

# News from the Board

Sept. 2018

## Welcome to a New School Year

### *About the Board*

The Board of Directors oversees the Learning Circle Preschool. The Board consists of faculty members, Katrina, Anne, and Kim, Parent Members Dorothy Greene, Elizabeth Rooney (co-chairs), Chris Donovan (Treasurer), Sarah Caron, Amanda Czarnecki, Rasheeda Faulk, Emily Garrido, Tara Mahoney, and Andrea Robert (Community Representative).

There are pictures of all of us posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Room (over the trapezoidal table) to help put a face to a name.

The board oversees the business and policy related affairs of the school. Practically speaking, this includes overseeing the budget, making financial decisions, organizing fundraisers, assisting with publicizing the school and its events, and setting annual goals for the board's work.

We are volunteering our time and would love to have you join us for board meetings and activities. The Board meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm, with a parent discussion that typically begins at 8pm. **Parents are invited to attend all meetings.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us!

**The mission of Learning Circle Preschool, Inc. is to create child-centered, individualized, developmentally appropriate programs serving preschool children and their families in a nurturing and inclusive environment.**



## Board Goals

Every year both the teachers and the board set goals to continually improve our school. This year's goals include:

- Outreach to the school community and to the wider community about the school and school events
- Development of the website, blog, and social media for outreach to new families and to better communicate with current families
- Plan for this year's fundraising events
- Keep families informed about board activities through current newsletters, etc.
- Support the teachers to realize the school's mission and build family-school partnerships

## Participation at School

### *Family Board in the Welcome Room*

There are many ways that family members participate in the program. Some share personal interests or experiences with children or share family traditions, some come in to play, others read or join other on-going classroom activities.

In the Welcome Room above the cubbies you'll see a Family Board with samples of some of the ways family members have enjoyed joining school activities in the past. There are sign-up sheets for various parent-led activities, like reading a favorite book to the class, planting, cooking or even spending a full day! We also encourage parents to bring in lunch for the teachers on Fridays, since they stay for trainings and class discussion, and the sign-up sheet is located there as well. Please take a moment in the coming weeks to check out on-going projects!

## Family Class Notebooks

### *Getting to Know Each Other*

At the beginning of the school year, we are all looking forward to getting to know both you and your children well, and we know many of you want to meet and get to know other families at the school. You may also be looking for events through which you can both socialize and learn more about what happens here at school.

To help get the process started, you'll find a collection of notebooks on the round table in the Welcome Room. The three class notebooks (Chickadee, Nuthatch, and Goldfinch) have family and individual photos of the children enrolled. Another notebook has information on the many events that occur throughout the year, with some photos from past years that may give you a feel for the event. Please enjoy looking through these books!



## Our Community

We are always looking for ways to make our community stronger. Have an idea? Please share!

## Upcoming Events

### **Board Meeting and Parent Orientation Discussion**

Wed. September 12; 7 p.m. meeting and 8 p.m. discussion or

Fri. September 14; 9 -10:30 a.m.

### **Parent Orientation – Morning**

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### **Charlie Appelstein Community Presentation**

September 27th 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

### **Open House for Prospective Parents**

October 3rd 9:00-10:30am

### **Curriculum Night**

October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm

### **LC Food Day Celebration**

October 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:30am



## Parent Orientation

Parent Orientation meetings this year will be held on the evening of Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. and on the morning of Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

At this meeting, we will talk about school beginnings, the program and how our philosophy is realized in each classroom, and review highlights from this year's Parent Handbook. We will also review our child assessment systems and parent access to My Teaching Strategies, where we keep observation records.

**This is an important meeting for all parents; please make every effort to attend!**