

## **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2015**

### ***Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten***

#### **Thank You for a Great Beginning**

Thank you for returning all the needed papers to keep our files current. We currently have 221 students enrolled including the Time for Two Classes. The classes are: 3s-77, 4s-81, TK-15, K-22, Time for Two-26. Thank you for spreading the good news about UPSK. We do have openings in several classrooms and welcome new students. We have a waiting list for our Time for Two Class. If we have enough we will be offering a third class on Fridays, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

#### **Preschool & TK Enrichment Program**

We currently have a few openings in these excellent programs. They are an extension of our preschool & TK programs, with various days and options. It provides your child with additional learning experiences. Currently, Spanish is taught to the children in Kindergarten, TK Enrichment and Preschool Enrichment on Wednesday afternoons. Please contact Mrs. Conti (Preschool Enrichment) or Mrs. Shindle (TK Enrichment) for information.

#### **Fire Safety Week**

Thank you to the Canfield Fire Dept. who will be at school on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss fire safety with the children. They will also have the opportunity to see a fire truck. We conduct monthly fire drills. It is important to discuss fire safety in your own homes and pick a safe place for your family to meet outside of your home.

#### **Before Care & After Care**

*Before Care* begins at 7:30 a.m. and is in Mrs. Sebastiani's Classroom. A doorbell is at the side door for you to enter. You **do not** need to set this up ahead of time. At 8:20, Mrs. Sebastiani will take your child to their classroom. *After Care* begins daily at 11:00 a.m. and is with Mrs. Maurer. If you need this even at the last

minute, notify your child's teacher or call the office. Miss Lape arrives to help with the School Age Children in After Care at 2:30. Our After Care is available to our UPSK Alumni, or a sibling of a child who attends UPSK and at a Canfield Elementary School. Arrangements can be made for a Canfield bus to drop the children off at UPSK. After Care is available daily until 6:00 p.m. *You will be billed at the end of the month.*

#### **Hot Lunch Program**

Children have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch, Mon.-Thurs. from "Revolution in Nutrition" for \$3.50, which includes unlimited milk and juice. A separate form and menu will be sent home. You may pick the days to order, but you must order for the entire month. Pizza Day is every Friday and is from Fernando's Wedgewood Pizza. Send \$3.50 in an envelope with your child's name on it to be given to their teacher on Friday mornings. They receive pizza, chips or pretzels fruit snacks and unlimited milk/juice.

#### **World's Finest Candy Bars**

Thank you for your OUTSTANDING support of this fundraiser to help us to continue to provide GYMSTERS for our children. Once the money and candy is counted we will inform you of the winners for the various prizes. All of us are winners, thanks to your generosity!

#### **BOX TOPS/Labels for Education**

Information will be coming home for the BOXTOPS Contest that is about to begin. This is a fun and easy way to help UPSK generate some much needed funds. We plan on using the earnings from these programs to help us provide various extras for our children at UPSK. Mrs. Chrissy Cvetkovic is the "BOXTOP Lady" and will be sending out more information. Show your children the "BOXTOP" labels on various items and they will remind you to cut them out. Encourage your family and neighbors to join in

on the fun! Last year our fall collection earned us \$781.00. We know we can top that!

### **TK & K Grandparent/Special Person Day**

On Wed., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten will have a special gathering and share treats with their special adults. Invitations will be sent to these special people.

### **Room Moms**

Thank you for volunteering to help us provide wonderful opportunities for our children. The Room Moms are currently scheduling parents to work the parties and various events. If you do not hear from them, and you did offer to volunteer, please stop in the office. Thank you to Nicole Billak and her committee. *A chairperson is still needed for Teacher Conference Lunches.* This person (or two persons can chair) organizes parents to donate food for the staff to enjoy on conference days. The staff is very easy to please!

### **27<sup>th</sup> Craft Show, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

The planning has begun and a meeting is scheduled for **Thurs., October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Play Center. This is our biggest fundraiser, and is a lot of fun. We need everyone to help and many of the jobs can be done from your home! Thank you to Christy Durham and her committee for their enthusiasm, ideas and helping us get into the Christmas Spirit!

### **Buckeyes are Back**

Once again we are giving our UPSK families and friends the opportunity to preorder the famous buckeyes that are for sale at our Craft Show on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. These sell quickly, so don't miss out! The orders with the money must be turned in to UPSK by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Buckeyes will be made with much love and kept frozen. Buckeye orders will be ready for pick up on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 and 3:00 p.m. An order form will be sent home soon. We know you will want

to order many dozens so you can enjoy a few now and save some for the holidays.

### **Feast of the Guardian Angel**

The children will gather to celebrate this great feast day on October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be sure to ask them about it and have them sing the song they learned. Our Guardian Angels are precious to us at UPSK.

### **St. Frances of Assisi Feast Day**

This is celebrated on October 4<sup>th</sup> each year. He is the patron saint of animals. This is a special day to bless and thank God for all of the animals, especially family pets that are so loved.

### **Arrival & Dismissal**

Children should arrive to school at 8:20-8:30 a.m. and 12:20-12:30 pm. If you need to bring your child earlier, we do have Before/After Care. We ask that Preschool parents wait in the Lobby until 11:00 & 3:00 pm. The TK & K children dismiss from the side doors at their scheduled times.

Thank you for using ***EXTREME CAUTION*** in the parking lot and following the flow of cars when entering and exiting. Please do not park your cars around the circle as it makes it difficult for the TK & K children to get dropped off.

### **Happy Halloween**

3's celebrate on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

4's celebrate on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Schedule the same for both days***

-Arrival: 9:00 a.m. / 1:00 p.m.

-Parade: 9:15 a.m./1:15 p.m.

-Party: 9:30 a.m./1:30 a.m.

-Dismissal: 11:00 a.m./3:00 p.m.

*Parents/friends are welcome to attend the parade, hopefully outside. Parents have been assigned to help in the classrooms.*

## Halloween continued

TK & K celebrate on Friday, October 30th

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- Arrival: 9:00 a.m.
- Parade: 9:15 a.m. (with 4's)
- Party: 9:30 a.m.
- Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.

Before/After Care is available both days. If your child is staying for Enrichment or After Care, please provide a change of clothes.

***No TK Enrichment on October 30<sup>th</sup>.***

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The UPSK school community prepares food baskets for those less fortunate each year at Thanksgiving. Each class will adopt a family to collect food for a bountiful basket. They will also pray for their special family during the month of November and make Thanksgiving cards to place in with the food. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the Play Center Classroom to help organize this meaningful event. If you want to help but you are not able to attend the meeting please call our chairperson Jill Malloy at: 330-774-8481.

## UPSK Webpage/FACEBOOK

Please check us out on the web: [Ursulinepreschoolandkindergarten.org](http://Ursulinepreschoolandkindergarten.org) and on *Facebook* to read about all that is happening at UPSK that is worth reading about.

## REMINDERS/ Looking ahead....

No School on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Our staff will be attending an "In-Service." Enjoy the day with your family.

No School on Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> do to staff "In-Service" and NCEA Convention in Cleveland for all Catholic Schools.

Picture Days: Information will be sent home  
4s & K Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
3s & TK Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Parent Conferences: Information sent home  
TK & K: Thursday, Nov. 5th, Play Center  
4's: Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Play Center

Thanksgiving Break:  
No school November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

*We wish for your family wonderful memories in the days ahead. May these Autumn days remind you that life is ever changing and each day is a gift to be treasured. Know that we treasure the gift of your child at Ursuline Preschool and Kindergarten. It is both an honor and a privilege to be part of your child's education and the many experiences we share together at UPSK. May your blessings be bountiful during this Harvest Season.*

*Blessings,  
Mrs. Mary Ann Critell principal/director  
and  
Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten Staff*