

# LVCNS Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Back to School Night -October 5,6
- ◆ Fall Fest- Oct 13
- ◆ Picture day Oct. 22/23

## School News

We are back in school!! As hard as it is to say goodbye to summer, September is an exciting month full of new friends, and new teachers. I love hearing the buzz of young learners and happy children. I am enjoying getting to know all of you, as you come in and out of the building. Please feel free to stop by and say hi. I need lots of reminders of names and last names. If I don't address your child by name, please feel free to say it for me. We have many things happening here at school this fall. This newsletter will be a great way to communicate important dates and events. You can always refer to our website as well. [www.longvalleychristian.com](http://www.longvalleychristian.com)

I've included an introduction letter about myself. I feel honored to have been given this opportunity to oversee such a wonderful school. Your children's safety and happiness are the number one goal of every staff member in our school and I'm so happy to have such an amazing staff to work with. Here is a list of our wonderful teachers:

## Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. My name is Meghan Bridge and I am the new Director of Long Valley Christian Nursery School. After spending three years teaching the five day, extended day class here at LVCNS, I am excited for the opportunity to reach a broader base of students. I am looking forward to, and feel blessed to be a much larger part of our school community. I was born a teacher, some people just know. I worked with children since my high school days, in camps, church programs and child care centers. I loved being around children and was fascinated by their development. I found it exciting and rewarding to see children succeed, make a discovery or

Mrs. Holveck/ Mrs. Checkley - MWF 3's and T/Th 3's

Mrs. Humcke/Mrs. Swanson -MWF 4's And T/Th 3's

Mrs. Mazzullo/Mrs. Pentz-MWF Am 4s and MWF PM

Mrs. Mulvihill/Mrs. Selldin - 5 days am and Leap

Mrs. Checkly/Miss Vannucci( Miss V) ~ Lunch Bunch

Mrs. Swanson (MWF)/ Mrs. Selldin (T/Th) and Miss V~ Extended day

Mrs. Mullin - Mommy and Me and First Friends (with Mrs. Hooker)

JoAnne McElwaine- Office Manager

to connect something to their own life, further enriching their understanding of how the world works. I studied Elementary Education and got my BS in Education from Penn State University. I went on to teach kindergarten and first grade in the Bernard Twp School District in Basking Ridge, NJ for several years. During that time I discovered I enjoyed teaching adults as well. So I became a professional development instructor. I received my certification for Everyday Mathematics (K-2) as a Staff Developer.

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*“Play is the  
highest form of  
research”  
Albert Einstein*

## Mommy and Me

**When:** Tuesdays *OR* Wednesdays  
9:00am—10:30am

Tues: October 6, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10,  
17, Dec 1, 8

Wed: October 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11,  
18, Dec 2, 9

**For who:** Children who turned 2 as  
of July 31, 2015 and their  
caregivers. (Children do not need to  
be toilet trained)

**Cost:** \$160

Come join us for

- **Circle time**
- **Art projects**
- **Snack Free play with friends**
- **Stories....and fun!  
Call today to register**

## First Friends in January

First Friends is a gentle  
introduction to preschool for our  
youngest children. Children must  
be 3 By October 1, 2016.

Registration is going on now!

Classes begin January 5, 2016.

Call us, or stop by to register

## Other News~ Back to School Night

Back to school night will be on  
October 5<sup>th</sup> for 5 day classes as  
well as MWF children. Meet in  
Faith Hall (New Building) at  
6:30pm. October 6<sup>th</sup> will be for  
Tuesday / Thursday children.  
Please meet in the Big Room at  
6:30 pm. Come out and meet the  
teachers. Learn about what your

children do while they are with  
us. It's a very informative night.  
Hope to see you there!

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Washington Twp  
and Long valley Christian is  
closed. We invite you and you  
family to come enjoy a fun day  
here from 11am-1pm. Details to  
follow, but there will be pony  
rides, Sprinkles the clown, food  
and fun!

## T- Shirts are coming to LVCNS

Spirit wear is coming to Long Valley Christian. We are starting by offering children's t-shirts to children enrolled in the program. If we have extras, we can sell to siblings. The cost of the T-Shirts will be \$10 Cash or check (made out to LVCNS) They will be available to purchase at back to school night and any time after that in the office. We plan to offer additional spirit wear very soon.

## Home / School Association

This year I would like to invite parents to get involved in activities and happening around the school. I invite you to attend a meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9am for about an hour. We will talk about upcoming events and how you can volunteer your time to help with fundraisers, and committees.



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With the collaboration of colleagues, we started our own business called 4 Corners Workshop. I had the privilege of working with teachers all over NJ to train them in best practices in Math. I attended and presented at the NJ Teachers Convention for 3 years. Aside from being a teacher, I am also a parent. This is a role that I'm most proud of and has certainly given me my best education in child development thus far. I spent 12 years at home raising my 2 teenage children, before returning to the classroom. As a mom, and resident of Long Valley, we have been involved in this community. I've had a cheerleader, Raider, wrestler, baseball player, dancer, basketball player, CARE program attendee, volunteer, Old Farmers/Long Valley Middle School/West Morris Central student. We have done and seen it all!! Not all at the same time and some not for long at all, but we have been involved. I jumped into volunteering as a way to get my foot back in a classroom and it did not take long until I became the President of The Old Farmers Road School PTA. I enjoyed my role of fundraising for the purpose of providing technology, curriculum, and equipment to the school. We also planned programming and opportunities for students that exceeded the standard curriculum. After being on the Executive Board for 3 years, I decided to go back to teaching and found myself a home at Long Valley Christian, where I have been for the past 3 years.

So how does all this information pertain to you and your children? As the new Director, I am enthusiastic. I am a huge believer in the philosophy of this school and feel at home here. I love children. I understand the need to educate and guide students, parents and teachers. I believe very strongly that a school that connects, home, school and community, demonstrates the best educational model. I am looking forward to using my experience in all these areas to bring you and your children a safe, enlightened, nurturing, and loving school environment. But mostly I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you personally and to being part of your school family.

Meghan Bridge

