



Monthly Newsletter – September & October 2023

We have had an amazing start to the school year. Your children are settling well and getting into the routine of their preschool day. It is such a privilege to watch them grow in just these short weeks. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Office & Class Communications:

The office and Tigers, Hippos & Lions class teachers use emails as their main communication tool. The Bunny's have a private FB page and use emails.

We do our best to limit the number of emails we send you so you can easily stay in 'the know' about your child and preschool community. We don't want you to miss out.

ITBP Phone:

We have a dedicated cell phone for you to contact us for absences, late arrivals or change in plans for pick-ups. This phone number will also be used for when we are closed due to inclement weather and information that needs to go out immediately verses an email. Please continue to use this number to text absences. (Emails are always welcome!) This phone will be used from M–F from 8 am—5 pm. Please put this phone number in your phone: **425.269.1997**.

Gmail Update:

Thank you for your patience while Faith Church works on resolving the issue, we had with gmail addresses. Our IT expert is still tweaking the fix and hopefully by October it will be a distant inconvenience. With that said, the office will need to send a few more emails out in a closer timeframe than normal due to this issue. Gmail users and others, please feel free to contact the office by email anytime at inthebeginning@faithunited.org

Paperwork via Google Docs:

We want to thank you all for using our new document system this fall.

Your feedback has been valuable and we look forward to making it better for next fall. The only form that seemed to give everyone a hassle was the CIS form from WA State Mylr.net. We will be more intentional with detailed instructions. If you have not finished filling out the paperwork, please have it completed asap! Thank you.

Volunteering at ITBP:

We volunteer for many reasons, especially in our child's schools to model the importance of education. The greater impact of volunteering is to build community and give us a sense of belonging for ourselves. We are social creatures after all. We are attentive to our working parents and have created opportunities to volunteer at home and meet on Zoom.

We emailed a list of community preschool opportunities the week of September 18. Sign-up sheets are in the classrooms for your convenience. Your class teachers and specialists will communicate their needs for **Classroom Saints** separately. (All volunteer opportunities from the classrooms and specialists are age appropriate to ensure the instructional day runs smoothly.)

Volunteer Requirements ***:

- ◆ Signed Family Handbook Agreement—google docs
- ◆ Filled out WSP form—google docs
- ◆ MMR proof of vaccination. Your CIS form or Titer Test.

We hope to have our committees filled by Friday, October 13 in order to get our year started with events & fun. We hope you will consider volunteering and spending time with your child!

***** One time pass for our AFTH October 5 & 6 volunteers** who have not turned in their required paperwork and proof because you will be working outside on these days. But after October 6, if you plan to volunteer more, you will need to fulfill the above requirements. Thank you for your time & talents. ***

Fall Harvest Festival:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21 from 4-6 pm. ITBP families and friends are invited to a fun afternoon of games, treats and trunk-o-treating, right here on Faith's campus! Dress-up little & big kids alike, come find your favorite teacher, and bring your smile. If you like to participate in Trunk-o-treat, please sign up [here](#) or if you have a child that needs community service hours, there are plenty of opportunities to get those hours. Please RSVP on our Facebook Events page [here](#)!

Calling all Substitute Teachers:

Our preschool is looking for parents and family members who have a passion to work with young children. If you have the flexibility to choose the days you want to work, then being one of our Super Substitute Teachers is the perfect job for you! Stop by the office the week of October 2 to meet with Kathryn at either end of the school day to find out more and pick up an employment packet. Please email her so she knows when to expect you at Kathryn@faithunited.org

Keep Me Home If...

Please remember that if your child is ill, they need to be symptom and fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child falls ill while in our care, we will need you to answer your phone or text from your teachers and/or preschool's cell phone to let us know you are on your way. It is imperative that you respond to our communication. Please continue to inform the preschool and your teachers when your child is absent whether for an illness or vacation. Preschool cell (text:425.269.1997) or email. We worry when we don't hear from you beside missing your little one. Thank you to everyone for being diligent in keeping your child home when they have been sick and to those parents whom kept their child home an extra day to build up their immune system so they do not relapse. ♥

Classroom Allergies:

Thank you to for helping keep those students who have allergies safe by avoiding food allergens in the class. Even though we are a multi-use facility, we do not want the class to witness an Epi-pen procedure.

Faith Church Community Outreach Events:

Blood Drive at Faith Church: It's easy, takes about an hour of your time. FUMC Missions Ministry team is once again hosting a Whole Blood drive through Bloodwork's Northwest, on November 3 from 11 am to 5 pm in the Talbert Building at Faith Church. Sign-ups will begin in October. Did you know you can find out your blood type too?

Mission Work at Preschool - We are saving the world!



For many years, ITBP has provided opportunities for our families to be good stewards to our environment. Through recycling and reusing, we offer programs for families to collect and return everyday household items to the preschool. ITBP will collect, box, and mail/turn them in to Ridwell and other dedicated recycling companies.

These small gestures of conservation that you can do at home with your family will instill the importance of taking care of our planet for all creatures great and small. **Your children will learn through your actions and our lessons that they too can make a difference.** Thank you ahead of time for your future participation.

Year-long opportunities to recycle:

Recycling Squeeze Pouches -

Do you buy squeeze pouches? Help keep the squeezed pouches and lids out of the landfills! Drop off all your empty snack squeeze pouches at preschool. All brands welcome. Look for the drop box by the Tiger Class cubbies.

Spent Batteries – Parent only

We have a bin in the office near the volunteer sign-in/out clipboard. Any time you have used batteries, please don't hesitate to drop them off.

Plastic Lids – Get the kids involved!

It's amazing how many hard plastic lids can't be recycled in your regular recycle bin. Keep a bag handy and throw in your lids to milk cartons, water bottles, etc. Let's see just how many lids we can collect through the year! Send those lids in a plastic bag (which will be recycled too) and we will watch our stash grow for the school year. Kids will learn just how something so little can add up to something so big!

Every 3 months new opportunities to recycle. Here's a sneak peek:

Get rid of that extra **Halloween Candy** and turn in all individual wrapped candy by November 7. Ridwell will donate to Birthday Dreams, Hopelink, and other local partners working on important missions.

Tidbits & Calendaring:

- ◆ **9:30 am** is Start time - please be on time.
- ◆ Please continue to **sign-in/out** your child.
- ◆ **Parking Lot Safety**—please keep your child with you while traveling to a from the parking lot. (Use main parking lot only, please.)
- ◆ **Tuition is due** on October 1st. Still time to drop off 8 checks to the office or let us know if your bank is mailing the tuition in.
 - Due on the 1st of the month and late on the 8th.
- ◆ **Friendship Hour Begins:** Tuesday, October 3 & Thursday, October 5
 - See details on website
- ◆ **Coming this October** —Teacher Spotlights
- ◆ **Prek class** October 10 field trip to Jubilee @ 10 am
- ◆ **Fall Harvest Festival:** 10/22 from 4-6pm.
- ◆ **Halloween Parade:** 10/31 at 9:35 am
- ◆ **Halloween Parties:** 10/31—See class for details
- ◆ **No School**—11/10: Veterans Day and 11/23-24: Happy Thanksgiving
- ◆ **Turkey Trot & Holiday Gift Magic Campaign Combo:** 11/14—details TBA
- ◆ **Save-the-Date: Christmas Program** on Monday, December 11 @ noon

Happy Fall and Happy School Year!