



First Presbyterian Preschool Parent Link

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Dates to Remember:

- **March 2**-Meals of Hope
- **March 5**-Parent Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm, Rm 204
- **March 8**-Preschool closed
- **March 11-15**-Spring Break, Preschool closed
- **March 19 and 20**-Spring Portraits with Hirsch Studio
- **April**-Clothing drive for Mission Peniel

New Student Database!!!!

We are so excited to announce that we will be using a new software program, Sandbox Software, for our student database needs. We will begin using our classroom iPads for sign in/out procedures and parents will be able to create a parent portal account that will allow you to see your child's information and make changes (phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, authorized pick up names, etc.). This new database will also allow us to track medical forms and other necessary documentation much better than our old, existing system. Eventually, we'll be able to use the new system to register for upcoming school years and summer camps!

To sign the students in and out, you will enter a unique four digit passcode, followed by your initials, on the classroom iPads. We have taken the liberty of setting up each parent and those authorized for pick up with a passcode. These codes are the last four digits of each individual's cell phone number, or home number if there is no cell phone listed on the enrollment paperwork. Once you have established your parent portal account, you can change your passcode if you prefer.

In order to set up your parent portal account, visit www.parentportal.runsandbox.com. You will use your email address as your username and then can create a password. Once a password has been chosen (six characters in length), click "Create Account".

In the parent portal, you will have access to news feeds, messages (where you can send us messages about absences, etc.), daily logs, contacts, calendar and attendance, and your child's information. You may see a billing link, however, we will **not** be using the billing aspect of the program, but will continue using our current billing procedures.

Implementation of this new system will begin following Spring Break (yay!!!!), however, you can go ahead and set up your parent portal accounts.



Sunday, March 10th

FPP Art Gallery now showing:

- Carter F., Sawyer N., Franco M.
- Woody A., Chase G.
- Bay S., Jenna P., Christian D.

Spring Portraits

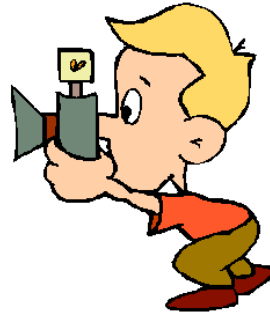


The fact that it's March and Spring time already is quite overwhelming! But with the change in the season comes an opportunity to capture your child's photo one more time this year.

Hirsch Studio photographers, Bruce and Linda, will be here Tuesday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 20, to complete Spring portraits for our students. There is no obligation to purchase, but we will provide each child with an order form and envelope.

VPK students will be photographed in a cap and gown.

Volunteers are needed for both days. If you are interested in assisting, please let Liz or me know.



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Extra-Curricular Activities

We have several exciting programs that offer classes at the end of the school day. Would your child be interested in joining?

- **HappyFeet** is a soccer program offered on Mondays and Fridays from 1:00 to 1:30 pm for students ages 3 through 5 (\$42/month)
- **Mindflow Yoga with Ms. Christy** is available on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 1:30 for students ages 3 through 5 (\$30/month)
- **NEW!!!! Zumbini** classes with Ms. Tina will be offered on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 1:30 for students ages 2 through 5 (\$140 for 8 classes, register by 3/18)

Registration information and forms for all three programs are available outside the Preschool office.

*An additional \$10/month activity fee will be assessed to each participating student's account.

Clothing Drive

Need to do some spring cleaning? The Parent Committee will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit the families of Mision Peniel during the month of April.

Mision Peniel serves migrant families in Immokalee through pastoral care, meals and clothing. We would like to collect clothing such as work pants, sneakers, shirts, shorts, children's clothing, etc. Clothing collected should be appropriate for work and play. Please ensure that the clothing items you donate are in good condition.

We will have collection boxes/bins where clothing can be placed. Collection of clothing items will begin April 1.



Spring Break is almost here!!!!

No school Friday, March 8

Spring Break March 11-15

Students return Monday, March 18