

Hello parents! Here is your February newsletter; thanks for taking the time to read it.

1. **Valentine's Day** activities: By now you should have received a note from your child's teacher with information about the Valentine Exchange and/or special snack. We will be having a special lunch on the 14th consisting of: Smucker's Uncrustables (grape flavor), Cheese-its, and applesauce pouches. While there is no extra fee for this lunch, please let me know as soon as possible if your child will not be partaking in this meal so that I can plan accordingly. Because Valentine's Day is on a Thursday, we would like to invite the Monday, Wednesday, Friday kids to join in for the fun at (at no extra cost). The Valentine's Day festivities will end at 1:00pm. This activity is for children in the PK2, PK3, and VPK classes.
2. Our annual **Donuts for Dads** program is scheduled for Friday, March 1 for preschoolers/dads in the PK2, PK3, and VPK classes. Be on the lookout for your invitation!
3. Please check out the adorable hand and foot print plaques that are located outside my door! TUMP parent Dorrie Sanders-Duarte is the owner of Myakka Clayworks and is coming back once again to do these baby prints for the preschool. The cost is only \$22, and if you would like to bring a sibling in that is not enrolled at TUMP, that is fine. The **baby prints** are scheduled for Thursday, April 4. The deadline to order is Tuesday April 2. Please see the attached order form.
4. For **tax** purposes, our Federal ID is: 590638497. Tuition Express members can log into their account to print out year-end records; please let me now if you need your code.
5. **Enrollment** has begun and applications are now being accepted, so it is a good time to talk about summer. I will assume you are staying for the summer session unless you let me know otherwise. The date to opt out of the summer session is April 15. You can change your program for the summer if you would like. For example: Switching from full time to part time, or switching from 5 days to 3 days. Please see me about this before April 15.
6. Oops! The **summer** start date is wrong on school calendar; we are starting our summer session on MONDAY, June 10, not the 11th! Sorry for the miscommunication!
7. Please be mindful of people that you do not know or recognize coming in behind you to the preschool when you open the door. When FSU was here screening, I had 3 students come up to me and ask where to go. They should never have gotten in the building; they simply followed someone who swiped in. Please, for the **safety** of everyone, if you do not recognize the person walking up the sidewalk, strike up a conversation, and if need be, ring the doorbell and one of our staff will handle it from there.

8. **Current PK3 families** (those in Ms. Snowden and Ms. Polanski's classes): Now is the time to register for next year's VPK class with the State of Florida Office of Early Learning. Please go to their website for the details and to register: <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

9. The **Watoto Choir from Africa** will perform at Trinity on February 6, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Watoto is a Swahili word for children; the name was "adopted" by missionaries Gary and Marilyn Snikker, who planted a thriving, community-focused church in Kampala, Uganda in 1984. All are welcome to come to this concert! Click here for more details: <https://www.tumct.org/watoto-choir-at-trinity/>

10. Many thanks to Steve D'Attila of Gumbati Handyman Services, LLC for our new turtle tank stand. Not only did Steve and his crew build a beautiful cabinet/stand, but they donated all of the labor and materials! Please look them up on Facebook or call them at 850-519-0025 for any of your handyman needs!

11. **I will be out** of the office until from Friday, February 15 until Tuesday, February 26. I will be in St. Simon's Georgia (for my son's wedding!) and then in Leesburg Florida for the annual UMAP Board Meeting and Conference. Please note that I will not be (consistently) checking email or replying to texts; I would be very grateful if you could call the preschool number (850-224-8992 x1) to leave a message if your child will be out or if you need any assistance. Of course, if you have an emergency situation, I will make every effort to be available. In my absence, please note the staff members who are assigned as "Manager on Duty" (MOD).

 MOD schedule: (Friday, February 15 Ryane Egler, morning and Pam McGoff, afternoon), (Tuesday, February 19, Maggie Murphy), (Wednesday, February 20 Jennifer Hopgood), (Thursday, February 21 Maggie Murphy) (Friday, February 22 Ryane Egler, morning and Pam McGoff, afternoon), and (Monday, February 25, Jennifer Hopgood).

12. Please click here for the latest edition of the church newsletter, **The Tidings**: <https://www.tumct.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/February-web.pdf>

Dates to remember:

February 6, 2019	Watoto Choir Concert, 6:30 pm
February 18, 2019	Presidents Day; school is closed
March 1, 2019	Donuts for Dads, 9:00 am, PK2, PK3, VPK classes
March 18-25, 2019	Spring Break, school is closed
March 26, 2019	Students return
March 29, 2019	Spring Picture Day – all classes
April 15, 2019	Last day to opt out for summer session

April 19, 2019	Spring Holiday; school is closed
May 3, 2019	Mother's Day Luncheon, 12:00 noon, PK2, PK3, VPK classes
May 23, 2019	VPK Graduation, by invitation
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day Holiday; school is closed
May 31, 2019	Last day of school; End of the Year Party
June 3-7, 2019	School is closed for maintenance and repair
JUNE 10, 2019	First day of summer session (date corrected from magnetic calendar)



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