

Hello parents,

We are off to a great start this year and are loving getting to know all of our new families! This is the September newsletter, and it is jam packed! Please take a few moments to read through everything, and, as always, please let me know if you have any questions!

1. In the event of a **weather emergency**, we follow Leon County Schools with regards to closings. Should a hurricane impact our area, we close when they do, and we open back up when they do. Please refer to the 2019-2020 handbook that you received at orientation for more details. (The handbook is also on the TUMC web page.)
2. Coffee **fundraiser** information: Our 2nd annual Lucky Goat fundraiser is coming up quickly! Please see the attached order form, and, beginning on the 10th, start selling! Collect the money up front, and submit both the form and money on or before Wednesday, September 25.
 - Selling Period: September 10th- September 24th
 - Order forms (and payment) due September 25
 - Seasonal flavor: Pumpkin Spice
 - \$11.00 per bag
 - Cash or check payable to TUMP
 - Coffee will be ready for pick up October 11
3. Please see the attached **Flu Brochure**; DCF mandates that we communicate to you on how the flu is spread, how to take precautions, and how to tell if it's the flu or a cold. Please sign the FLU note that is on the bulletin board by your child's classroom; you **do not** need to print this out to sign.
4. Please see the attached **Distracted Driver Brochure**; DCF mandates that we provide this information to you twice per year. Please sign the note on the bulletin board by your child's classroom acknowledging your receipt of this brochure.
5. We are looking forward to our annual **speech and hearing screenings**, conducted by the faculty and students from the College of Communication and Information department at FSU. Speech screenings will be conducted for children in the PK3, and VPK classes, and Hearing screenings will be conducted for children in the PK2, PK3, and VPK classes. FSU will be here November 12-13, 2019.
6. Do you know where to get the latest bits of information on all things TUMP? Please check out the church **web page** and locate the preschool tab to view past newsletters, the calendar, email contact information, and all things preschool. www.tumct.org Also, if you are on Facebook, please like us at <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-United-Methodist-Preschool-Tallahassee-FL-442661692478178/>; we don't post a ton, but it is another way to keep in touch.
7. From Jessica Thompson, owner of **Dancing Little Stars** (and I am excited to say also a TUMP parent!!!): Hey parents! Ballet and Tap lessons are offered here at TUMP on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Classes start on Wednesday, September 4, and the first class is free to try if you are interested! Below are links you may use to sign up for dance classes this year::

Dancing Little Stars Website: <http://www.dancelittletallahassee.com/>
Link to Register for Dance

Classes: <https://app.thestudiodirector.com/dancinglittlestars1/portal.sd?page=Login>

8. We recognize the faith and trust that you place with us each day, and we wanted you to know that we really appreciate each of you! Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 25, and stop by the **Parent Appreciation** table in the main hallway for a special treat. We will have both a morning and an afternoon giveaway.
9. Please see the attached note on **parking** etiquette. It is so very important that we all follow the same rules; thanks in advance for your cooperation.
10. Please help us out by **signing in and out** each day. The classroom attendance sheets are located on the bulletin board outside your child's classroom. For the children staying all day, there is an additional sheet to sign located on the clipboard that is on the bench outside of my office (if you arrive before 4 pm), or with one of the teachers (if you pick up between 4pm and 5:30pm). Thanks for your cooperation.
11. It is very helpful if you would spray your child with **bug spray** before they are dropped off at the preschool. If you have provided us with a bottle, we will also spray when they go outside at 11:00am and again at 4pm.
12. Our **Fun Fridays** are pretty fantastic! This month includes a lesson on letting your light shine, a visit from Brianna Savage (Ms. Caitlin's sister) who will entertain the kids with her ukulele, as well as Safari Man! Fun Fridays are for kids in the PK2, PK3, and VPK classes.
13. The Florida Association for the Education of Young Children (**FLAEYC**) **conference** is scheduled for September 4-8 in Orlando, FL. I am looking forward to attending this conference, and will consequently be out of the office from the 3rd through the 9th. If you should need anything during my absence, please call Mary Katherine Chatelain (850-224-8992, extension 4) for assistance.
14. Please see the attached 2019-2020 TUMP **directory**; I will not be printing them this year, so this is your only copy.

Dates to note:

September	2	Labor Day Holiday – School is closed
	25	Parent Appreciation Day!
	25	Lucky Goat Fundraiser forms and money due
	30	Fall Holiday – School is closed
October	14	Teacher Planning/In-service Day – School is closed
	16	Individual and class photos
November	11	Veterans Day Holiday – School is closed
	12-13	FSU screenings
	22	Thanksgiving Feast – 12:00 noon; entire school
	25-29	Thanksgiving Holiday – School is closed
December	20	Christmas Program – 11:30am (PK2, PK3, VPK)

20 Last Day of classes 2019
23-31 Christmas Break – School is closed



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