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Parent Teacher Back to School Night Thursday, September 16 at 7 pm

We are planning an evening *for parents only* on Thursday, Sept. 16 beginning at 7 pm. Please plan to come and hear about your teacher's plans for this school year, and to meet the other parents in your child's class. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about what your child does at school every day!

Welcome to New Teachers!

We are pleased to welcome some new teachers to our school family for fall!

Erin Meaux will be helping many classes including 3/4C and Bunnies. Erin has a degree from IUPUI, and has a few years of experience as the mother of 3 boys, teaching children at church, and one year here at CUMNS. She attended CUMNS KIDS as a child, and both she and her husband Jeff have been on our parent board over the past few years. She comes with her son Taylor who is a Duckling. Welcome back Erin!

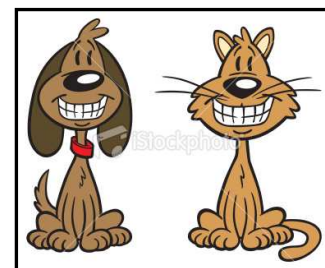
Laura Saleem joins us as our Spanish teacher. She has been a parent in the school for one year, and now she will be sharing her many talents with us! She comes along with her son Keenan in Ducklings and daughter Maren who is in 3/4C and Tigers. Laura has a BS in Spanish from the University of Louisville, and an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Management. Welcome Laura!

Jamie Carr joins us this semester as an Intern in Early Childhood Development from Ball State University. She will follow a rotational schedule that will give her the opportunity to work with all age levels and also with our administrative staff. Jamie attended CUMNS KIDS as a child, and her grandmother is an active member of the Castleton UMC. Jamie will finish her senior year at Ball State and will graduate next May. Welcome Jamie!

September On-site Field Trip

Veterinarian and former CUMNS parent, Robin Marks, will bring her dog and cat for a fun and educational presentation on animal safety for the Nursery School and Kindergarten classes during September. She will demonstrate how to approach animals and give the kids an opportunity to practice with her pets. There will be an educational video for the older children. The kids will also be given an opportunity to listen to the animals' hearts.

Look for a flyer on the classroom bulletin board and be sure to ask your child about their experience!



Fall Festival ~ Mark Your Calendars ~ Saturday, Oct. 2, 4:00-7:00 pm!!



Please plan on joining us for lots of fun, fellowship and food at our annual Family Fall Festival! This is a great opportunity to meet other CUMNS families and to help raise money for our school. We will have food, games, a kids' book store and a silent auction for items including fun activities for our kids with CUMNS teachers. **This year our goal is to raise enough money to purchase computers for each classroom!**

Here is how you can help make this event a success:

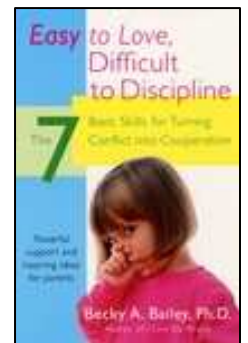
- Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a fun day.
- Clean out your closets to see if you have any new, unused items that you can donate to the silent auction (that gift card for personal training from your "well-meaning" friend, that new golf bag you bought for those golf clubs that are collecting dust in the garage, that crystal vase that Aunt Susie gave you that just doesn't seem to match anything in your house).
- Clean out your bookshelves and donate the books that your children are tired of reading to our book store.
- Volunteer for the event (contact Nissa Ricafort at nricafort@bkrlaw.com).
- Be a corporate sponsor for the event (contact Jill Kramer at jillkramer@hotmail.com).

Amy's Angle

CUMNS KIDS to offer Conscious Discipline Parenting classes

Beginning Wednesday September 29 at 6:30 pm, CUMNS KIDS Director Amy Myers will begin leading an eight week class in parenting using Conscious Discipline. Amy attended a week-long training seminar, which was led by Dr. Becky Bailey, the founder of Conscious Discipline. The class will last no later than 8 pm, and will meet weekly through November 17.

During this parenting class, we will be reading and discussing the book Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline written by Dr. Bailey, and viewing video segments that illustrate the Seven Basic Discipline Skills of Conscious Discipline. The cost of the class will be \$25, which includes a copy of the book and all materials. The fee will be payable at the first class.



What is Conscious Discipline? It is the method of classroom management that is used at our school, CUMNS KIDS. It is also called loving guidance, which is a better way to teach children! It uses love-based techniques rather than fear-based threats to create a relationship between parent and child that will lead to secure feelings, and cooperative attitudes. Conscious Discipline first helps parents become aware of how they treat *themselves*, because how we discipline ourselves is how we discipline our children. You will learn how self-control will dramatically increase your resourcefulness in any sticky situation with children from toddlers through school age.

The parenting class will be a part of the Castleton United Methodist Church's Midweek Connection, held on Wednesday evenings. There will be dinner available from 5:30-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Afterward, free childcare and activities will be provided for your children while you attend the class. Classes will meet from 6:30-8:00. For more information or to register for the class, contact the school at 841-7491.

Room Cleanings

One of the many ways CUMNS families care for their school is by assisting with room cleanings each month. This saves the school thousands of dollars each year, so those dollars can be used in other ways that will help to educate your child.

Each family is responsible for having one parent help with one room cleaning per year. You will be joined with several other parents on your assigned month. These room cleanings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month, with a few exceptions due to the holidays, and last less than two hours. Those families with more than one child in CUMNS will only be responsible for one cleaning per year. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn MacAbee at 733-9099 or lynn.macabee@wellsfargoadvisors.com.



Please watch your child's folder for the month in which you are assigned...

Parent Volunteers Needed: A Note from Wendy Brown

Parents are a much needed necessity here at CUMNS, as many of the activities that we provide are mainly run by you the parents! Without your help, many things could not get accomplished. I know that many of you lead very busy lives, but any help that you could provide would be wonderful. It is a lot of fun to take an hour off from work and help out with the children! What a wonderful experience it is to be part of the school and to see our wonderful teachers and children at work and to meet with and connect with other CUMNS Families.

It is my goal to have a list of parent volunteers that can be called upon when our school has a volunteer need. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities:

- Event Opportunities
- Helping on picture day
- Assisting with vision/hearing screenings
- Reading to a class
- Purchasing item(s) from "class wish list"
- Helping with the Scrip program



PLEASE fill out the attached form and turn it in to the front desk as soon as possible. Or, you may e-mail the information to me at theindybrowns@sbcglobal.net. Please note that supplying the information is merely indicating your desire to volunteer - it is NOT a commitment.

Sincerely,
Wendy Brown, CUMNS Kids Volunteer Coordinator

If you have anything that you would like to include in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Melissa Capuano at 826-3722 or mcapuano@comcast.net.

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Please check any of the volunteer areas in which you are interested in helping

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- NOTE: No childcare will be available for siblings during volunteer opportunities.

Thank you,

Wendy Brown
CUMNS Kids Volunteer Coordinator

Name _____

Child’s Name _____

Child’s Class _____

Phone # _____

Availability _____

E-mail address _____

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Additional Comments: