

Annual Report of the
CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL
2011

The Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS) has completed its 27th year of providing a Christian preschool environment to preschoolers and their families.

Our enrollment for the school year 2011-2012 is as follows:

- 2 ½-year-old classes have 23 of the 24 spots filled
- 3-year-old classes have 44 of the 56 spots filled
- 4-year-old classes have 57 of the 60 spots filled

We currently offer 10 classes. They are as follows:

- 2 ½-year-old classes: Monday/Wednesday AM and Tuesday/Thursday AM
- 3-year-old classes: Tuesday/Thursday AM and PM
Monday/Wednesday/Friday AM and PM
- 4-year-old classes: Monday/Wednesday/Friday AM
Tuesday/Thursday/Friday AM and PM
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday PM

Our statistics for the school year 2010-2011 are:

- 12 of our current students have a parent as a church member, 1 has a great grandparent as a church member and many other families are active in the life of our church. We continue to welcome CPNS families to participate in our church inquirers class and several have joined in the past. There are a few families that currently attend worship and Sunday school.
- 9 families have siblings enrolled, 4 families have twins.
- Approximately 21 % of our families this year are from Cranbury.

We offer our Lunch and Fun program 5 days a week. We also offer a variety of enrichment classes including Art & Literacy, Music & Movement, Science & Math, Power of Play, and for the children not yet able to attend our regular CPNS classes we offer our Mommy's Morning Out program on Friday mornings. These children are not yet eligible for our 2 ½ year old program, but will be eligible for the 3-year-old program in September.

Our community participation continues through our involvement in Cranbury Day, sharing a table with the church, and our continued support to the volunteers of the Cranbury Fire Department and First Aid Squad with our Cranbury Community Volunteer Program. We are also a member of the Cranbury Business Association.

Our 2011-2012 staff totals 20, which includes 5 Teachers: Rosellyn Cassidy, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, and Kelly O'Keefe; 10 Assistant Teachers: Patty Skapyak, Debbie Petro, Kathy Iorio, Sheila Morrissey, Kathy Wiseman, Jennifer Colonna, Linda Protinick, Wendy delaRosa, Annette Briffa and Laurie Davis. Kathy Edwards, one of our Teachers, also serves as our Head Teacher. Kathy Wiseman one of our assistant teachers serves as our Lunch Hour Coordinator and assists with various administrative duties. Eileen Sahli continues as our Purchaser. Our Lunch Program Teachers are Eileen Sahli, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Denise Reilley, Linda Protinick, Annette Briffa and MaryEllen Glynn. Laurie Davis teaches our Music & Movement Enrichment Program, assisted by Annette Briffa. Kelly O'Keefe teaches our Art & Literacy Enrichment Programs, assisted by Annette Briffa. Debbie Petro and Kathy Iorio teach our Power of Play enrichment program; Sheila Morrissey and Jennifer Colonna teach our Mommy's Morning Out. Rosellyn Cassidy teaches our Science and Math Enrichment class, assisted by Kathy Wiseman. Dorothy Klotzbeacher continues our weekly music program with all of our 3 and 4/5-year-old classes along with the wonderful parent musical programs she shares with all of our CPNS families. Janice Parker is our Director. We also have a variety of individuals who substitute teach for CPNS. Lori Kleppe from the West Windsor/Plainsboro School District serves as our Learning Consultant and Art Pellichero continued as our Business Administrator.

Due to the economy and the financial struggle of so many, we were able to keep the tuition payment the same as our previous year.

Our 2010/2011 annual tuition fees were as follows:

- \$1,676.00 for all two session programs
- \$2,282.00 for all three session programs
- \$2,879.00 for all four session programs

Here are a few highlights from our year:

- Successfully renewed our Accreditation from the National Association and Education of Young Children this past summer.
- Read at the Barnes & Noble for the second year at the Hamilton location. New this year was the addition of on line sales
- Held our CPNS Summer Program again this past summer for 2 weeks.
- Participated in the WW-P Child Care Fair for the 3rd year.
- Created a video with music that was added to the CPNS portion of our website
- The CPNS/Church Task Force renewed the contribution amount given to the church based on actual expenditures. It was decided to review every 2 years to ensure contribution is equitable for both the Church and CPNS.
- The renewal of our license from the NJ Department of Children and Families was completed. An indoor evaluation was required which included air quality, lead paint and asbestos. This was completed without any remediation concerns.
- Began a new and more informative playground, back to school and open house program.
- As part of our Green Initiative we began using reusable lunch boxes in our lunch program.
- Participated in a research project titled "Facilitating Cross Cultural Education Skills: A Case Study of One Preschool with two professors from The College of NJ.
- Had a wonderful celebration for Dorothy's significant milestone at CPNS, including the dedication of her classrooms to her.