



A Great Start Preschool January 2024 ~ Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember:

- (R) January 4, 2024-** School Resumes from Winter Break
- (W) January 10th:** Tuition Payment #5 Due
- (F) January 13th-** Raffle and Silent Auction Donations Due
- (M) Jan 15-** AGSP Closed for MLK Day
- (M) January 22nd (6:30pm)** Parent Group Meeting @ AGSP
Fri, Feb 17 and Mon, Feb 20th: AGSP CLOSED

SAVE THE DATES:

- Friday, February 9th: Late Night Date Night 6-9pm**
- Thursday, Feb 22nd (10am-7:00pm) AND**
- Friday February 23rd – (10am-2pm)** Art Show Fundraiser with Raffle and Silent Auction

**Other important dates and events already scheduled for the school year are available on our website <http://www.agreatstartpreschool.com/calendar/>

We are starting to prepare for our Art Show Raffle and Silent Auction presented by Platinum Sponsor DryTech Exteriors! Please plan to attend the event on Thursday, February 22nd from 10am-7pm, or on Friday, February 23rd from 10am-2pm! Everyone is welcome, including family, friends, and extended family! Every student will have at least one individual art project on display, as well as a second individual or group project.

We need donations of prizes for Raffle and Silent Auction basket by February 9th. Check out the flyer to see what items your child's teacher is collecting, but feel free to donate any item you might already have, solicit from a local business owner or manager, or find a great deal you can't pass up! Gift Cards, Monetary Donations, Gift Baskets, items which fit the themes on the flyers, service certificates, and toys are also great items to donate! Items for men, women, teens, kids, and even pets are appreciated. If you or your child received a duplicate holiday gift or something you won't use, feel free to pass it our way!

Donations are due by February 9th, please
All donations are tax deductible!

Thank you to everyone who ate at City BBQ in December for our Restaurant Fundraiser! A total of \$204.00 was earned for our school! This money, along with funds from a School Safety Grant we were recently awarded and proceeds from our upcoming Art Show Event, will be used for additional Security Upgrades including additional cameras, 2 more keypads to make playground access easier for our staff, and replacing door 9.

*Registration for the September 2024-May 2025 School Year will begin in Late January and Early February.

More information, including tuition rates, programs, and confirmed dates of registration will be posted around MLK Day. (Dates currently set are pending budget approval). We do not plan to change any of our programs or schedules, but there will be a small increase in tuition rates for next school year. Start thinking about your fall plans now!

Registration will be online again this year. The link for each round will be distributed to each eligible group by email prior to date and will be live beginning at 8am on the applicable date of registration. The public registration link may be posted to our website and Facebook page a few hours prior to public registration beginning, but will not work until 8am on

January 27th. If your child is not currently enrolled, please contact me to ensure you are on the correct distribution list. *Registration dates are tentative, pending budget approval.

Round One: Open to CURRENTLY Enrolled students and their siblings. (Tentatively will begin Saturday, Jan. 20)

Round Two: Open to PREVIOUSLY Enrolled Families (Tentatively to begin Wed, Jan 24)

Round Three: Open to WAITING LIST Families (Tentatively set to begin Thurs, Jan 25)

Round Four: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Tentatively set to begin Saturday, Jan 27th)

You may be contemplating which program is the best fit for your child for the 24-25 school year. In Mid-January, each preschooler will receive a "Fall Recommendation Form" which lets you know our professional recommendation for fall enrollment as of today. If you would like a mid-year conference at that time, please let us know. We will have a formal Parent-Teacher Conference for all students on March 20th and 21st, depending on your teacher's schedule. There are no classes on conference days.

If you need a statement for tuition paid August-December 2023 for tax deduction purposes, please let me know. Statements will be sent home in your child's backpack by January 31.

Inclement Weather Plan: From time to time, we may need to close or alter our schedule due to inclement weather. Please tune to WHIOTV and watch for any closings to be listed under "A Great Start Preschool." I also plan to update our voicemail for the day, post to Facebook, and likely send out an email to all if our schedule is changed. It is always best to call ahead or check one of the methods above to make sure we are open on normal schedule on days of inclement weather.

*We plan to go outside if it is above 32 degrees and fairly dry, so please send your child with appropriate coat/hats/mittens, labeled with your child's name. Please practice with your child putting on their own mittens/gloves and coat (and zipping independently).

Reminders:

- * If your child will be absent or significantly late, please let us know by calling 937-312-1621 or email christina@agreatstartpreschool.com
- * To reach your child's teacher by email, please email the office at christina@agreatstartpreschool.com.
- * Please check the main compartment of your child's backpack daily for notes from the office or teacher, artwork, etc.
- * Have something to send into the preschool? You can put it in the drop box to the right of the preschool office, or the drop box outside door 10 above the keypad, or send it in the main compartment of your child's backpack, which our Aides will check daily. There is also a basket for paperwork on my desk.
- * Key: MW = Mon/Wed F= Fri MWF=Mon/Wed/Fri TR=Tues/Thurs

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns at any time, please speak directly to me or to your child's teacher.

Wishing you a great start to 2024!

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