

LVCNS Newsletter

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Director



School News

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", I thought I heard someone sing at orientation. That can only mean one thing, Back to School! We are ready and so excited to take on the 2016-2017 school year. It's time for new friends and new teachers. But starting nursery school can be filled with mixed emotions. Separation can often be hard for both you and your child. We are skilled at helping you make that important transition. We are used to tears the first few day, even from the children☺ We are here for you if you need a little extra support, comfort or just a pep talk. Before you know it, you and your child will both be smooth sailing.

I will be sending home a bi monthly newsletter to help communicate all the wonderful news, events and dates we have going on at LVCNS. You can also check our website at www.longvalleychristian for important information about our school. Below I have included a little bit of back ground information on myself so that you can have the opportunity to get to know me



Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you have throughout our year. My office is always open. I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful staff, whose main purpose in teaching is to keep your children safe and happy. I'd like to take the opportunity to list our amazing staff

Mrs. Holveck/Mrs. Hooker MW/ TH First Friends
Mrs Humcke/ Mrs. Pentz MWF & T/TH ~ 3's
Mrs. Mazzullo/ Mrs Antonaccio MWF AM&PM ~4's
Mrs. Sharp (Mullen)/Mrs, Checkley/Mrs. Swanson 4 day ~4's
Mrs. Mulvihill/Mrs. Selldin 5 day Pre-K
Mrs. Horner~ Mommy and Me
Mrs. Olsen/Mrs. Malone ~lunch/EX day
Ms. Carlson ~ Music
Mrs. JoAnn McElwaine ~ Office manager

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Upcoming Events

Chapel with Pastor Bruce~ September 20,21

Substitute orientation September 23 @9am

4 year old apple trips- October 4,5

Back to school Night- October 5, 6

3 year old pumpkin trips ~ October 6, 7

Fall Fest ~ October 11th 10:30-12:30pm

PSA Meeting ~ October 14 @9am

Dear Parents... A letter of Introduction

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. My name is Meghan Bridge and I am the Director of Long Valley Christian Nursery School. After spending three years teaching the five day, class here at LVCNS, I am excited for the opportunity to begin my second year as Director and to reach and work with a broad base of students, as well as our entire school community. I was born a teacher, I have 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 to connect something to their own life,

further enriching their understanding of how the world works.

I studied Elementary Education and received 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 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. **Continued on page 3**

Lunch Bunch and Extended day



When: Everyday!! **Even the days your child does not attend school** Lunch is from 11:15-12:15pm, Lunch/EX day 11:15-2:45pm. Friday Fun 8:45-11:15am

For who: Children who would like to eat lunch with friends and spend extra time at school

Cost: \$11.50(Lunch only) \$22.50 for both. Friday Fun \$20

Come join Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Malone for a fun filled afternoon with theme based, teacher directed games, social time and creative thinking or join Mrs. Holveck and Mrs. Checkley on Friday mornings for a

morning filled with fun, games and play



Mommy and Me

We are so pleased to have Mrs. Horner returning this year to teach our very popular, Mommy and Me program. The October program is nearly full, but the class will also run a January & March Session. Children must be between 19 months -2.6 Years old to

attend. Children come with their caregiver and get a classroom experience complete with snack, table activities, circle time and play. Please stop by the office to register.

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

Other News~ Back to School Night/Fall Fest

Back to school Night will be on October 5th for MWF children and Mrs. Sharp’s 4 day class,. Meet in The Big Room at 6:30pm. Mrs. Sharp’s class will come to Faith Hall(classroom) at 5:45pm for their classroom visit and then meet with everyone for the reception and chapel information session immediately after at 6:30pm . October 6th will be for Tuesday / Thursday children as well as Mrs Mulvihill’s 5 day class. 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! We will also be holding an Usborne bookfair as well as selling spirit wear.

On October 11th, Washington Twp schools and Long valley Christian will be closed. We invite you and your family to come enjoy a fun day here at LVCNS from 10am-12:30pm. Siblings and friends are invited Details about tickets to follow, but there will be pony rides, a moon bounce, Sprinkles the Clown, food and fun! A great event co-sponsored by LVCNS and Zion Lutheran Church



Substitutes

Have you ever thought about working with young children as a career? Here is a great way to get started; we are seeking, high energy, enthusiastic individuals to sub as assistants in our classes. You do not have to be certified, but experience is always a plus. We pay competitive daily rates and offer flexible hours to meet your needs. Please consider attending our Substitute Training/Orientation on September 23rd at 9am. Children are welcome to attend by must be supervised by their parent

Parent School Association

I would like to invite parents to get involved in activities and happening around the school. I will be hosting a PSA meeting for parents on Oct 14th at 9am. We will discuss ideas for fundraising , what to raise money for, ways to get involved and volunteer both at school and at home. Children may attend the meeting but must be supervised by their parent. Please consider attending this important meeting
WANTED : If you have a special talent that you would like to share with us, please let us know. We welcome volunteers to come in a teach a lesson, or help out around the school hanging artwork, creating bulletin boards or maybe you have something to offer that we would benefit from.



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, swimmer, track runner, 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 5 years.

So how does all this information pertain to you and your children? As the 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.

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