



I Am A Prepper

*A Prep Community Newsletter
To help busy parents with their busy lives!*



May Events

**May 13th
Fun Friday**

Students in the preschool program do not have to wear their uniforms on this day.

**May 18th
Polaris Art Show**

The preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students will be displaying their art work at the school beginning at 6:15 pm.



**May 19th
Dublin Art Show**

The preschool, pre-kindergarten, and elementary students will be displaying their art work at the school beginning at 6:15 pm.



**May 30th
Memorial Day**

Prep Academy will be closed in observation of the holiday.



**May 31st
Kindergarten
Graduation**

We will be celebrating the completion of kindergarten for students at both campuses. The ceremony will be held at 7:00 pm at Powell United Methodist Church.

A Note from Miss Laurie . . .

It's hard to believe that May has already arrived! This last month of school is packed full of events. There is a lot to accomplish before the summer season begins.

We began the month acknowledging the hard work and dedication of all of our fabulous teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. May also means Mother's Day! We invited all of our wonderful Prep moms to attend the special Mother's Day events we held on Friday, May 6th. In the middle of the month, the students in the Preschool program will be displaying wonderful pieces of art during our annual Art Show. Be sure to mark it on your calendar and plan to attend! We will also be celebrating our kindergarten students at the end of the month during Kindergarten Graduation. What a fun way to acknowledge the students and celebrate their success!

I hope you are enjoying the spring weather. With summer on the horizon, before we know it the hot and hazy summer days will be upon us. ☺



Warmest Regards,
Laurie Beard

Laurie Beard, Senior Director

Prep Academy Schools 2016 Summer Program!

TIME TRAVELERS

10 Exciting Weeks! June 6th - August 12th

This Summer at Prep Academy Schools...
Experience Great and Exciting, Educational Activities!

Classroom Corner

Look what we're doing....

DUBLIN CAMPUS

Miss Elaina's Jr. Prep Class

The children used construction paper to make the Earth, as well as the sun and clouds, as they learned about Earth day.



Miss Teresa's Preschool Class

The students colored and decorated a variety of birds that you might find in a rain forest.



POLARIS CAMPUS

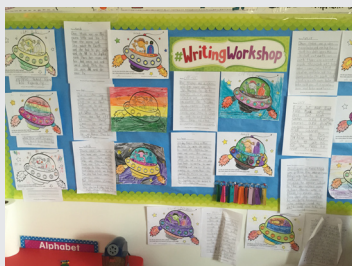
Miss Sammi & Miss Dominique's Waddler Room

In celebration of Earth Day, the children used a paper plate and some paints to create their very own Earth.



Miss Brianna & Miss Kosetta's Kindergarten Class

While learning about outer space, the students wrote their thoughts on where an alien would be traveling if it lived in outer space.

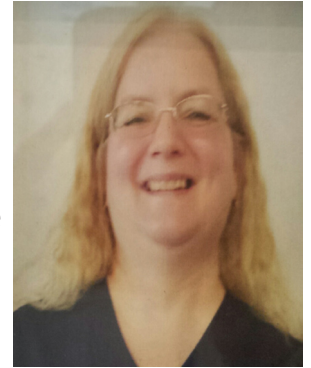


Teacher Feature

Dublin Campus:

Beth Hughes - Waddler Teacher

Miss Beth began teaching at Prep Academy in August 2013.



Why do you enjoy teaching?

I enjoy the children's reactions when they figure something out and watching them as they process cause and effect. It is exciting, funny, and everything to me to watch as children explore the many things we offer as teachers.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, playing brain games and doing genealogy research.

Polaris Campus:

Brianna Miller – Kindergarten Teacher

Miss Brianna began teaching at Prep Academy in August 2014.



Why do you enjoy teaching?

I really love it when students have that "Aha!" moment when learning. When they have been working on a concept that might be tricky and then it all comes together, the look on their face is one of the greatest parts of being a teacher. Giving students the tools, and confidence, to start and complete a task at the best of their ability is what keeps me motivated!

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time, you can usually find me doing one of two things; crafting, such as sewing, or spending time with my family! The older I get the more I value the time I spend with my family and the wisdom and teaching they impart on me. However, on occasion, I do love a good Netflix marathon!



Happy May Birthday to . . .

Dublin Campus

Miss Markie – 16th
Miss Liann – 26th
Miss Marla – 11th

Polaris Campus

Miss Erin – 16th
Miss Colleen – 27th



Proud Prep Parent Alert!

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Spring Musical Program

The students in the preschool program did an excellent job performing the annual musical, Pajama Party! Thank you to all of the families that attended the program, your support was appreciated. We hope you enjoyed the program as much as the children enjoyed performing.

AGES & STAGES - INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Developmental milestones give a general idea about what to expect from children of different ages. However, there will always be differences between individual children. Some children begin to walk at 10 months, some at 15 months. Some toddle along quickly and smoothly, getting the "hang of it" right away. Others fall down a lot, hesitate, or even give up for a few days. Some children talk before they are 2, others talk very little before they are 3 or so. Some will always be quiet people. Some abilities become clear in one child, but may never be very strong in another.

Recognize the individual in the child and look for differences based on the following:

SENSE OF SECURITY

Some children need more consistency, more reassurance, and more confidence and trust-building than others. Insecurity sometimes can cause a child to withdraw or behave aggressively.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Some children need more active play than others. They need the opportunity to move around, jump, run, and bounce many times throughout the day. Other children need more quiet time or more rest.

RESPONSE TO STIMULATION

Children are inherently different in their tolerance to noise, activity, visual stimulation, or changes in the environment. An environment that is sensitive to this need in children will provide interesting activities as well as a quiet place to get away from the action.

THINKING STYLE

Some children think quietly through possible solutions to a problem; others push in and try the first idea that occurs to them. Some children are interested in experimenting to find out how objects work; others choose to ask friends or adults for help.

Developmental guidelines should be used as a general rule of thumb. Do not confuse earlier or faster development with better development. Early talking by a 1-year-old does not mean that the child will be a chatterbox or a brilliant conversationalist at age 10. Later talking may mean that a toddler is putting more energy into physical growth and motor exploration right now.



MAY WEEKLY THEMES



Ocean Life
May 9 - 13



Mad Scientist
May 16 - 20



Teacher's Choice
May 23 - 27



Farewell Friends
May 2 - June 2



ENCOURAGE SHARING

Some children are naturals at sharing, while others may need some encouragement. Here are a few ways to encourage sharing:

- Read books about sharing to the children. Your local children's librarian may be able to suggest some books and videos about sharing.
- When playing "turn taking" games, be sure that each child has a chance to go first.
- Support and praise children when they share. For example, say, "I liked the way you let John play with that toy. You must be proud of yourself."
- Do not force young children (less than three years old) to share. This may cause the children to resent sharing.
- Set a good example. Talk about sharing. Share with the children.
- Sharing can be fun. Children need to try it to learn it.

Prep Academy

Referral Rewards Program

Tell your friends and neighbors about Prep Academy and your family can have dinner and catch a movie on us!



Refer a family to Prep Academy.

If the family you refer tours, you will receive a \$25 VISA gift card!

If the family you refer enrolls, you will receive an ADDITIONAL \$75 VISA gift card!

It's a WIN/WIN for you and your friend!

Family referred must be a brand new family to Prep Academies.
Family referred must bring Referral Card to tour.

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