



Small Talk

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Director's Corner

I hope you all are enjoying your summer! I'm happy to report that our enrollment for the fall is very strong, with only a few openings left school wide. We have a couple of new teachers for the fall and all the teachers have been busy planning for the upcoming year. The staff and I are looking forward to welcoming you in September and know that we'll have a great year together! This is our first issue of "Small Talk" for the 2016-2017 school year. You can look forward to receiving it each month with a calendar of upcoming events, along with all the news about our school. We hope that you'll take advantage of this opportunity to stay abreast of school happenings. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter during the school year or want to add additional email addresses to our mailing list, (grandparents, etc.) please contact me at msdebbi@humcpreschool.com

BACK - TO - SCHOOL NIGHT

Back-to-School Night will be on Thursday September 8th at 7pm. This is an adults only event and will be your opportunity to learn about the routines here at the preschool, and will also be your chance to meet your child's teacher for the upcoming year. This is when we will review and discuss school policies and procedures. *Because our procedures often change from year to year, it is equally important for returning families and new families to attend this event.* Teachers will also be giving out their wish lists of school supplies as well as recruiting volunteers to help with each of the classroom parties during the school year.

Remember to get your child's medical form completed and turned in before the first day of school. If you are not sure when your child's form needs to be updated, please send Ms. Debbi an email (msdebbi@humcpreschool.com) and she will be glad to let you know if we need an updated form before school or around your child's birthday.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in September!

Shoe Guide

Think Safety!

Please send your child to school in safe, secure shoes. Crocs, flip flops, sandals, and boots are not compatible with safe, active play. Rain boots are acceptable as long as an extra pair of shoes is sent in your child's bag.

School shoes should:

- Fit snugly and securely
- Have a covered heel
- Have covered toes
- Allow the foot and ankle to flex naturally



Please do not send toys in to school with your child. The toys can cause disruptions throughout the day.



Tote Bag Order Form

We are happy to offer school tote bags for sale while supplies last. You can order them with your August, September or October tuition payment and the attached order form. We request that the children use a tote bag versus a backpack to carry their snack, etc. as it is easier for the teachers to load notes and art projects.

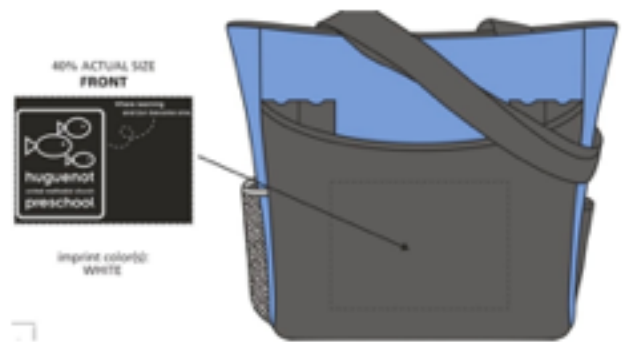
Size: 17x14x5 with a zip top and front and side pockets

Cost: **\$9.00** without personalization/**\$19.00** with personalized embroidery

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

of bags: _____

Personalization: _____
(will be printed EXACTLY as written)



Babies and young kids can sometimes sleep so peacefully that we forget they are even there. It can also be tempting to leave a baby alone in a car while we quickly run into the store. The problem is that leaving a child alone in a car can lead to serious injury or death from heatstroke. Young children are particularly at risk, as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's. These tragedies are completely preventable. Here's how we can all work together to keep kids safe from heatstroke.

Hard Facts

Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children. On average, every 10 days a child dies from heatstroke in a vehicle.

Top Tips

Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to **ACT**.

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.

C: Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine. It also helps to leave a diaper bag or school bag in the front seat with you, as a reminder that your child is in the back.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Get more safety tips at www.safekids.org

- See more at: <http://www.safekids.org/heatstroke#sthash.vCq7vJ8.dpuf>



July & August Birthdays

Owen N. 7/6
Leo O. 7/7
Ms. Carrie-Lynn 7/9
Reese H. 7/9
Hazel C. 7/11
Emma H. 7/14
Sarah H. 7/21
Bowen F. 7/27
Rithika P. 7/27
Lilah S. 7/29
Eli R. 7/31
Sam L. 7/31

Boston L. 8/1
Elijah J. 8/11
Ms. Debbi 8/14
Harper H. 8/19
Pauline K. 8/22
Lagnyam D. 8/30
Josiah M. 8/30



New Babies

-Congratulations to Saylor and her family on the birth of her baby brother, Samuel on May 10
-Congratulations to Giovanni and Sebastian and their family on the birth of their baby sister, Aviana on May 16
-Congratulations to Sydney and her family on the birth of her baby sister, Mayla on May 26
-Congratulations to Ms. Sarah and her family on the birth of her daughter, Lorna on June 13



Hello to all new and returning Huguenot Preschool parents! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer thus far.

In an effort to maximize parent participation, we are scaling back our social events and parent committee meetings. In addition, we will provide all meeting dates and activities dates at the beginning of the school year for planning purposes. Please consider joining us this school year to maintain our happy and healthy Huguenot way of life; not just for our kids but for our wonderful teachers too.

Our committee will meet 4 times over the course of the year at Einstein Bagels (Stony Point Shopping Center off Huguenot). Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us. We need volunteers to help with our 2 fundraising events, the school spirit night and our teacher appreciation week.

Our Back to School Picnic will be held on September 17 from 5-7. The main course will be provided by the school, while side dishes and desserts will be potluck. Watch your email at the end of August for a Sign Up Genius link where you can RSVP and tell us what dish you'd like to bring.

And please mark your calendar for our First Parent Committee meeting – Tuesday, September 20th at 9:45am. I hope to see you there!

Jeannie Chmiel, Parent Committee Chairperson

September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Back to School Night 7PM (adults only)	9 Open House for all Students 10AM-Noon	10
11	12 First day of 2016-2017 School Year!	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Parent Committee Meeting @ 9:45	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



August 1: First tuition payment due

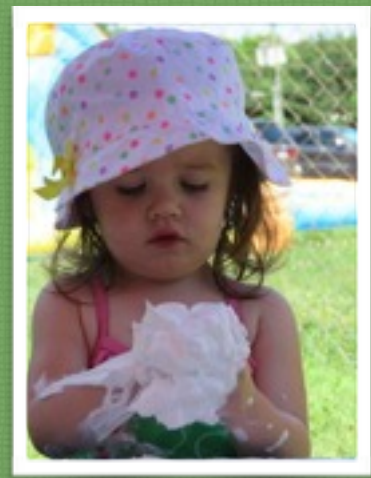
August 8-11: Summer Camp

September 8: Back-to-School Night 7PM (adults only)

September 9: Open House for all Students 10am to Noon

September 12: First Day of School!

September 20: First Parent Committee Meeting





Huguenot United Methodist Church is home to an active local theater group called Huguenot Community Players, who produce several plays per year. The next one runs September 23 through October 9.



Sylvia by A.R. Gurney

Directed by Ann Davis

Has your pet changed your life? Have you ever wondered what she's thinking when she stares up at you and tilts her head? Could she have the secret to understanding the world at large and your place in it? Or is she just more interested in how your shoe tastes? In *Sylvia*, the world of a middle-aged New York couple is turned topsy-turvy when the husband brings home an exceptionally engaging canine running loose in Central Park.



September 23 – October 9, 2016

Huguenotcommunityplayers.com for specific dates, times and to order tickets



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Our Preschool and Child's Morning Out Programs are designed by our Preschool Committee to meet the unique needs of our parents and children. We offer a caring and positive atmosphere where the children can play and learn. In the preschool classes, we bridge the gap from home to school and we guide children to a continued good self-image while building social and academic skills in a school setting.

Our mission at Huguenot UMC Preschool is to prepare your child for a lifetime of successful learning. Our developmentally appropriate program supports your child's growth in a safe, nurturing, family-oriented environment.

Preschool Director: Debbi Mintz

Church Pastor: Rev. Gay Hall