

September 2018

Welcome back and hello to new faces. We have been working very hard to get this year off to a good start.

### **OUR STAFF**

Directors: Anita Bradley

Co-Director: Mary Kay Bowden

Toddler Teacher: Janet Price

Aide: Joyce Kowalski

2s Two Day Teacher: Sue Nelson

Aide: Becca Haas Aide :Roseann Christian

2s Three Day Teacher: Shannon Bowden

Aide: Lisa Kowalski

2s Three Day Teacher: Sue Nelson

Aide: Joyce Kowalski

3s Three Day Teacher: Clare Roper

Aide: Janet Price

3s Three and Five Day Teacher: Mary Kay Bowden(MWF)

Aide: Peggy Perri(MWF)

3s Three and Five Day Teacher (TTH) Tina Murphy

Aide (TTH) Janice D'Ambrosio

4s Five Day Teacher: Carmel Bradley

Aide: Nicola DiBattista

4s Three Day Teacher (MWF) Heather Hall

Aide: Cindy DiLullo

Building Aide: Roseann Christian (MW)

Music Specialist: Claire Vesper

Science Program Specialist: Mary Kay Bowden

Gym Specialist- Sue Nelson

All Stars: Mary Kay Bowden, Sue Nelson, and Tina Murphy

P.T.O. Chairpersons: Tori Reed and Kate Italiano

### **NEWSLETTERS**

**Please note that the September Newsletter will be sent home in your child's communication for this month only. All months following will be posted online and it is your responsibility to read the information in them each month. Thank you.**

### **POLICIES**

All policies and procedures are online at [aumpreschool.com](http://aumpreschool.com). Please refer to this site when you have any questions.

### **PARENTS' NIGHT.**

Mark your calendars and please plan to attend Parents' Night which will be held on **Wednesday, September 19 from 7:00 until 8:00**. Come and meet the staff, see your child's classroom, meet other parents and learn what the goals will be for your child for the preschool year.

**The Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 P.M in the church and is only for the parents.** There will be an introduction of staff and PTO, after which we will meet in the classrooms. Please take the time to visit the website [www.aumpreschool.com](http://www.aumpreschool.com) and read the school handbook. There is a lot of information that will answer most questions you may have about the school. Any other questions you might have will be addressed in the classrooms

#### BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

The Birthday Book Club was established several years ago. The idea is to celebrate your child's birthday by allowing him to choose a book or tape or DVD or CD to be donated to the school library. All donations are carefully noted with the child's name, age and birth date. These special materials are circulated throughout the entire school.

#### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

**\*\* Please be aware of the traffic pattern for arrival and dismissal. Enter the parking lot from Argyle road, the school sign marks the driveway entrance, proceed to the double doors, unbuckle your child\*, an aide will assist him/her from the car to the building, and exit onto Hood road. This is for safety in traffic flow. Even if you plan on parking and picking up your child on foot, the procedure for entering the parking lot is the same. \* If you are unable to unbuckle your child before approaching the door, please pull off to the right and do so then get back in the line to drop-off your child at the door.**

Please keep in mind that the parking lot and arrival and dismissal lanes are cell free zones. This is for the safety of our children.

We will have "helpers" on duty at arrival time from 8:50 to 9:15 every morning. **If your child arrives after 9:15, you will need to be buzzed in at the security door. Please escort your child to his/her classroom, and make the child's presence known to the teacher.** This is for safety reasons. There is a possibility that the class may be in another location in the building, and we don't want a child wandering in the hallways confused or frightened. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The parking lot rents spaces to car dealerships for their employees. **They are to use Hood Rd. only to enter and exit.** Therefore, we all must be careful when exiting the lot.

#### PICK UP

It is the policy of our school to require written notification if anyone other than parents will be picking up the child. This precaution is for your child's safety. When car pools are formed, we ask that each member of the car pool put in writing that that is their intention. If someone else is picking your child up, please send a note with that person's name and description of their vehicle. Parents picking up children on foot must line up at the end of the ramp and please be patient because we must get children in the cars first so as to not block street traffic on Argyle Road. Your child will be handed over to you as soon as we are able to do so. **Pick-up time is 11:00 for Toddlers, 11:20 for the 2s and 11:30 for the 3s and 4s. Late warnings will be given after designated pick-up times. Extended day pick-up is 2:00. Late fees will be issued after 2:00.**

## **There is NO LATE WARNING ISSUED FOR EXTENDED DAY.**

### FIREFLY BOOK ORDERS

We offer order blanks for the Firefly Book Club. These books are very reasonably priced and specifically selected to be age appropriate for the preschool child. Points gathered from sales have also enabled us to purchase books and tapes for the school library. The deadline for the first book order is Sept.21.

### CAR ID

**Your child's name card is to be displayed on your sun visor at pick-up time.** One of the staff will be in the driveway with a walkie-talkie to help speed dismissal along and prevent any cars blocking Argyle Road. We ask you to pull up as close to the car in front of you as possible. Please be patient with us, there are approximately 90 children enrolled (on MWF) at this time. Keep this in mind when your child is escorted to your vehicle. This is not the time to have a discussion with the teachers or aides placing the children in your car. If you have a question or concern, please call the school or email your child's teacher.

### EXTENDED DAY

Extended day is offered for the two, three and four year olds Monday through Friday until 2:00. Two year olds must be toilet trained, not wearing onesies, and not "nappers". In order to staff extended day adequately, we must close registration for the **discounted block rates on Sept. 21. Extended Day will begin on Sept. 24 .** Occasional day lunch children may sign up, no later than 9:30 A.M., on the morning that they plan to stay for lunch. **Please pick up promptly, no later than 2:00 or late fees will be charged (there is no late warning for extended day).** All Stars begins on Wednesday, Sept. 26. If you need to pick up your child earlier than the dismissal time, please call ahead. The security system will be in place, and you will need to be identified to enter the building between 11:45 and 2:00.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please keep in mind the peanut free policy. No peanuts, peanut products, or food made on peanut processing equipment are to be in the building because of children with peanut allergies.\* Please read the labels on treats sent in lunchboxes.**

Extended Day rates - **\$20.00** until 2:00 P.M. or **\$25.00 on Pizza Mondays.** We must have a minimum of three children ordering pizza for Pizza Mondays. A discounted block rate will be offered. Registration information will be sent home at the end of the first week of school.

### PHONE DIRECTORY

The phone directory will be handed out the first or second week of school. Only those who have given written permission to have some or all of this information published will be included. The purpose of the directory is to facilitate communication among parents and students of A.U.M.P. This directory is not to be made available to any non-school organization or business.

### PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please let your child's teacher know if there are any changes to be made in the directory that was sent home.

## PTO

Welcome to all of our new and returning families. We look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the school year. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 19 from 11:30-1:30 for the back to school picnic at South Ardmore Park. Details to follow. We have scheduled our PTO meeting at the school after drop-off on Friday Sept 21. All interested are welcome to attend. Our first fundraiser is the Fall Plant Sale. We get our plants from Taddios in Havertown and they never disappoint. Order forms will go home in communication envelopes and will be due on Sept. 21, and plant pick-up will be on September 26 and 27. Also, **Saturday, October 20** is our **BIGGEST** Fundraiser, the **FALL FAIR!!** We need everyone's help for this 3 hour fair (11:00-2:00), Proceeds goes towards maintaining the school playground, assemblies and other programs during the school year for the children.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact Tori Reed at [torireed@gmail.com](mailto:torireed@gmail.com) and/or Kate Italiano at [kaitaliano@gmail.com](mailto:kaitaliano@gmail.com)  
NEW ARRIVALS – no entries

## PRETZEL WEDNESDAY

Pretzel Wednesdays are back! Every last Wednesday of the month the children will enjoy a soft pretzel snack from the Philadelphia Pretzel Company courtesy of the PTO. Children in the Tuesday-Thursday classes will have them for snack on Thursday!

## ALL STARS

**Our All Stars program is offered to the 4's only.** All Stars will be held every Wednesday from 11:40 to 2:00. Mrs. Bowden and the All Star Staff will meet with the children enrolled after lunch to explore exciting enrichment activities. Some of the activities being featured are- "Art Goes to School" along with a trip around the world and the world of Science. If you would like your child enrolled in this program, you need to sign up for the discounted block rate of Wednesdays on the extended day form for lunch. More information will follow. Look for this in your 4 year olds' backpack.

## **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

**This will be the last newsletter that will be printed out this year. In order to conserve paper, the newsletters and calendars will be on the school website. It will be the responsibility of parents to check the website the beginning of each month.**

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### **Mrs. Price's , Mrs.Joyce's, and Ms Janine's Toddlers**

We have 10 very adorable toddlers to start our toddler program. Please allow time for the children to adjust and bond with us. They are mere babies and we only have

them for three hours each week. Once we are adjusted to school we will have lots of fun things to do. Making new friends is our first goal.

**Mrs. Sue's, Mrs. Joyce's, Ms. Becca's, and Mrs. Roseann's 2s**

Welcome to the 2s. We're working on a "NO TEARS POLICY". Bear with us, it will take some time. September will find us making autumn leaves and trees. We will also talk about how many boys and girls we have in our class. We're looking forward to the fun-filled year ahead, getting to know each other, and having lots of adventures. See you on Parent's Night.

**Mrs. Shannon's and Mrs Lisa's 2s**

Welcome to the 2s! The first few weeks of school we will be working on no tears, and getting adjusted into the classroom! We will be making a lot of fall projects before we begin learning colors. We will focus on socialization and having fun at school. Hope to see you on Parents' Night!

**Mrs. Bowden's, Mrs. Perri's, Mrs. Tina's and Mrs. Janice's 3 day-5 day 3s**

We are excited about meeting and getting to know our 3 day-5 day 3's. We have lots of exciting things planned for the first few weeks of school. We will be creating beautiful art projects to decorate your homes, reading lots of great books and playing some fun games. We hope to see all the parents at Parents Night.

**Mrs. Roper's and Mrs. Price's 3 day 3s**

Welcome to the three day three year old class which is on the first floor, second room on the left. We are looking forward to meeting you all, and making new friends. Lots of exciting things are planned for the fall here at AUMP! Can't wait to get started! Hope to see all you parents at Back to School Night!

**Mrs. Carmel's and Mrs. Nicola's 4s**

We're off and running! This year promises to be productive and fun. We'll spend the first weeks getting to know each other and the "preschool routine". We hope you will be able to join us for Parent's Night. We will take that opportunity to explain our program and the plans we have for this year.

**Mrs. Heather's and Mrs. Cindy's 3 day 4s**

Welcome to the M-W-F threes. We are excited about meeting and getting to know our class. We will spend time talking about the preschool routine. Don't forget to mark your calendars for back to school night. Looking forward to a great year!

**Specials – we will start Music, Science and Gym classes in the beginning of October once the children are settled in to their regular class routine.**