

**MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
EARLY LEARNING CENTER
2011-2012 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS**

IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

Dear Parents, We would like to welcome you to Most Precious Blood Early Learning Center for the 2011-2012 School Year! The packet you have just received contains paperwork that needs to be returned to the ELC no later than Friday, August 12th. If your paperwork is not turned in by this date, your child will not be guaranteed a space in our program.

We also ask that the \$50.00 Annual Material Fee (per child) be paid. In addition, if your family's last name begins in A-L we ask that you donate one ream of copier paper. If your family's last name begins in M-Z we ask that you donate 1 box of facial tissue and 1 box of 5 oz. Dixie cups (kitchen size, not bathroom size please) (per child) on or before the first day of your child's attendance. Please label items and turn into the office.

MPBELC classes begin Monday, August 22nd. **Tuition is due at half your usual rate for the last portion of August.** Also included in the packet are our new ELC Tuition Schedule/Rates for the 2011-2012 School Year. Please do not forget to return the signed and dated white copy of your Tuition Contract.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MON. AUG 22nd
TUE. AUG 23rd
THUR. AUG 25th

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PRESCHOOL
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
PRE-KINDERGARTEN

MON. SEPT. 5th
FRI. SEPT. 9th
SUN. SEPT. 11th
FRI. SEPT. 16th
FRI. SEPT. 23rd

ELC CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
MPB PARISH PICNIC
PRE-K GRANDPARENT TEA
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Parent Advisory Committee is a group of parents who have children enrolled at the Early Learning Center and/or School-Age Program. We meet three to four times a year to discuss stewardship, fundraising, staff and parent concerns, and events such as our Christmas Family to Family project. The 2011-2012 school year board members are Heidi Bath, Patti Dewhurst, Melissa Dugan, and Colleen Quinn. We would like to thank all of them for volunteering and continued support.

STAFF UPDATE

A great many thanks to Mr. Garcia, Ms. Julie, Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Erin, Mr. Austin, Ms. Paige, and Ms. Charlotte for helping with our summer camp. We hope that they have a great school year and we will definitely miss their help.

LUNCH INFO.

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN (Rooms 1 & 2) staying for child care after 11:00 a.m. will be eating lunch in their classrooms. Lunch boxes/bags must have child's name written on the outside. Please put your child's lunch in the classroom lunch basket. We will provide milk for lunch.

PRE-K CHILDREN (Rooms 3 & 4) staying for child care after 11:30 a.m. will have the choice of either cold lunch or hot lunch. Lunch boxes/bags must have child's name written on the outside. Cold lunches can be put in the classroom lunch basket. We will provide milk for lunch. Hot lunch is \$1.50/day or \$15.00/10 day ticket, payable to MPB School Cafeteria. We will have a hot lunch sign-up sheet located by the sign in/out book. Your child must be signed up by 9:00a.m. to be included in the lunch count. Charging hot lunch will not be allowed. We will pick up hot lunch and bring it back to the classroom. **Kindergarten children need to sign-up at MPB School, and give any lunch money to their teacher. Hot lunch is served by MPB School so be sure to check the hot lunch menu for "no hot lunch" days.**

PIZZA

Each **Monday** that we are in school, we will be ordering cheese and pepperoni pizzas. In addition, we will serve fruit and drink. The cost for each slice is \$1. Pizza cards may be purchased from the office. The sign-up sheet will be located by the sign in/out books. **Sign-up for pizza and payment must be done by Thursday of the previous week**, in order to have the pizza delivered for Monday mornings. We will usually have several weeks for you to sign-up ahead of time. The first pizza Monday will be August 29th.

SCHOOL YEAR CURRICULUM

We have combined the Archdiocese of Denver's Pre-K curriculum with the NAEYC's (National Association for the Education of Young Children) curriculum for children ages 3 to 5. The curriculum includes Religion, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. In addition to consistently promoting Christian morals and values a religion lesson is taught weekly focusing on the Bible and the church calendar.

2011-2012 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed for the following ELC events:

Halloween Party
Teacher Appreciation

Reception following Christmas Program
Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program
If you are able to help, please sign-up on the parent board.

IMPORTANT INFO.

Sign In/Out Book...Signing your child in & out is required by Human Services. Please do not forget to sign in & out each day. The book is located by our Parent Board.

Message Board...If someone else is picking up your child please let us know so that we can write it on the Message Board. A photo I.D. will be required when someone new is picking up your child.

Medicine...We are required by Human Services to have a permission for medication form filled out by your child's physician before we can give any medication. We need this form for over the counter as well as prescription medication. **If you do not have the medication form we cannot administer the medication.** The forms are in the back of the parent handbook.

Clothes...Each child needs a labeled change of clothes in their cubby.

Blankets...Each child needs a small blanket for naptime. Label & take home weekly to wash.

Mailboxes...In an effort to facilitate better communication between teachers & parents, we have "paper only" mailboxes located near the classroom doors. Please check daily.

Parent's Night Out...Parent's Night Out will be held every month, generally the 2nd Friday from 6:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. Children are welcome to bring their pajamas, and enjoy the evening with their friends. Please remember that payment is due in cash to the teacher in charge at pickup time. **If you sign your child up and do not call to cancel 24 hours prior to PNO you will be charged \$10.00 per child.**

Late pick up...MPBELC closes daily at 6:00 p.m. **Please have your child picked up by then or you will be charged a late fee. The late fee is \$1.00 per minute, per child (payable immediately to teacher in charge). Please be considerate of our staff & pick up your child on time.**

As always please feel free to stop by the office any time with any questions or concerns. We would also like to encourage you to visit or spend a day with your child's class. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kellie Peterson
Director MPBELC