

WELCOME

Welcome to our 54th year of educating young children at Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten. Our new staff members are excited to be part of our school.

Mrs. Christine Kennedy, TK Teacher

Mrs. Britney Wilkins, Technology Teacher

Mrs. Leslie Zorella, 3s & 4s Teacher

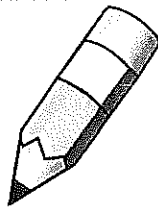
Miss Laura Roch, Time for Two, Asst.

Several staff members will not be returning.

We pray that God will bless them with much joy and good health in their future:

Mrs. Ann Meister, Mrs. Shindle and

Mrs. Tsikouris



SCHOOL FORMS/HANDBOOKS

Ohio Department of Education requires that we have current shot records, updated forms and a copy of the birth certificate on file for every student the first day of school. Thank you for your prompt return of needed information. Families received the UPSK Handbook. Thank you for returning the form stating you received and read them.

SUPPLIES

Thank you to parents with the last names ending in "A-J" for sending in the needed supplies. It is amazing the number of tissues the children use in a day!

MORNING CARE/AFTER CARE

Your child can be at UPSK from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. *Before Care* is available daily at 7:30 a.m. (doorbell at side door near Mrs. Sebastiani's Room.) *After Care* is available daily from 11:00-6:00 p.m. Call or send a note if your child is to go to After Care. The fee is \$5.00 an hour, billed at the

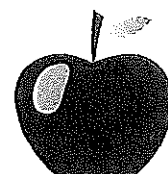
end of each month. *Alumni and siblings of UPSK student attending Canfield Elem. Schools can take the bus to UPSK After Care.* Please contact Canfield to make arrangements.

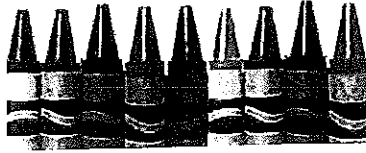
ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Please use ONLY the entrance that is marked "Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten and Walsh University." This is the Shields Rd. entrance that is closest to Raccoon Rd. Thank you for driving SLOW when entering the parking lot. We ask that the TK/K parents follow the one way arrows on the pavement at dismissal to keep everyone safe. Children are able to arrive at 8:20 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. for their classes. Morning Care/After Care is always available.

GYMSTERS

We are thrilled that Gymsters will continue to be part of our curriculum this year. The past several years we sold candy bars to help pay for our Gymsters Program, Spanish/Music for our K and Enrichment Programs. However, this year we are planning to do several more creative "fun"raisers to help provide these programs. We are anticipating a "Quaker Steak Night", Chipotle Night and Handel's Night during the year. These establishments give a certain percentage back to the school for a "specific school night." We will send more information home once we get dates confirmed. Of course, we are open to suggestions to help us earn money to provide these excellent "extra" programs this year.





PIZZA FRIDAYS

If your child will be staying for lunch on Fridays, the children can purchase Fernando's Wedgewood pizza. Please place \$3.50 in an envelope with your child's name and "PIZZA" marked on the envelope. Give this to your child's teacher. Pizza lunches include: pizza, chips/pretzels, fruit snacks and unlimited milk and juice. Pizza begins Friday, September 1st.

PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This is available for our preschool children as an addition to the 3's and 4's program. The program hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30 p.m. and 11:00-3:00 p.m. Brochures are available in the office or talk to Mrs. Conti.

TRANSITIONAL KDG. ENRICHMENT

This program is designed for the children in our Transitional Kindergarten that wish to extend their day. It is an extension of the TK curriculum with many hands on scientific and investigative activities. It is 12:30-2:30 p.m. with optional days available. Brochures are in the office or talk with Mrs. Kennedy.

TIME FOR TWO PROGRAM

This program is designed for the two year old child to enjoy an hour of many age appropriate activities with one adult. The class meets from 9:00-10:00 on several days during the week. Brochures are in the office or talk with Mrs. Klepec. Class sizes are limited.

TRANSITIONAL KDG & KDG TESTING

Our TK and K children will be given the STAR Early Literacy between Sept. 1st and 29th. The results will be sent home to you with their strengths and area of growth needed. Mrs. Wilkins, our Technology Teacher will be administering the test on the computers.

PRESCHOOL PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Our preschool parents will receive the "Ages & Stages Questionnaire" (ASQ-SE) to complete. A letter explaining this will be sent home with the questionnaire. It takes about 10 minutes to complete and enables the parents and teachers to see where their child's social and emotional development is. The information is confidential between teacher/parent and is not shared with anyone.

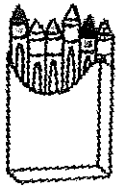
HOMEROOM MOMS

If you are interested in being a homeroom mom, please make sure your form is turned in. The names will be randomly drawn on Monday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m., you are welcome to attend. On Monday, Sept. 25th the HR Moms that were randomly selected will meet at 6:00 p.m. to plan the year.

BOXTOPS

Thank you to Mandy Ulicney, our "BOXTOP Lady" for organizing this ongoing collection. She will be sending information home soon.





TUITION/SUPPLY FEE

Thank you for your conscientious effort to make payment on your September tuition and supply fee. If your child attends Before or After School Care, you will be billed at the end of the month. Tuition is due on or before the 15th of each month. Please make checks payable to UPSK. If you prefer paying with a credit card we use "Paypal." A 5% discount is offered if you pay the tuition in full by Sept. 30th.

SCHOOL SAFETY

We take the safety of your child very seriously. All of our doors are locked with cameras located at all the entrances. All persons entering the school must stop at the office. Our school Safety Plan has been sent and approved by the Attorney General and Ohio Department of Education. We do conduct regular safety drills including: Lockdown, fire, tornado.

SPIRIT WEAR

You will have the opportunity to order UPSK Spirit Wear. During the year we have Spirit Day and encourage the staff and children to wear Spirit Shirts or dress in the school colors, navy and white. Order forms are in the office and school lobby. Order and money due Sept. 15th.

THANK YOU SUPPORTING FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to returning parents for your outstanding support of our past fundraisers. We went above our goal and were able to place the extra profit into our Technology Wish List. We are excited to share with you that with the very generous donation made last year by the *Danny Price Charities, Inc.* and the "extra profit" from our fundraisers we were able to purchase a PROMITHEAN Active Board on wheels (for all children to use) and a laptop computer. We thank all of you in advance for supporting our future "fundraisers."



NUN RUN

Mark your calendar for the "Nun Run 5k Race/1 mile Walk and Kids Run on Saturday, October 7th. A registration form will be sent home with the details and times for the various races. All proceeds benefit the Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry. If you register by Sept. 22nd you will be guaranteed a t-shirt.

29TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Save the date" Saturday December 2nd, 2017" for our 29th Annual Craft Show. Committees are being formed and many volunteers are needed to prepare for our "Once Upon a Christmas" Craft Show. Christy Durham, a Mom of two UPSK graduates, does an outstanding job as chairperson. We are grateful for her continued leadership and to ALL OF YOU who volunteer to help carry on this fine holiday tradition! Last year the school made a profit of close to \$19,000.00 which went into our operating budget. We will begin planning in September to make this such an outstanding event.

ENROLLMENT

We are thrilled that our enrollment continues to grow. Several classes are closed but we have room in a few classes for additional students. We have a "rolling enrollment" for all of our programs at UPSK. This means if you have a child that is ready to begin preschool during the school year we will be happy to accept your child if space is available.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your child's educational journey this year. We encourage you to enjoy these many "first days of school" with your child. May these fall days be filled with memories to last a lifetime. We look forward to sharing the year ahead.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ann Critell, Principal/Director
& Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten Staff*

