

## Preschool News 9/9



### A Note from Ms. Jess

I'm so happy to celebrate the end of a successful 2nd week of school! We are getting into the rhythms and grooves of each school day. I love walking into each room to see children playing, talking with one another, smiling, and being cuddled. Each day here at Soapstone is a GREAT day.

September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness month. I'm so honored, as well as the teaching staff, to support this cause and for the preschool to stand in support of all the children and families out there that are in the midst of a cancer journey and battle. As many of you know, this is a cause that is near and dear to my heart. My son, Luke, was diagnosed with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma last July at the age of 5. Luke bravely battled an intense and aggressive treatment last year and is now one of the lucky ones who is in the "post-treatment" phase of his cancer, with scans every 3 months. There are many children who are not as lucky as Luke, and families who are struggling in their journeys. It's hard to know how to help. On Monday, September 12, Soapstone Preschool will do a small part to help as we stand in support of these children and their families with a "Yellow-Out". Please join me and so many others as we wear some yellow or gold. Can't wait to see it!

Enjoy your weekend! Go watch all the sportsball games this weekend (kid and college), and finally - after 9 months, I can finally say - Go Baltimore Ravens! Also, join us on Sunday evening at the church for SUMC's Fall Kickoff & Kids Rock! I just love this time of year. We will see you all back on Monday for a FULL week of teaching and learning!

### Drop-Off Reminders

We know the front parking lot is busy each morning during drop-off. We do ask that you not park in the parking lot entrance (or on the side of the parking lot entrance), however. We need to keep that parking lot entrance as a 2-way path for cars to both enter and exit the parking lot. We also gently encourage families in the 3's, 4's, and TK classes to use carpool drop-off in the mornings when you can (particularly M-TH). Not only will this help alleviate some of the parking lot bustle, but it's just a great way to help increase your child's independence when they come to the preschool. Thank you so much for your flexibility and grace!

## Health Policy Reminders

The beginning of any school year brings on a healthy dose of germs - and with it, sniffles, colds, and some icks. Thank you SO much for letting us know when your child will not be here - you all have been great! As a reminder, if your child exhibits any of the COVID-like symptoms listed on page 14 of our Parent Handbook, we do ask for a negative COVID test or a doctor's note for them to return to school, as well as improving symptoms. A picture of an at-home test is great! Thank you for partnering with us to keep our preschool safe and healthy!

## SUMC Fall Kickoff

Sunday, September 11, marks the Fall Kickoff for children's programming at Soapstone United Methodist Church. Sunday School will begin at 9:45am and our awesome Kids Rock! program kickstarts for all children ages 4-5th grade at 5:00pm. We'd love for you to join us on Sunday evening from 5-6:30pm for Kids Rock, Kona Ice, and for you to learn more about the children's activities at the church. For more details, please visit the [Children's Ministry page](#) on the Soapstone UMC website!

### Soapstone Science

An email went out earlier this week from our Science Coordinator team with a sign-up link for volunteers to teach science on day this year. If you would like to sign-up, be sure to check your email or visit the sign-up [HERE](#).

### Ways to Help

1. Label all water bottles, lunchboxes, separate snacks, diapers
2. Take your child to the bathroom or change their diaper prior to drop-off
3. Look for updates and upcoming events on our website and use our Family Resources Tab!
4. Follow Soapstone Preschool on Facebook and Instagram (@SoapstonePreschool)
5. Link your VIC cards: Code 6147
6. Download the Procure App!

## Soapstone UMC Connections!

Soapstone United Methodist Church offers opportunities for in-person and virtual worship, along with children's activities, as we celebrate God's Word. We would love you to join us!

- Kids Rock!: Sundays from 5:00pm-6:30pm (ages 4-5th grade) - Kicking off on September 11th!
- 8:30 & 11:00: In-person service in the Sanctuary
- Online Worship: One services will be livestreamed on Sunday mornings - be sure to check it out on (and subscribe to!) the [SUMC You Tube Page](#).
- Children's Sunday School: 9:45 am (in the preschool wing) - Fall Kickoff on September 11th to start the new Sunday School year!
- Nursery Services are offered for children 5 and under during Sunday School and the worship services.

For a full listing of ALL the children's events at church, please visit [SUMC's website](#).

## Dates to Remember

**September 10:** Tuition Due

**September 13:** MOPs Meetup at Goodberry's

**September 19 & 20:** Science Days

**September 26:** WCPSS Workday, Preschool Closed

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