

# I know that I am loved at...Monthly News

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## Registration News 2019-2020

Thank you to all our returning families for 2019-2020! For any current year family that has not registered to return to our program, you have until Friday, January 4, 2019 to secure your spot for next year. Please know that any registration received after this date, cannot be guaranteed due to accepting public registrations.

**Our Public Registration tours** start on Monday, January 7. Families are invited to register after their tour. If you know of someone who would be interested in our program, please have them contact the office to set up a tour appointment.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our school. Please share with your family and friends. We have brochures just outside the office, amazing website and Facebook page. As always, we appreciate your help in growing our wonderful preschool program.

### Christmas Magic Concert 2018

What an impressive evening we all had on December 6. Your child did a magnificent job celebrating in song the Birth of Jesus. HUGE thank yous go out to Katie Roy, Andrew Larsen, Melissa Bortnick and Kristina Schwartz for producing this amazing program, Pastor Elizabeth for her welcome and heartfelt prayer, the Preschool staff who helped their students learn their lyrics, Building Better Moms and for the many others behind the scenes that made it all come together effortlessly! And to you, our parents, who give us the opportunity to teach the Word of God to your child each school day. This was a very magical concert indeed! ♥



### COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL FAIR 2019

For the past 4 years, ITBP has hosted a local Preschool Fair for our community. We invite a variety of preschools in the surrounding areas representing traditional, Christian, Montessori, language and outdoor preschools. If you know of a family looking for the perfect preschool fit, please share the date—January 12 from 9:00 to 12:00. If you would like a flyer or two, please stop by the office. We appreciate your help in spreading the word about this community event. ♥

### Inclement Weather

**SNOW & ICE—Brrr!** In our Family Handbook, our policy that states that if the Issaquah School District is delayed for more than an hour or is closed, we are closed. This means that the closures need to be district wide and just not necessary a single school. Because we have a north facing parking lot, ice does not melt fast. We will put the message on our answering machine by 8:30 am if this should occur. Likewise, our website will also change to reflect a closure by 8:30 am.

Sign up for notifications from ISD or LWSD at <https://www.flashalert.net>



Please make sure you include a jacket or sweatshirt when sending your child to school. We try to go outside every day and keeping our little ones warm is key.

And since your child has grown from the start of the school year, their spare clothes in their backpack might need to be replaced to the right size. Thank you. ♥

### Parking Lot Prince and Princesses

Please do not park in the designated parking spots for our Parking Lot Princesses. You never know when they may be running late! ♥

## **Scholastic Book Club Committee**

We are hosting a book donation and swap January 28—February 1. This is a great way to clear out old books or swap for a couple of new ones. The remainder are donated to TreeHouse which supports foster children in Washington. Thank you to our Scholastic Ladies—Hannah Han, Mary Michael Charap, Megan Graff and Heidi Nees, who continue to do a great job of getting orders processed and delivered. Our next book order for Valentines Day will have catalogs out on January 10 and due back by January 18. ♥

## **Parking Lot Guardian Program**

It's not too late to volunteer to help out our wonderful PLG's. Remember any parent is invited to use this service. It is not just for those who are on the committee. The PLGs realize that not everyone can volunteer their time but could use the help in watching a sleeping child sometimes. When you see the parking cones out in the parking lot, please, don't hesitate to slide into a car stall and have them watch your child for you while you drop off or pick up your preschooler. Many thanks to the ladies who are helping make the day a little sweeter by being a Parking Lot Guardian. ♥

## **Christmas Magic Gift Drive**

An email excerpt from Nicole Raegan about the impact we had in this community for Christmas regarding our Christmas Magic Drive:

"Good morning! I just wanted to touch base after our delivery yesterday (Dec. 5). They were so appreciative of all of our gifts and also that we had everything already labeled for them. They were blown away by the generosity of our preschool community. They have an amazing store set up down there and to think of all the families we are helping truly warms my heart. 'Tis the reason for the season. Thank you all for all the extra hard work and effort you put into creating a little Christmas Magic and thank you for allowing me to be a part of it."

**ITBP Families—Thank you again for your generosity!** ♥

## **Textile Drive 2019**

It is that time of year to start thinking about cleaning out your closets, ready your wardrobe for spring & summer (even if in your dreams) for the Preschool! Our annual Textile Drive is for our Eleanor Mason Scholarship Fund is drawing near—it is the week of February 25—March 1.

This fundraiser costs you nothing but clean closets and drawers and who wouldn't want that? The money we raise helps make sure we can assist our Preschool families to stay in our program and give

their child the best ECE education in our community! More details in our next office newsletter. ♥

## **Art From the Heart**

In January, we will start AFH with your children. On tap for January is learning about the color wheel: Charley Color Wheel Chicks with Play-Doh for the Monkey, Bears & Tiger classes (Bunnies start on March 28). The PreK classes will be learning the color wheel through Tortoro art project. We are looking for a few more volunteers on to assist Teacher Denise and your child's teachers (Jan 31; Feb. 1, 28 March 1, 28, 29; April 25, 26 and May 16 & 17). Contact Teacher Denise if you'd like to help with our art program. We highly recommend that you visit her page on the website. Denise\_snook@msn.com. ♥

## **Calendar of Events**

### **January 2019**

- 3 Welcome back to School
- 3 Tuition Due
- 3 Feb JC registration Due
- 7 Public Registration Tours begin
- 8 & 10 Jungle Club starts
- 10 Scholastic Catalogs—Due: 1/18
- 12 Community Preschool Fair 9:00-Noon
- 21 **No School—MLK Day**
- 31 Art from the Heart (AFH) classes begin
- 28 Scholastic Book Donation & Swap Week

### **February 2019\***

- 1 Tuition due / March JC registration & AFH begins
- 5&7 February Jungle Club starts
- 12&14 Valentine Parties
- 18– 22 Second Winter Break
- 25 Textile Drive through Mar. 1



\* Textile Drive coming in February to support our Scholarship Fund—Details to follow!