

# Trinity News

February 2010

## Trinity Preschool of Berwyn

NAEYC Accredited, 2006 ~ 2011

Dear Parents,

February marks the kick-off of Trinity Preschool's application process for re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). For the next twelve to fifteen months, the staff, Board, and volunteers will be focusing their efforts on collecting and documenting evidence that Trinity Preschool continues to uphold the standards set forth by NAEYC. These standards and the associated criteria are markers of the highest quality in early childhood education.

The staff began the process last week with an in-service to prepare them for the tasks that lie ahead. It was a little daunting, but exhilarating, to learn about the requirements. We will keep our eyes on the goal ~ not just achieving accreditation, but the pride that comes with seeing the staff's efforts documented and pulled together in a final "product".

I am so proud of the staff for going the extra mile(s) and taking on the added responsibilities of the accreditation process. They want to do the best for your children as they grow with us.

Have a great February!

Suzi Alrutz  
Director, Trinity Preschool of Berwyn

## Important Dates In February

Mon. 1st	2nd Semester Programs Begin
Wed. 10th ~ Fri. 12th	Toy Collection, Cradles to Crayons Shoe Collection for Haiti
Mon. 15th	President's Day, School Closed
Fri. 19th	Child ID Program
Sat. 20th	Tuition Payment Due
Thurs. 25th	Child ID Program

Watch for more info this month on our Original Artworks fundraiser! Beautiful gift items created from your child's original artwork!

## Save The Date! Trinity Summer Camp!

This year, Trinity Preschool's Summer Camp will be held from Tuesday, June 1st to Friday, June 4th, and from Monday, June 7th to Friday, June 11th. Camp hours are from 9:00 AM~12:00 Noon, and the camp is open to all currently enrolled, completely potty-trained Trinity preschoolers! Come play and learn about "Bugs" and "Cars & Trucks"!! More details to come in April!

## Integration Of A New Assessment Tool

Teachers are integrating a new assessment tool, *The Developmental Continuum*, into our program this year. This tool provides a consistent, well-rounded perspective on how individual children are developing along a continuum that is grounded in the latest child development research and developmentally-appropriate practice. Parents will be given feedback based at Spring Parent Teacher conferences. We are excited to continue adopting practices that are considered best in the field!

## Trinity's Outreach Efforts: Importance Of Generosity & Helping Others



Trinity Preschool will be collecting gently used and clean toys to be donated to *Cradles to Crayons* on Feb 10th ~ 12th from 9:00 AM ~ 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. Most needed age groups: 0~3 months and 9~12 years old. All of the toys donated will go to families in need in the Philadelphia area. *Cradles to Crayons* was founded in 2002, with the mission of providing to children ages 0 to 12 some of the most important basics of life ~ *free of charge*. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Philadelphia has the highest poverty rate among the nation's ten largest cities. **Nearly one in four Philadelphians, including 130,000 children, live in poverty.** With your help, we can change that.



Trinity Preschool will also be holding a Shoe Drive for those affected by the Haitian earthquake. Shoes will be donated to *SHOES 2 SHARE*, an organization in Wilmington, DE that will then send them to Haiti. *SHOES 2 SHARE* is a grassroots, charitable ministry with a passion to serve. They seek to make life more comfortable around the world, for children & their families, through the donations of "new & like-new shoes." Trinity Preschool will be collecting new and gently used shoes of all sizes. They are especially in need of sneakers and work boots. Shoes that have laces should be tied together and those without should be rubber-banded together so that they stay as a pair. Shoes will be collected in boxes in the first floor hallway on February Feb 10th ~ 12th. Volunteers will be needed to help sort the shoes on February 12th, as well as drive them to Wilmington. Please contact Amanda Ivory (amandaivory@comcast.net) or Vivian Lee (nayoungkim88@hotmail.com) if you are able to help in any way.



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## NOTES...

<b>A</b>	Accreditation by the numbers...	
<b>E</b>	Number of Program Standards:	10
<b>Y</b>	Number of Criteria:	407
<b>C</b>	Number of Criteria for teachers to document in their classrooms:	115
	Number of Criteria for administration to document:	292
	Number of NAEYC accredited programs in PA:	321
	Number of months until a possible site visit:	12

### About NAEYC:

*The National Association for the Education of Young Children is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8. NAEYC is committed to becoming an increasingly high performing and inclusive organization.*

## Special Thanks!

Thanks to Jen Gallagher and Michelle Lynch for manning the kitchen for the Dinosaur Parties.

Thanks to Arionne Achackzad for delivering the fabulous snack bags and serving a hot pasta lunch to the children of Frederick Douglass School in Chester.

Thanks to all of our generous families for donating items to create the snack bags and the ingredients to create a marvelous hot lunch for the Frederick Douglass children.

### The Gift Of Protection ~ Child ID Program

Parents are invited to bring their children to the downstairs classroom on February 19th and 25th to participate in a Child ID program. This is totally voluntary and all documents will be maintained only by the parent. The process takes about 15 minutes per child. Sign-up sheets for appointments will be posted this week on the downstairs bulletin board. The program is presented by New York Life Insurance Company.

### Please Continue To Collect ACME Receipts!

Our latest ACME submission is for \$24,649.75 in receipts. This should earn Trinity Preschool a check for \$246.50. This brings our year-to-date submissions to \$88,741.64, for a fundraising total of \$887.42! *Thank you!*

### Important Date Changes To Trinity Preschool's Yearly Calendar

**Parent/Teacher Conference:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will now be held the week of April 19th. School will be in regular session that week. Teachers will send home information about conferences in early April.

**Graduation:** Due to scheduling conflicts with T/E Kindergarten Orientation, the PreK Graduation date is changed to Wednesday, May 26th.

**Popsicles in the Park:** To accommodate our new graduation date, Popsicles in the Park will now be on Thursday, May 27th. All children will be dismissed that day to meet parents at 11:00 AM at Johnson Park for popsicles to celebrate the final day of school! Children who do not normally attend school on Thursdays are also invited to the park at 11:00 that day with a parent to join in the fun!



**Spots Still Available in Trinity Preschool's Enrichment Programs!**  
**Contact The Office Today For More Information.**

