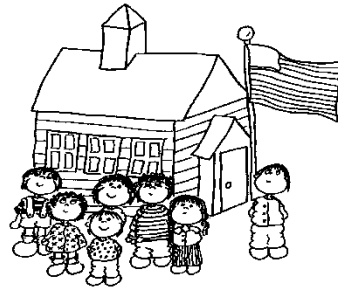


# ST. MATTHIAS PRESCHOOL

January, 2017

## NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM DIRECTOR, MS. MARY



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**H**appy New Year! We hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. The staff and I would like to thank all the families who were able to attend our Family Christmas Celebration and enjoyed the activities for the evening. It was wonderful to have the blessing of our trees, children entertain us with songs and enjoy the refreshments.

**O**ur wishes to you and your families for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

*Mary & Staff*

## PRESCHOOL RELIGIOUS CURRICULUM

During the month of January, the children will learn about the Baptism of Jesus. Not only will they visit the baptismal font in the church with Father Tom, but they will learn about the baptismal ceremony ~ the holy water, the baptismal candle, anointing of oil, godparents, and baby's special white outfit.

## PRESCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FUND

What a success this has been for the preschool staff and children. We are hoping to have this success continue in 2017.

We raised \$3,355 so far this school year. Our ultimate goal by June, 2017 is \$7,000 ~ only \$3,645 to go! Let's make this happen!

The children will continue to enjoy special interactive experiences . . .enhance their learning development . . . with presentations such as those coming in the months ahead:

- ✓Happy Birds Parrot Performance Show
- ✓Insect Discovery Lab
- ✓Petting Zoo
- ✓Marine Science Institute



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

St. Matthias Preschool will be CLOSED on Monday, January 16, 2017, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

and

Friday, February 3rd for Archdiocese Preschool Staff In-Service Day.

**ST. MATTHIAS PRESCHOOL ~ "OPEN HOUSE"**

**Sunday, January 22, 2017 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Join us for Refreshments plus  
Fun Activities for the FAMILY.**

**\*Cookie Decorating \*Balloon Twisting \*Door Prizes**

**\*Plant a Flower with your Child**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**



Catholic Schools Week is widely celebrated within the Archdiocese of San Francisco. To join in this celebration, the preschool staff will host a week of activities for the child to enjoy:

✓ Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - "Let it Snow" ~ Winter Games Day  
(Snowball Fight, Snowman Tic Tac Toe, Snowman Bean Bag Toss, and more . . .)

✓ Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - *Children's Special Lunch*  
Pasta, Fresh Fruit and Veggies, Cookie and Drink

✓ Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - Music with Ms. Julie  
"Pinata Fun" ~ Break it Open for Fun "Cool" Treats

✓ Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - "Happy Birds" Parrot Performance Show  
*Compliments of Preschool Opportunity Fund*

## Year in Review

It's nice to report to our preschool community the improvements that we together have been able to complete. These improvements have been accomplished with the profits sustained from the various preschool fundraisers.

Improvements to the preschool the past year includes:

- New turf installed in lower playground and dolphin area
- Purchased outdoor chalkboards for use in lower playground during spring and summer months

To come this year . . . Mural in playground on cement wall



## CELEBRATE PRESCHOOL'S 40<sup>TH</sup>

- 🌸 Coming March - Children's Mass – Sunday, March 26, 2017, 10:30 a.m.  
All families are welcome to join in mass celebration. Reception to follow in parish hall, hosted by the Preschool staff.
- 🌸 Coming April - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Celebration – Saturday, April 1, 2017, 6 p.m. Dinner, drinks, raffle . . . . More information to come on this celebration.
- 🌸 Coming May - Preschool 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Carnival Night – Thursday, May 18, 2017 - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



## Reminders

- During these cold months, please make sure your child has a warm vest or jacket to wear. **Please label all your child's clothing.**
- Please check family files on a daily basis.
- Remember to LEGIBLY sign your child in and out from the preschool each day in attendance (**initial of first name and entire last name**).
- Tuition checks are deposited on Mondays.
- Circle time starts at 9 a.m. Please have your child here at school on time.



*The staff thanks you for your holiday gifts of friendship, gratefulness and support.*

*Ms. Mary, Diane, Jenny, Gigi, Norma, Sharon, Jill,*

*Diana, Laura, Kathleen, Danielle*

*Angelica, Kathy, Lisa and Julie*