

A Great Start Preschool

May 2017 Newsletter

Important Dates to Remember:

May 1-5- Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1-16 Box Tops Contest
May 10- Final tuition payment due
May 10- End of year survey due
May 12- Dayton Dragons RSVP Due
(F) May 19 (10am/1pm) End of Year Program and Graduation
(R) May 25 (11am-1pm) End of Year Celebration Carnival for all Families
(F) May 26- No Classes

Mark your Calendar:

(T) June 13th (7pm) Dayton Dragons Night! (RSVP by May 12)
(T) July 4th Americana Parade (more details to come)

Oh my goodness!

Can you believe this is the May newsletter? I can't believe how quickly this school year has come to a close. Thank you for entrusting your child to our care this school year. It truly has been a privilege and an honor to provide them with a great start to their education. We have enjoyed getting to know each of them, and each of you.

Thank you for an amazing year!

The school year isn't over yet, and May is JAM-PACKED! Teacher Appreciation Week, Box Tops Contest, End of Year Program/Graduation, and our grand finale is a Carnival for everyone on May 25th!

End of Year Survey:

Each school year, we ask our currently enrolled families to complete a survey to help us evaluate the effectiveness of our programs. Please take a few minutes to fill out our 16-17 school year survey online. Your honesty is appreciated!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q8NG5JS>

Thank you to everyone who sold, volunteered, donated, shopped, and helped to spread the word about our 13th Annual Consignment Sale Fundraiser. Although we didn't have the sale totals

ready by the time this newsletter was drafted, we can thankfully say the sale ran smoothly again this year. We still have a few things left to do to wrap up the sale. If you have an hour to spare during preschool hours and want to help, please let me know.

Download our **2017-2018 School Year Calendar** from our website, <http://www.agreatstartpreschool.com/calendar/>

We love that you love our playground! If you are playing on the playground after school hours, please supervise your child, replace sandbox lids after use, and keep the red metal trikes in shed. Don't forget to latch the gate when you leave. Thank you!

Reminders:

* Please use the main entrance near the preschool office (sidewalk/doors along the long white fence near Alex Bell) to ENTER the preschool each day. You may exit through the doors most convenient to you. **Please do not use the outside doors near the Church office to pick up your child from extra-curricular classes. When you pick up your child from Extra-Curricular Classes in the GYM, please wait by the Soda machine in the hallway and do not disrupt Church activities by using or waiting in the main Church entrance hallway.**

* Snacks: If you forget, if your child is absent, or if there is no class on your child's assigned snack day, please bring a non-perishable snack and drink we can use later or pay the \$8 snack fee.

* Please take your child to the restroom upon arrival.

* Please check *the main compartment* of your child's backpack daily for notes from the office or teacher, artwork, etc. There is also a basket on my desk that you can drop off papers or payments during arrival/dismissal.

* If your child will be absent or significantly late, please let us know by

calling 312-1621 or email christina@agreatstartpreschool.com

* To reach your child's teacher by email, please email the office at christina@agreatstartpreschool.com with your teacher's name in the memo.

* A Great Start Preschool has an open door policy! If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please speak directly to me or to your child's teacher. * Please "Like" us on Facebook and check to receive notifications on your timeline:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Great-Start-Preschool-Inc/97685210068>

* Please LABEL your child's backpack AND outwear! If you don't feel comfortable writing on the tag, please use masking tape.

Parking Lot Safety: Please STOP at ALL stop bars. Please be aware and attentive in the parking lot (walkers and drivers). If you park in the back row of the parking lot, please exit the row on the Bob Evans end of the lot (not the Alex Bell end) as this is blocking traffic at the Alex Bell entrance. Please cross near a stop bar and walk inside the crosswalk to get to/from the area of the parking lot where you are parked. There is also a new stop bar at the end of the playground fence for cars headed toward the Alex Bell Entrance, and please notice the painted arrows for those using the Alex Bell entrance (entering, turning left, or turning right out of the parking lot). If you are using Alex Bell to exit, please follow these arrows and also please approach the exit coming from the playground area, rather than blocking traffic by merging into these exit lanes from the back line of the parking lot. Please hold your child's hand when walking in the lot, drive slowly, and be alert (pedestrians and drivers!)

Thank you for a great school year!

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