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# LCNS News

## Seasons Greetings,

What a joyous time of year we are approaching. Here at LCNS we like to emphasize the joy of giving rather than receiving at Christmas. There will be a number of opportunities for you and your child to give to others. Please use this season to teach your children the joy of giving.

Mrs. Cartwright

"For unto us a child is born."

## Prayers and Praises

+Pray for all our Nursery School mothers who are pregnant.

+Pray for families with newborns.

## Candy Donations

Every year each child in the school decorates a bag and fills it with candy. The bag is then given away (church staff, Ladies Bible Study, Nursing Home residents). We ask that each child bring 2 bags of individually wrapped candy appropriate for senior citizens and drop it in a box outside the classroom.

This is a valuable experience for both the children who make and give the gifts, as well as the people who receive the gift. We encourage you to give your children other opportunities to give gifts to others all year.

## Project Toy Box

LCNS will be collecting gently used stocking stuffers, games, books, and toys galore for children in need during December. Your donations will be given to First UMC in Hershey for distribution.

If you know of a family that could benefit from this outreach program, contact Mrs. Cartwright.

(Mrs. Miduri, alumni mom, is the coordinator from First UMC for this project.)

## Fall Sub Sale

What a wonderful time we had selling our subs this fall. The profit totaled **\$1,524.50** and will be applied to the classroom equipment fund and help fund teacher education throughout the school year.

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help collect orders and sorted boxes on delivery day. Everything ran smoothly and could not have been accomplished without the generous help of our parent volunteers.

I look forward to another successful sub sale this spring!

Thank you all again,  
Brandy Hodgson

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## Linglestown Christian Nursery School

December 2011

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### Our Mission

Our mission is to encourage the spiritual, emotional, physical, social and intellectual growth of each child in a loving Christian environment.

### Our Vision

Linglestown Christian Nursery School strives to: Promote Christian values, Provide a safe, loving environment, Practice benevolent and responsible stewardship

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## Red Day

Be sure to wear something red.



## Christmas Parties

All classes will have a special celebration of the birth of Jesus. There will be singing, games, refreshments and a gift exchange between classmates. The gifts should be valued at \$5.00 and names will be exchanged in early December. Suggested gifts are books and puzzles (no gift cards, please). The dollar stores and Five Below are often great sources of inexpensive gifts.

To make this a most meaningful activity for the children, we ask that you shop with your children, talking to them about the joy of giving to others.



## Nativity Presentation for children

You and your family are invited to our Nativity Program.

**AM families pick up your children in their classrooms at 11:15.** Proceed to the Sanctuary and sit with your class in their designated areas.

**PM families meet in the Sanctuary at 12:45.**

After a sing-a-long, the staff will present the story of the birth of Jesus. See the shepherds, angel, and Wisemen, along with Mary & Joseph and a live baby Jesus.

The Birth of Jesus Nativity Program is a special gift from the staff to you and your entire

family. Share the wonder of this special time and relax with your children as the teachers share the wonderful news of Jesus' birth. This is a beautiful way to share the Christmas story with your children.

After the Nativity, each class will be called to the front of the church to have their pictures taken with the teachers and baby Jesus. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus with your children.



## Business cards

Do you have a small business, a home business, craft business, etc? Have you placed your business card in the LCNS business card book in the office? If not, please drop it off soon.

When you are looking for a service or other item, don't forget to check out our Business card book. There may be a Nursery School, Church family or community business that provides just what you are looking for.

## Tax Receipts

Linda Cappello will be preparing reports of your tuition payments for your taxes. Look for them in January.



# Class News

**Character Value: Giving Special Day: Christmas Party**

**Focus Skills: resolving conflicts, sharing, taking ownership, demonstrating hygiene, appreciating differences, recognizing red and stars; classifying, responding to conversations about a story Music & Movement: Christmas Carols &**

## Two Year old Class News

Angels, Cherubs, Two by Two, Little Lambs

Bible Verse: "God gave his only son."

John 3:16

In December, the 2's will be concentrating on the birth of Jesus. We will read the Christmas story every day and use a manger scene to reinforce the story of our Savior's birth. We will be making many Christmas crafts including some surprise ones! We will talk about giving when we sing for various groups around the school and give them candy bags. And we will be having a Christmas party and gift exchange.

## Three Year Old Class News

Shepherds, Fishermen, Rainbows, & Kingdom Kids

Bible Verse: "God gave His only Son."

John 3:16

The three year old classes are learning about the birth of Baby Jesus. We read a few pages of the Christmas story each day. The last school day before Christmas break the children see the story come to life as the staff performs our famous Christmas pageant. We have a great time singing Christmas carols, doing crafts and making family gifts. The children are also decorating bags to fill with candy. They will use the bags to give as gifts to our church staff and the bible study group. Second Step lessons will be "If—Then" and "Not now—maybe later".

## Four Year Old Class News

Wisemen, Disciples, Prophets, & Miracle Kids

Bible Verse: "God gave His only Son."

John 3:16

The four year old classes are looking forward to a busy fun-filled month of December.

To instill the true meaning of Christmas classes will be preparing gifts to deliver on their field trip to the nursing homes and Senior Citizens groups.

They will be singing all the wonderful Christmas carols during the month and conclude the month with classroom parties and a gift exchange. Handwriting Without Tears: Letters H, T, I, U; Numbers 3 & 4; Rain songs

## Five Year Old Class News

(Transitional Kindergarten) Good Samaritans

What a joyous time of the year for the Transitional Kindergarten class! We will be learning stories, songs, and finger plays about the birth of Jesus, angels, and Santa Claus. We will make a special Christmas 'surprise' for our parents. Academically, we will continue with our listen and learn worksheets as well as letter tracing, dot-to-dot shapes, counting and patterns. The most exciting part of the month will be the Nativity re-enacted by the teachers, and a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

The Prophets class will join the TK class and visit the Manor at Oakridge.

Bible Verses:

Look unto me and be saved. Isaiah 45:22

My son, give me thine heart, Proverbs 23:26

No man can serve two masters. Matthew 6:24

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

Psalm 118:1

## Second Step program

Dear parents of three and four year olds,

The children are continuing their lessons in "Second Step". Your child will soon be learning how to solve problems along with 'Impulsive Puppy' and Slow Down Snail" (puppets from the "Second Step" program). Your child will be using the following steps:

1. What is the problem?
2. What can I do?
3. What might happen if...?
4. Choose an idea and use it.
5. Is it working? If not, what can I do now?

You can practice these steps with your child by doing the following:

Instead of solving your child's problem for him/her ask, "What could you do?" followed by, "that's one idea; what else could you do?"

When your child comes up with solutions, hold back from judging each idea. After she/he has thought of several ideas, ask your child to evaluate each one (what she/he thinks will happen if she/he tries each one).

To help evaluate ideas you may also ask: Is it safe?, How will people feel?, Is it fair?, Will it work?

If one idea doesn't work, encourage your child to try another one.

Practice solutions with your child. For instance, if he/she is trying to solve the problem of being bored, and chooses to call a friend, have her/him practice what to say before making the call.

In class your child will be practicing the following social skills: joining in, sharing, taking turns, trading, paying attention and interrupting politely. You may hear about the "role play" from your child.

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## Celebrating Christmas and Advent in your Home

There are many helpful websites for information about Advent and Christmas. They include Advent calendars, games, songs and crafts you can do as a family.

[www.sellmer-verlag.de/history.htm](http://www.sellmer-verlag.de/history.htm)

[www.stnicholascenter.org](http://www.stnicholascenter.org)

[www.kingofpeace.org/resources/advent.pdf](http://www.kingofpeace.org/resources/advent.pdf)

The National Cathedral in Washington DC has a beautiful advent calendar on line that features Nativities from around the world

We also encourage your family to reach out to others during this Advent/Christmas season. Find a project you can do as a family. You will bless others and receive a blessing as well.

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## Volunteer Coordinators

### **PowerPoint Slide Shows for Spring Programs:**

2 year olds: Heather Ofak

3 year old am/pm: Linda Samson

4 year old am/pm: Cara Flod/Alison Long

TK: Cara Flod/Alison Long

## Volunteer Coordinators

**Scholastic Book orders:** Dawn Stanley (Cherubs)

### **Teacher Appreciation Luncheons:**

Jen Lock 651-1036 (Wisemen) & Angela Wydra 571-6361 (Wisemen/Cherubs)

**Moo Money organizer:** Jerry Bowden 652-5975 (Shepherds) fall & Erin Miranda 657-1428 (Two by Two) spring

**Soda can tabs:** fall: Jeannette Zimmerman (Shepherds), winter: Dani Wilhelm (Disciples), spring: Courtney Micklewright (Little Lambs)

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Dawn Stanley 566-0436 (Cherubs) & Angela Wydra 571-6361 (Wisemen/Cherubs)

**Labels for Education:** Christine Cutuli (Wisemen) 497-1172

**Tyson's A+:** Brigitta Scheib (Rainbows) 979-7292

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## Ident-A-Kid Services of America

[www.identakid.com](http://www.identakid.com)

Ident-A-Kid is coming to LCNS in January. You will be given an opportunity to participate. More information will be attached to the January newsletter.

Ident-A-Kids is a parent option program that allows you to purchase wallet-sized ID cards with contact information and a fingerprint. Heat-sealed and laminated in heavy plastic, it's an accurate and permanent record carried by the parent that can be provided immediately to law enforcement regarding a missing child in any situation. Additional cards can be given to the baby-sitter, relatives or older children. All information is confidential and will be returned with the cards. No child's personal information is kept on file.

# Free Money!! New ways to raise \$ without fundraising!!

## LCNS is now registered for Labels for Education



Participating in the program is easy—simply save proofs of purchase from participating products and bring them to our collection area by the Nursery School office.

A few examples are:

Campbell, Bic, Dannon, Prego, Swanson, Spagettio, Post and V8 products

The school earns points that can be redeemed for Art, Athletic, or Academic items.

For a complete listing of eligible products visit:

[www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

## LCNS is now registered with GoodSearch.com and Goodshop.com



Click on [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and add Linglestown Life United Methodist Church to your charity. Add the Good Search tool bar to your computer.

The shopping experience and prices are the same as going to the retailer directly, but each time you shop at one of these stores

via GoodShop, a percentage of what you spend goes back to your favorite charity or school. And, equally as exciting, GoodShop.com offers over 100,000 money saving coupons and free shipping offers. So, not only are you helping your cause, but you are also saving money while doing so.

Similarly, with every search conducted on Yahoo!-powered GoodSearch.com, approximately one penny is donated to your favorite charity. It's used exactly like any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly.

Search engine advertisers and online shopping generate billions of dollars each year.

## LCNS is now registered to participate in Tyson Project A+.



We are collecting labels from participating projects. For each label turned in we receive \$.24

For a complete listing of eligible products visit: <http://projectaplus.tyson.com>

