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St. Peter's Episcopal School

May 2017



### Message from the Director: Janet Boutin

It is hard to believe that another school year is drawing to a close. Our year has been filled with many special memories. We hope you and your child have enjoyed this year as much as we have. St. Peter's is a very special school and it is made even more special with the wonderful families and their children that fill our classrooms.

One of the reasons our school is such a quality organization is our National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation status. This mark of distinction puts our School in the top 8% of early childhood centers in the U.S. No other area school has this accreditation. We have been accredited since 1989 and continue to excel. Our school sets a high standard for all early childhood programs in the Hill Country area. We are very proud to be an NAEYC school. Please read about your **NAEYC Family Survey Results** in this issue.

Over the summer, if you need to contact the school, call or e-mail the School Office. We will not have regular office hours but, we will continue to check messages, mail and e-mails.

In August, we will be sending you information about back to school. You will receive notification of Discovery Day and sign up information about Gymnastics, Kid's Day Out, Early Birds, After School Care and Parent Association sign-up.



### Message from the Parent Association: Lindsay Byerly, President

Our last meeting is Friday, May 5th. Thank you for supporting our Spring Fling. We appreciate all of our parent volunteers so very much. But most of all, THANK YOU for making this another great year for our children!

Have a wonderful summer!





## 3 Year Olds Needed!

### Enrollment Update 2017-2018

Our School has openings in the 3 year old program for next year. If you know a family that might be interested in attending St. Peter's, please refer them to the School Office.



Thank you, Janet Boutin, School Director





# Important Dates

Parent Association Meeting: Friday, May 5th at 8:45 a.m. in Tucker Hall.

Supply Fee/Deposit Deadline: Friday, May 5th. 2017—2018 all fees are due.

School Board Meeting: Monday, May 8th.

Mother's Day-All School Chapel: Wednesday, May 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Mother's Day Campaign: Ends May 15th.

Pre-K Graduation-All School Chapel: Wednesday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Kinder Graduation: Thursday, May 18th from 6:00—7:00 p.m. in Tucker Hall.

Silly Week: May 22nd—May 25th.

Last Day of School: Thursday, May 25th.

Vacation Bible School: July 17th—July 21st.

Mark your calendars — Looking ahead Discovery Day: Thursday,

August 24th, 9 a.m. to Noon



### St. Peter's School Mission Statement

The mission of St. Peter's Episcopal School is to offer families in our community an enriched early childhood learning program with extended day options which are conducted in a Christian environment emphasizing the development of each child's potential.











St. Peter's School is a non-smoking campus.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on our campus.



# Fire, Storm and Relocation Safety News

Once a month all of our students practice a fire drill. Once a year, the Fire Marshal does a full inspection of the entire school. Also, three times a year the School practices a storm/tornado/lock-down drills. During the storm drills we relocate all the students into the enclosed hallway of Shelton Hall. In the event we would have to relocate, our

School's designated shelter is next door at the Cailloux Theater (910 Main Street).



# "Health and Safety At School"

In our After School Care Program, the School serves afternoon snacks. Here is a sample of a recent snack menu:

### February 2017

**Note:** We do our best to avoid serving peanut products. We always serve water.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		Goldfish	Mandarin oranges and Cheez Its	Fridays are leftovers days	
Crunchy granola bars; 2% Milk	Pineapple and Crackers	Popcorn and Animal crackers for 2's/W	Yogurt and Animal crackers	Fridays are leftovers days	
Holiday	Cereal and 2% milk	Tortillas and Cheese	Pepperoni and Crackers	Fridays are leftovers days	
Special K bars and 2% milk	Fruit and yogurt	Fruit Chews	Yogurt and Fruit	Fridays are leftovers days	
Pop Tarts; 2% Milk	Saltines and Cheese Slices				



#### NAEYC Family Questionnaire Results Survey in March 2017



Thank you for the very complimentary ratings on our End Of Year NAEYC Family Survey. Our school rated very highly in these areas: 1.) communication from school, 2.) relationships with classroom teachers, 3.) safety of children and 4.) effective leadership and management.

The survey is used as a tool to help improve our program. Here are some areas we need to clarify: 1.) Yes, families are involved in their child's assessment. Twice a year we offer Parent/Teacher conferences. This is a time for families and teachers to sit down and discuss goals for their child. 2.) Our program supports breastfeeding mothers. Our Teacher Lounge and Office are available for breastfeeding privacy. 3.) Our program does not service "infant" feedings, our students are ages 18 months to Kindergarten. 4.) If you should ever need a translator, let us know. One of our office staff speaks Spanish fluently.

We tally the results and share them with our staff, School Board, School families and NAEYC. Again, **Thank You** for taking the time to complete our NAEYC Family Survey. Your responses are used to help improve our program. Thank you for being a part of the NAEYC process.

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Danielle Vasquez, Wobbler Teacher

Office staff speaks Spanish fluently

Misty O'Fiel, School Board President 830-257-0257

Staff Member/Position	Years of Service	Staff Member/Position	Years of Service
Kay Giles, 3's Teacher	36	Linda Riley, Kindergarten Aide	9
Rosetta Abrahams, 2's Teacher	32	Sandra Sosa, 2's Teacher	5
Kay Reichenau, Assistant Director	31	Traci Rhodes, Aide	5
Janice McCutcheon, P.E. Teacher	31	Ella Brown, 4's Teacher	4
** Delilah Lee, Admin Assistant	23	Kathie Hufstedler, Kindergarten Teacher	4
Janet Boutin, School Director	18	Yvette Medrano, 2's Teacher	3
Sonya Vasquez, 3's Teacher	15	Laura Drane, Librarian	3
Barbara Davila, 4's Teacher	14	Toni Way, Custodian	3
Bill Bennett, Bus Driver	13	Brad Shearhart, Music Teacher	2
Addi Carrillo, Aide	12	Evi Lozano, 3's Teacher	2
Melissa Aldrich, 4's Teacher	11	Michelle Garcia, 3's Teacher	1
Maria Martinez, 2's Teacher	11	Tysie Martinez, Aide	1

Weslyn Kirkpatrick, Student Aide

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### Why NAEYC Accreditation?

NAEYC Accreditation of programs for young children represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. NAEYC Accreditation began in 1985 with the goal of providing an accrediting system that would raise the level of early childhood programs. Today, over 6,500 programs are NAEYC Accredited.

NAEYC Accredited programs invest in early childhood education because they believe in the benefits to children and families. Early childhood experiences—from birth to age 8—have an enormous impact on children's lifelong learning and positively contribute to their health and development. Early childhood education programs with the mark of quality benefit children with greater readiness for and success in school.

It is for this reason that parents and families are seeking out NAEYC-accredited programs. Parents choosing an early childhood education program can be overwhelmed by trying to find the highest-quality program for their child. NAEYC Accreditation is the mark of quality that families are looking for. NAEYC Accreditation gives families the chance to make the Right Choice for kids.



#### Benefits of being an NAEYC Accredited Program:

- Helps to build a stronger team of teachers, administrators, and families working together to improve quality for children.
- Improved standards for the overall program.
- Recognition through NAEYC, including program listing on the NAEYC website in the Program Search section.
- Announcement of program's accreditation in the NAEYC Early Learning News weekly newsletter to programs, members, media and others.
- Attracts more families to enroll their children at program.





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