



# Preschool News

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## Mark your calendars:

- \* April 1-2—Zoo Field trips (Rain dates on April 3 and 4)
- \* April 2—Kindergarten graduation pictures
- \* April 3—No Stay and Play due to staff meeting
- \* April 4-5—Bookmobile
- \* April 5—Early release 11:45 due to public school early release
- \* April 1, 8, 11, 22, 29—Chapel
- \* April 10, 11, 12—Easter parties
- \* April 15-19—Spring Break
- \* April 23—Community helper Kole Matheson
- \* May 1—K and PK5 to Triple R Ranch

## From Your Director

Dear Parents,

It's April already and time for the second to last newsletter of the school year! How quickly time goes! The next two months are filled with exciting activities such as field trips, picnics and parties. Mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun!

I pray that this Lenten

and Easter season are a time of joy and happiness for you and your family. What joy that He has given to us! As Psalm 103 says, "Let my whole being bless the LORD! Let everything inside me bless his holy name! Let my whole being bless the LORD and never forget all his good deeds: how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness,

saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion, and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's." Happy Easter! He is risen indeed!

Sincerely,  
Becky Miles

## It's Field Trip Time!

We are looking forward to the field trips coming this month! Please be sure to return your payment and slips as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate count of who is coming! Also, please wear your GBPP t-shirts if you have one.



April 1st—PK2MW, PK3 MWF, PK4MWF classes visit the Virginia Zoo  
April 2nd—PK2TTh, PK3TTh, and PK4 Gresham visit the Virginia Zoo  
Rain dates for the zoo are on April 3rd and 4th.

March 29th—PK5 and K visit the Children's Museum of Virginia



CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM  
OF VIRGINIA  
PORTSMOUTH

## Chapel Notes from Mrs. Stacey:

Our Memory verse this month comes from Luke 24:6, "**He isn't here! He has risen from the dead!**" (NLT) These two sentences outline the victorious nature of our God. Often it seems difficult to talk to preschoolers about what truly happened during this Holy season.

I recommend spending the majority of your time discussing the empty tomb and what hope that gives to each of us. During the many Easter Egg hunts that your children will attend, try and leave a few empty eggs as a reminder that Jesus did not stay in the tomb but that He is Alive!

Children's ministry invites you and your family to our annual Easter Egg hunt on **Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.** please join us at the church for a craft, a lesson, animals, and of course the hunt! We just ask that you bring a dozen filled plastic Easter Eggs by Wednesday, April 3rd. You can register online. Hope to see you there!



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## Thank you, Community Helpers!



A very big THANK YOU to the community helpers who have taken the time to come talk with our preschool about their jobs in our community! Thank you, Dr. Delle Donne, Mr. Beale, Pilot Fentress and Mr. Matheson! We appreciate you!

## Events coming in May

- May 1st —Triple R Ranch trip for K and PK5
- May 6th and 7th—End of the Year Picnics (rain dates are the 8th and 9th)
- May 23rd—End of the Year Program
- May 22nd—Last day of school for PK2MW
- May 23th—Last day of school for TTh classes
- May 24th—Last day of school for all other classes
- May 28th—First day of Summer Camps!



## Why Won't My Child Listen to Me?!

Thursday, May 9, 9:30-11:30

If this is a question almost all parents ask, there must be something in common with both how KIDS "WORK"-and HOW PARENTS DIRECT their children. Discover how children's behaviors are often connected to their needs for BELONGING AND SIGNIFICANCE. Learn and practice Positive Discipline tools that are KIND and FIRM, based on mutual respect and build COOPERATION!



The Learning Table guest speaker, Brenda Garrett, MED, is certified Positive Discipline trainer, with more than 10 years experience working with children and parents. She discovered Positive Discipline in her search for more effective tools for parents and teachers as they strive to help children overcome both everyday challenges, or even histories of trauma, and still reach their potential.

Free! Please register so we can staff the child care. [http://www.gbpres.org/event/the-learning-table-why-wont-my-kids-listen/?instance\\_id=4517](http://www.gbpres.org/event/the-learning-table-why-wont-my-kids-listen/?instance_id=4517)



Come and join us for some summer fun! Seven camp sessions to choose from. Sign up by May 15th and receive a \$5 early bird discount (per camp)

May 28-31: Authentic Artists

June 3-7: Barnyard Palooza

June 17-21 or 24-28: Once Upon an Adventure

July 9-13: Mini Chefs

You can download registration forms at <http://gbprespreschool.org/summer-camps/>

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# GBPC Events and News

Easter Egg Hunt—April 6th from 10:30-11:30

Come (and invite your neighbors and friends) to an Easter Celebration for children (ages infants through 5th grade,) on Saturday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. There will be animal friends outside, followed by an Easter message in the sanctuary, the hunt, and eggs to decorate in the Fellowship Hall. Please supply one dozen plastic, pre-filled eggs per child (pre-filled with candy or non-food treats.) Please register and drop off filled eggs in the Fellowship Hall at the church by Wednesday, April 3rd. Please remember no “loose” candies (all candies should be individually wrapped.) Suggested non-food items: stickers, erasers, tattoos, small toys, etc. \*\*Rain Date Sunday, April 7th at 2:30 p.m.\*\*



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES & LUNCH

APRIL 15-19, 12:10-1:10

**Holy Week** Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of what is known as Holy Week. Monday-Friday, we offer Holy Week Services & Lunch, April 15-April 19, 12:10 pm. For several years, GBPC has hosted ecumenical services, inviting community ministers to lead worship followed by a lunch of soup and sandwiches. Designed for the business lunch hour time

Join us on **Sunday** for one of our three worship services.

**8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**—Relaxed and casual atmosphere, with music led by our praise team

**9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**—Worship format is in the Reformed tradition with Chancel Choir

**11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**— Relaxed and casual atmosphere, with music led by our praise team

We have a **nursery service and toddler room** available for all of our worship services.



## PIG PICK'N

April 28, 2019 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm



It's a contest! Who is the best BBQ Chef in our congregation? You be the judge! Join us the Sunday after Easter for fellowship and GREAT food! Our BBQ contestants will be cooking all night and you won't be able resist the fabulous smell of smoked BBQ Sunday morning! *Connect One* and bring a friend.