



Apostles Newsletter

Teacher Appreciation Week—Big Success!

As you know, the room parents at the school recently planned and organized Staff Appreciation Week, which was held in March. It was a tremendous success!

Special thanks to all of those parents who participated in Staff Appreciation Week with time and flowers and gifts. We had many parents donate decorations, and many volunteers spent time filling our halls and walls with festive posters and streamers and signs to celebrate the week. Special thanks to Teka Long, who was able to get Einstein's Bagels to donate breakfast for the staff on Monday, and also took the lead on designing and printing the wonderful ALCDC signature tote bags we gave to each staff member. The children cre-

ated some very special cards to give the teachers which was a perfect added touch to our gift! With the generous funds provided, we were able to fund the tote bags, provide our staff members with massages for three days (special thanks to Amy Little for organizing that!), purchase a pizza lunch for the staff, purchase barbecue and sides for the Thursday dinner, and give each staff member a monetary gift that was even bigger than they received last year! We had nearly 150 people attend Thursday's staff appreciation dinner, and the food that parents brought was delicious—so much food and such good company. Again, thank you parents for all that you do to make our school a special place.



Scholarship Fundraiser

Thank you to all the parents and friends at the church for giving generously towards the scholarship fund! With your help we were able to meet and significantly

exceed our goal of \$3,500. Including the matching funds of \$800 from Thrivent for Lutherans, we raised over \$7,500!!

Apostles Learning
Center

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News from Apostles Church

Church Services

9:00 Traditional Worship

10:30 Festival Worship

10:30 Sunday School, ages 3+

**Nursery care provided during both services*

Habitat for Humanity

There's still time to help with our build—we are meeting on May 9th [landscape], May 19th [contingency] and May 30th [dedication] to finish the home for The Smith Family. Please talk with Mr. Lowell if you'd like to help.

Building Expansion

Plans are moving ahead with the architects for the final approval to break ground in early August. Please celebrate our ground breaking ceremony and 50th anniversary. Details to follow.

Can you help?

If you are technically savvy or a 'computer geek', we could really use your help! We have a need for computer 'technical support' and advice. We are trying to determine our equipment needs. Please see Mrs. D if this is something you might be able to help with.

Kid's Joke

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?

A: A bee [B] comes after it!

Summer Camp: Enrolling now!

We still have a few openings for the summer camp—if you know anyone who has a child needing summer camp please have them call us at 404-256-3091.

The camp is for children ages 5 to 8 years old and will begin on Tuesday, May 26th. Shuwanna Haslem and George Archie will be our camp counselors again this year. It is the 9th year for Shuwanna and the 5th year for George. The following are some of the camp activities and the

instructors who will be coming in to lead the activities:

*Karen Danello will provide instruction in dance, drama, and movement. She is an instructor at Trinity School for several years and this will be her third year with our camp.

*Our soccer instructor for the summer will be Jerren Nixon. Jerren has been here for the past two years and coaches soccer at Holy Spirit Prep-Lower School during the regular school year.

*Tony Young will be our karate instructor. Tony owns The Tony Young All-Star Academy in Union City. He has won numerous awards and has been inducted into many prestigious Karate Halls of Fame.

*The Yoga Instructor is going to be Lori Sugarman. She is a certified yoga facilitator for babies and tots through Itsy Bitsy Yoga International. Lori is also a Bright From The Start approved trainer.

Meet Miss Jolly

Njeri Jolly-Salmon—Miss Jolly - is our Preschool I teacher and has been teaching for over eight years, the last year here at Apostles. Miss Jolly is married and enjoys reading and shopping. She's a Yankees fan, and her favorite vacation was on a five day cruise in 2004. She visited Mexico, Belize and Key West. This summer she looks forward to fun here at Apostles! Her favorite thing about teaching is enjoying seeing the face of a young child when they discover something new.

End of Year Celebration

Another year is drawing to a close! The last day of class for Georgia Pre-K I and II classes is Friday, May 15.

End of the year celebrations will be held on that same day

Fundraising Ideas

In June, the room parents will make some decisions regarding fundraising efforts at the school for the 2009/2010 school year. Besides scheduling the fundraising activities for the year, they will be selecting

Muffins for Mom

Muffins for Mom will be held on May 8th at 8:15 a.m. in each of the classrooms, except the Georgia Pre-K classes will be held at 9 a.m.

Parent Request

We request that all parents park in the designated parking spots in the front of the church, back of the preschool and along the fence.

Please do not park in the fire zone or on the grass. It is against fire code. Thank you!

at 10:00am. There will be a brief program by children with music and skits. Parents are invited to the special event. There will be lunch for children and parents after the event.

the items to be sold. (Ideas include gift wrapping paper, cookie dough, magazines, restaurant coupon books, candy bars, etc.) If you have thoughts or ideas to contribute, please share with your room parent(s) or with Teri Cloud at tcloud@bnkj.com.

GA Reads Aloud

A big thank you to all the children that participated in Georgia Reads Aloud and to the parents who came in as Mystery Readers.

The top readers were Liam Weaver, GA Pre-K II; Jackson Battersby, GA Pre-K I; Sydney Smith PSII; Travis Conner, PSI; Cole Saunders, EPS; Jack Roehl, Tots; Charlotte Cloud, Infant II; and Sam Rehberg, Infant I.

Each child will received a new book for their hard work!



All other classes will celebrate the end of the year on May 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, where each class will perform.

Clean-up Day

We are having a day to clean up the school/church grounds on Saturday, May 16, from 9 am to 12 pm. Parents and church members are encouraged to volunteer. Bring a rake, gloves and clippers.



Memo to: Parents

Memo from: Savitri Damodaran, Director

Subject: Swine Flu

Date: April 30, 2009

Dear Parents,

This letter is to keep you informed of the procedures followed by the Apostles Learning Center staff to keep the environment safe for children, staff and parents and prevent the possibility of an outbreak of swine flu.

You are aware that at this time, there is no vaccine available for the current outbreak of the swine flu (HINI) virus. Symptoms of swine flu include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, and, in some cases, diarrhea. Children with influenza may be infectious for up to 10 days after illness onset with influenza (adults are generally infectious for 5-7 days). **Children with symptoms of an influenza-like illness should not come to school** Inform the school office immediately if you notice any child or adult experiencing any of the above given symptoms.

The best way to prevent swine flu is by adhering to the following the good health habits:

1. **Stay at home when you are sick.** This will help prevent others from catching the illness.
2. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of the tissue immediately in a garbage can.
3. **Wash your hands often with soap** will help protect you from germs.
4. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that has been contaminated with germs and then touches his/her eyes, nose or mouth. **Wash your hands immediately following.**
5. **Practice good health habits** by eating healthy, getting plenty of rest and exercise.

Washing toys and furniture daily with a bleach/water solution and sanitize items in the dishwasher.

Apostles Learning Center staff has been instructed to follow these procedures to ensure a healthy environment. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

May Birthdays

Miss Jolly May 2

Miss Shuwanna May 3

Staff Anniversaries

Please congratulate Mrs D
on 10 years with ALC!

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Did you know?

The fifth of May -- *Cinco de Mayo* in Spanish -- is a national holiday in Mexico, although it is generally celebrated in Mexican-American communities in the U.S. on a much larger scale. It commemorates the Mexican victory over the French at the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

The victory was an important step for Mexico in her fight for independence. Today in Mexico, and in Mexican-American communities, May 5 brings celebrations, fiestas, and parades.



May 2009

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Dates to remember:

May 8th—
Muffins for Mom

May 15—Last
day of GA Pre-K

May 16—Clean
Up Day

May 21—End of
year celebration

May 25—Closed
for Memorial
Day

May 26—first
day of Summer-
Camp

