodie's Pre-K 4s class on MTWR from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

If you know anyone who might be interested in enrolling their child in our wonderful preschool, please pass on the information and have them visit the [Register](#) page on the Community Preschool website. We're happy to give tours and answer any questions!



Join Us for the Playground Project Meeting

Please join us February 1 at 6:00 p.m. for our important planning meeting for the next phase of playground restoration! We've come leaps and bounds from where we were, but there's still more to do! During this meeting we will discuss design and installation of our new adventure area, as well as design and installation of our raised beds. We will also discuss budget and fundraising, and needs and wants for our project. This community only works when we're all involved, so get involved! It's actually kind of fun! Drinks and snack will be provided. Please contact [Emily Weakland](#) with any thoughts or questions, or to be added to the playground project email distribution list.