



The Shepherd's Flock ELC School News May 2020



It is with thankful hearts that we bring the year to a close. Despite the unusual turn of events this spring, we've been blessed with a great school year. We thank you for the opportunity to teach and care for your children. We have still enjoyed being with them even if it did mean finishing the year via Zoom classes and other virtual means. Your children are a blessing from God and each one has touched our hearts in a very special way. It's been exciting to watch them learn and grow by leaps and bounds! We realize what a precious gift your children are to you, and we thank you for sharing them with us. Many of you will return to The Shepherd's Flock this fall or later on. If this is your last year with us, it is with sadness that we say goodbye, but with gladness that God brought us together!

Spring is a busy time at Shepherd's Flock and typically the May school newsletter is overflowing with follow-up and thanks regarding special events such as the Twice Blessed Consignment Sale, conferences, spring programs, and end of year picnics. Sadly, things are very different this spring. The in-person time we had this school year prior to COVID-19 was especially wonderful, and now we continue to cherish the time together connecting through Zoom classes! We are thankful for these blessings and we will focus on them as we look toward the future.

Thank You!



We Love Our Shepherd's Flock Volunteers!

We extend a HUGE thanks to the many volunteers who helped make things run smoothly at The Shepherd's Flock this year. We could not have done it without you and can't thank you enough for the time that you have given to the school. From the bottom of our grateful hearts, we thank you for all you have done!

The ELC Volunteer Team

This fantastic team of ELC moms has given lots of time and support to our school this year. They have provided valuable input and assisted with projects and events throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us! ...

Jacque Dickinson, Abby Kimpson, Lindsey Matus, Kate McGuire, Lindsay McQuarry, Alycia Orr, Liz Sieglaff, and Ashley Thoreson.

Scholastic Book Order Volunteers

The following volunteers were cheerfully diligent handling these jobs this year. ☺ We appreciate the many hours they gave to the ELC!

We all love books so please thank:

Sydney Shaffer for stamping the book orders each month.

Elizabeth LaFleur for tallying and processing the orders.

Nicci Cooper for sorting and distributing the many books to their rightful owners every month.



Home Room Parents

Thanks to these wonderful moms for being a communication connection when needed and for making arrangements for events, special occasions, projects, etc! Your time and assistance are greatly appreciated! Thank you: **Amy Sarvis, Lindsey Matus, Kristen Peterson, Rebecca Gesink, Ashleigh Slattery, Kate McGuire, Janelle Carlson, Sara Ware, Brooke Den Hartog, Susie Sullivan, Jena James, Kathleen Babbitt, Nicole Bales, Tammy Bickford, Jessica Leib, Hannah Aukes, Val McFadden, and Amanda Rude.**

Laundry Helpers

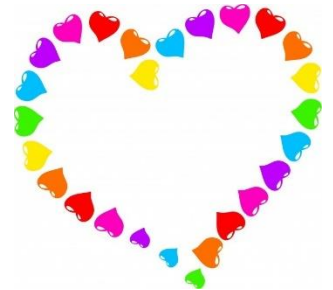
Thanks for these volunteers who kept us caught up with laundry: They are: **Nicci Cooper, Jamie Schmitz, Molly Lage, Mackenzie Sobek, Amy Singer, Rachael Pettit, Talia Koons, Erika Weih, and Adrienne Roney.**

Facebook Managers

The excellent work done by these two gals has been invaluable to our school- Thank you to **Susan Kopriva** for keeping us connected and in the know with special events on Facebook. Thank you also to **Jessica Wardenburg** for handling Facebook projects related to enrollment at Shepherd's Flock and the Twice Blessed Consignment Sale.

Your time and willing heart will always be remembered!

I can't express how difficult it is not being able to thank everyone in person. Due to the coronavirus we are kept apart at this time. Please know how much we appreciate everything our volunteers and ALL of our parents have given this year. Your name may not appear in this letter and there ARE so many unnamed helpers! You all had a hand in making Shepherd's Flock the exceptional school that it is. We couldn't do it without you!



Good-Bye to Two Very Special Teachers

This spring we say good-bye to two fantastic teachers. The Shepherd's Flock has been incredibly blessed to have Mrs. Geis and Mrs. Piatt on staff for many years. They have touched the lives of countless of children! Their unending dedication and commitment to teaching and to our school goes beyond words. Although they will be greatly missed, we wish them the goodness that life has to offer. God's blessings to them both!



Farewell to Mrs. Geis

It is hard to imagine Shepherd's Flock without Mrs. Geis, but that will be the case this coming fall. She first started teaching at Shepherd's Flock in 1994. Mrs. Geis and her husband are relocating to the home they've had in Lake of the Ozarks. She also plans a continued involvement in education, but is looking forward to welcoming family and friends to their Missouri home.

Mrs. Piatt Retires

This spring we will also say good-bye to Mrs. Piatt. She began teaching at the ELC in 1999 and will be ending a life-long career in education. Mrs. Piatt looks forward to having more time with family. She also plans to pursue her hobbies of painting furniture, wood burning, reading, walking and biking. We may even get to see her subbing at Shepherd's Flock!



May Tuitions

Just a friendly reminder that May tuition is now due. During this time of school closure, mailing your check to the school is an option. In addition, we offer online payments through [Vanco](#) or you may set up payment using Bill Pay / Auto Pay through your bank. Thank you for your kind attention to this.

Preschool Openings

The Shepherd's Flock has openings for 3 and 4-year-olds for this fall. Despite our current status with the virus, we remain hopeful and are planning to have school as usual this fall. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact me at diane@sotv-wdm.org or 225-1952 ext. 114.

We hope that you have enjoyed the school year as much as we have. On behalf of the entire staff, we thank you again for the opportunity to partner with you and your family to teach your children. Each one truly is a wonderful blessing from God. We hope and pray that as we move into summer, we will experience increased normalcy. Praying that you and your family stay safe and well and that joy is part of each and every day.

God's Blessings to you!

Diane Hensley
ELC Director

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