



What a great year this has been! We would like to thank each of you for the support that you gave us throughout the year! It has been a blessing to watch your little ones grow! For our families who will be heading off to Kindergarten...may your children continue their love for school and learning & may they grow in knowledge as they prepare for the successes that await them in the future! We are fortunate to be able to have played a small part in each of their stories. We hope that you will continue to keep in touch. We love to hear how they are doing!! For our students that are moving on to new schools or opportunities... we wish you all the same successes!! We hope that wherever your road leads you, you always remember that you have friends at Loving Hands! To our families that will join us again in the Fall... we are so excited to continue on this journey with you!! We have some great things in store for the upcoming school year and can't wait to begin the year with you!! We hope everyone enjoys their summer!! ☀

This year's **Mother's Day Teas** were a success!! Thank you to all of the moms who were able to attend! We hope you enjoyed this day with your child!!

We are excited to announce that our **Trike a Thon** raised \$10,663 this year!!! We are blown away by the support that you show to this program!! We are so excited to fulfill teacher wishlists, add new equipment to each classroom, and put some funds towards some updates to the rooms. We work to keep our tuition costs affordable for our families, and with your fundraiser support, we are able to make improvements that would normally not be in the budget without increasing our tuition rates!! Thanks so much for your help!! A BIG thank you to BJ's Brewhouse for donating the subs, Sheetz for donating the juice and fruit. Thank you to Perrin Asphalt/City of Cuyahoga Falls (Miss Jessica's Dad) for donating the safety cones for our track, Pump It Up of Hartville and the Akron Rubberducks for donating prizes for the fundraiser too. And finally, a big thank you to Scholastic Books & Creative Curriculum for donating items which were used in our gift baskets for our fundraiser winners. We are so fortunate to have such great community businesses!!!

Our **last class day** for our students will be Monday, May 20 for the MW Orange Room & Green Room classes. It will be on Tuesday, May 21 for the TTH Orange Room, Yellow Room, Blue Room and Purple Room. If your child is attending the picnic or graduations, they will receive their end of the year portfolio at those events. If you are NOT attending these events, be sure to turn in the RSVP, so we are sure to have those items prepared for you on the last day of class.

As the end of the year wraps up, we are looking forward to our **Graduations and Picnics**!! Here are a few reminders for these events: RSVPs are due NOW!!!

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30, our **Transitional Kindergarten classes (Blue and Purple)** will celebrate their Graduation from Preschool!! Please bring your child to their classroom no earlier than 6:20 (please stop at the restroom first). The graduation will be in the Sanctuary. At the conclusion of the ceremony, family members & graduates are invited to the Fellowship Hall

(Muscle Room) for an Ice Cream Social! We have 3 Preschool/Pre-K teachers who are unable to make it that evening to help serve, since their seniors have graduation events that night! We are in need of volunteers this evening to help with setup and serving. Anyone who can help, please see Miss Shannon!

Wednesday, May 22 at 10:00am, our **Pre-Kindergarten classes (Yellow and Green)** will celebrate their Promotion to Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten with a Preschool Graduation Ceremony. Please bring your child to their classroom no earlier than 9:50 (Please stop at the restroom first). The graduation will be in the Sanctuary. At the conclusion of the ceremony, family members & graduates are invited to the Fellowship Hall (Muscle Room) for a cake reception.

\*\*If you don't plan to stay after the graduation ceremony, please be sure to stop down and pick up a gift from us to your child and their classroom portfolio. Once again, If you don't plan on attending Graduation or the 3 year old picnic, it is important that you turn in your RSVP, so we know to send your child's portfolio home with them on the last day of school.

On Thursday, May 23, our **Orange Room classes** will come together to celebrate the end of the school year with a picnic!!! We are excited to share this morning with you!! We request that you bring in a dish to share, as well as your own table settings (utensils, plates, napkins). You may also want to bring a picnic blanket (just in case it rains we will move the picnic to the Muscle Room, or there isn't enough table space at the pavilion!). Loving Hands will provide hot dogs, condiments, drinks (lemonade and water) and cups. We will have Mike Salvino, a balloon maker & magician there to celebrate with us. He has joined us for the last 7 school years. Occasionally there is an accidental popped balloon, but the kids have always really enjoyed him!! If you are not planning to attend the picnic, please be sure to RSVP asap!! That will allow us time to prepare your child's portfolio/gift and send it home with them on the last day of school instead!

Life is Wild...God Is Good! Join us for **Vacation Bible School** this year at Greensburg United Methodist Church!! This year we will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers you through this wild life. VBS will be from July 29-August 2 from 6:00-8:00pm. If you would like to register your child, visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/greensburgmethodist> All registrations will be done online this year, so register soon!! There is a \$5 per child fee per child that can also be paid through the website.

**Paperwork for the 2019-20 school year** will be ready by the end of June. We will prepare the envelopes and announce on Facebook when they are ready to go!! We will leave them in the Church office for one week for anyone who wishes to pick them up. On Friday of that week, we will mail the rest. We appreciate anyone that is willing to pick up their packets. It is generally over \$2.00 to mail each one. So, any saved money goes right back into the preschool program!! We understand that there is a lot of paperwork to fill out, and we appreciate all of your help. Please be sure to fill each form out COMPLETELY to avoid having to "fix" or complete additional items before the start of school. All paperwork will be turned in at, or before, Parent Orientation. If you need any paperwork before that date, please check our website [www.loving-hands.org](http://www.loving-hands.org). The updated paperwork and calendars will be up soon!! If you would like to enroll or re-enroll in Electronic Funds Transfer for your tuition payments for next year, return the EFT form to the church office in the tuition box, or request a copy. They can also be found on our website. If you do not pre-register, your first tuition payment will have to be by check in the fall.

**Parent Orientation** will be on Wednesday, August 14 for Purple and Blue Rooms, Thursday, August 15 for Orange and Green Rooms, and on Monday, August 19 for Yellow Room (this date has been moved because Miss Stephanie and her family already had a vacation scheduled before she was offered this position). At least one adult for each child should attend the orientation. This is an adult only meeting. This gives you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, they can tell you information about their classroom, and you have the opportunity to ask questions of teachers or administrators. Your child will have the opportunity to come to school on Tuesday, September 3 to see their classroom, teachers, and meet friends. Our hope is that this time can be focused on getting to know your child since we have already met with parents.

**Wednesday 8/14:**

5:00- Purple Room (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30- Blue Room (Room 105)

**Thursday 8/15:**

5:00: Orange Room (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00: Green Room (Fellowship Hall)

and

**Monday 8/19:** Yellow Room Orientation begins at 5:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

\*\*September tuition is due on 8/16—Yellow Room families WILL NOT be assessed a late fee for paying that evening\*\*

For those families that will not be at Loving Hands next school, but have children (or friends) that will be enrolling for the **2020-2021** school year, we would like to share the dates with you ahead of time to mark your calendars.

\*\*Tuesday, January 7: Registration opens for current students (of the 19-20 school year) at 8:00am

\*\*Tuesday, January 14: Registration opens for returning families and siblings of students enrolled for 2019-20 school year

\*\*Tuesday, January 21: Registration opens for new families at 8:00am

**Just a heads up:** For this upcoming year... some classes were already filled (or almost full) before we opened up to returning families. We understand that families may have a preference in times/classrooms that they want, but we have always given first preference to students that have been enrolled in our 3's program. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause families returning to our program, or new families. We feel that this system works best for our program at this time. Our recommendation is to arrive before 8:00am the morning that your registration starts to give you the best possible odds to get the spot that you want. Waiting lists are always available, and at times openings do become available to students who were previously shut out of their preferred class. You can also contact me prior to your registration date to see if there are spaces available @ [smiller1950@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smiller1950@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you to all the families who took the time to return **Parent Surveys**!! Your input is always appreciated. It gives us insight on what policies we need to better explain to families, and ways that we can improve our classroom/school practices. The responses were all very positive, and the input/suggestions are always helpful for our professional growth. We strive to be the best preschool for each child that is in our program. And we can't fix what we don't know isn't working! Thanks again for all of your support over this school year!!

We would like to thank everyone who signed up for the **Giant Eagle** "Apples for students" program or for returned receipts for **Acme's** "Community Cashback" program. We earned \$176.07 from Acme and \$274 from Giant Eagle!



## SUMMER DATES

### JUNE:

- 6: Happy Birthday Jacob C
- 8: Happy Birthday Jameson H
- 11: Happy Birthday Miss Shannon B. (our new enrichment teacher) & Juliana B
- 16: Happy Birthday Elliott M
- 22: Happy Birthday Dominick L



### JULY:

- 3: Happy Birthday Karson P
- 5: Happy Birthday Aubrey B
- 10: Happy Birthday Grace E
- 13: Happy Birthday Lane J
- 16: Happy Birthday Emmett M & Osborn S
- 18: Happy Birthday Harper C
- 20: Happy Birthday Rowan T
- 21: Happy Birthday Jaxon F
- 22: Happy Birthday Laney R & Ava M
- 25: Happy Birthday Miss Carolyn
- 29: Happy Birthday Olivia G
- 29-Aug. 2: GUMC Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:00pm
- 31: Happy Birthday Mason C



### AUGUST:

- 5: Happy Birthday Miss Jessica
- 8: Happy Birthday Miss Mary Ellen & Autumn M
- 13: Happy Birthday Ethan W
- 14: Parent (Only) Orientation 5:00 for Purple Room, 5:30 for Blue Room
- 15: Parent (Only) Orientation 5:00 for Orange Rooms and 5:30 for Green Rooms
- 16: SEPTEMBER TUITION DUE
- 18: Happy Birthday Sarah H & Liam N
- 19: Parent (Only) Orientation 5:00 for Yellow Room
- 19: Happy Birthday Miss Alicia
- 22: Preschool Board Meeting 9:00am
- 22: Happy Birthday Allison K & Kylee P
- 25: Happy Birthday Evelyn V & River T & Brady A
- 27: Happy Birthday Benedict B
- 29: Happy Birthday Miss Stephanie & Wyatt S
- 31: Happy Birthday Jaxson F



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I can't believe our school year is coming to an end! It seems like it was just February, yet here we are in wrapping up the school year!

In May we brought Mom's into focus as we read the book "*Are You My Mother?*" by P.D. Eastman. This story is about a baby bird that hatched while his Mother was out finding food, so he didn't know what she looked like. After pursuing different animals and objects, he finally found her in the end! We discussed why our Mothers are so special and why we love them so much! The children prepared for Mother's Day by making a card using their fine motor skills as they colored and used their fingerprints to make a bouquet of flowers. They also captured their hand prints to make a heart trivet for Mom! They did such a wonderful job at the Mom's Day Tea! We were so proud of each of them! We also discussed flowers, butterflies and discussed and played with bubbles!

We feel so blessed to have had such wonderful families in the Orange Room! Thank you for all your help throughout the year! Your children have been a delight and we have enjoyed watching them grow! Thank you for allowing us to guide, prepare and love your children!

**Pre-Kindergarten MWF- Green Room**  
**Miss Libby & Miss Carolyn**  
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We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for such an amazing year! We could not have asked for a better group of four and five year olds! Together, we laughed, we sang, we created, we danced, we painted, we may have even cried, and we grew! Some of the children's favorite memories of this school year include: The Very Hungry Caterpillar book, Easter egg hunting, learning about gravity, sorting bugs, talking about God's Creation story, narwhals, Stone Soup, Polar Express Day, Oobleck, Singing the goldfish song, muscle room fun, rhyming pairs, ocean animals, The Lorax, the post office center, dinosaurs, Green eggs and ham, and our list goes on....

Each child has made a memorable mark on our lives, and we will cherish these memories and moments forever! We send all our green room friends forward with well wishes and confidence that they will "chase their own rainbows!"

**Pre-Kindergarten TTHF- Yellow Room**  
**Miss Kate & Miss Carolyn**  
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Yellow Room families, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for trusting me to be part of your child's life this year. I have so thoroughly enjoyed this time with them! I hope each one leaves the Yellow Room with a love of school, some wonderful memories, and a whole lot of knowledge learned along the way!

Looking back at where we started in September, I am extremely proud of all they have accomplished, changed and grown this year! I will miss them all, but have every confidence they are ready for the next challenge! Those moving to the Blue and Purple Rooms next year - I look forward to hallway hugs, high-fives, and news about your new classes. And to those headed further into the world - you've got this! Enjoy your new adventures, but feel free to stop by and say hi anytime! But first, to everyone...HAPPY SUMMER!!



**Miss Alicia & Miss Stacey**  
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We cannot express how proud we are of every single student we have. We have seen so much improvement with everyone socially, emotionally and academically throughout the entire year. It has been so rewarding to see their confidence increase as the days go by. They have worked extremely hard and it shows. They are ready to take on Kindergarten and begin such an amazing new journey. Saying we are proud of each one of them, doesn't begin to cover it. Our hope is that they will continue to enjoy school and have fun while learning. Thank you to every parent for greeting us with a smile everyday and taking the time to be involved throughout the year. We will truly miss everyone and hope they don't forget to come back and visit. They will rock in Kindergarten!!



**Transitional Kindergarten (Full Day)- Blue Room**  
**Miss Jessica & Miss Mary Ellen**  
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Summer Vacation is here! We can't believe this year has gone by so fast. What an amazing year this has been! We want to thank all of you for making this year a great one. We enjoyed getting to learn about all of you and your families. We have loved watching all the friendships that have been made throughout the school year! We have some very amazing children in our classroom and are very proud of all of you. Miss Mary Ellen and I know that you are all ready for kindergarten and we wish you nothing but success in everything you do. We know you guys will all do great we just know it. Learn lots of things and show them what amazing Children you all are. We hope you have a fantastic summer and enjoy the sun!

**Enrichment Classes**  
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We have had the best time in our Enrichment classes getting to know so many new friends. This year has flown by for us and thinking about all the themes and games we have played, makes us smile. Eating lunch together and talking about our days has been the most fun and we loved hearing everyone's stories. We have used Enrichment to practice our letters, numbers, fine motor and gross motor skills. I hope everyone has enjoyed staying with us and having fun while learning. It has truly been our pleasure to have your children in our class. While we hope that we have impacted their lives, we know that they have impacted ours. We wish everyone a fantastic summer!

