

## CONTACTING PRINCE OF PEACE STAFF:

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## Prince of Peace Lutheran School

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### PRESCHOOL & PREKINDERGARTEN

### PARENT HANDBOOK



**2021-2022**

### ***Excellence in Education***

***Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:13***

Prince of Peace Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational and admissions policies.



**MISSION STATEMENT:** Prince of Peace Lutheran School, in touching lives for Christ, is blessed to provide a Christ-centered environment where parents, staff, and students together foster excellence in education while educating for eternity.

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## SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON WCBK RADIO (102.3 FM)

AND/OR

TELEVISION CHANNELS 4, 6, 8, 13, and 59. IT WILL ALSO BE  
POSTED ON THE PRINCE OF PEACE PRESCHOOL  
FACEBOOK PAGE.

IF YOU CALL THE SCHOOL PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE  
AS THE STAFF MAY NOT BE IN THE OFFICE.

IF MARTINSVILLE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO  
INCLEMENT WEATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE WILL BE  
CLOSED AS WELL. IF MARTINSVILLE SCHOOLS ARE  
ON A TWO-HOUR DELAY, MORNING CLASSES AT  
PRINCE OF PEACE WILL BE IN SESSION FROM 9:30AM-  
12:00PM. AFTERNOON CLASS TIMES WILL REMAIN  
THE SAME.

## SECTION I – All School

### OBJECTIVES OF OUR SCHOOL:

1. To provide a comfortable, loving atmosphere that promotes learning.
2. To provide facilities that ensure the safety and well-being of the children.
3. To share a basic Christian foundation with each child, to provide a setting in which the child and the family can grow in their understanding of their relationship with God and learn to love and serve others according to God's Word, and to help a child recognize God's works and His many blessings.
4. To develop a child's social and communication skills with peers and adults, to encourage a child's sense of wonder and curiosity, and to help the child respect limits set in the classroom.
5. To teach the curriculum through a variety of experiences.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Children age three on or before October 1 are eligible for our Tuesday/Thursday preschool class. Children who are four on or before October 1 are eligible for our Monday/Wednesday/Friday prekindergarten class. Children must be fully potty-trained. Parents must present evidence of proper immunization prior to attending classes.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:



### Class Times:

Preschool (Tuesday & Thursday)  
Prekindergarten (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
	9:00 – 11:30	1:00 – 3:30
<i>Classrooms open</i>	8:50 a.m.	12:50 p.m.

\*\*\*Parents need to notify the teacher if someone other than the usual ride is picking the child up through a note or a phone call to school. We reserve the right to check I.D. if we are unfamiliar with the person picking up your child. \*\*\*Note: If a child is not picked up within 5 minutes after dismissal, we will begin calling those listed on your emergency contacts. **If you know you will be late, PLEASE CALL SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.**

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF STUDENTS:



When dropping your child off for school, you may drive up the lane in front of the school; please wait until you are near the crosswalk before your child exits. Keep the crosswalk clear as it will be utilized by those escorting their children to the building. *Please assist your child in exiting your vehicle.* **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED IN THE DRIVE LANE.** If you are going to walk your child into the school, you must park in a parking spot in front of the church. **FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, DO NOT PASS ANY VEHICLE OR BUS STOPPED IN THE DRIVE LANE; PLEASE WAIT IN LINE.** At the school entrance, a staff member will take your child's temperature. Please do not pull away until your child enters the building. When school has ended, the teacher will walk the children over to the church. They will be released through the front doors of the church. Your child's teacher will dismiss the children to each parent. Daycare students will be escorted downstairs.

### SCHOOL SECURITY PROCEDURES:

For the safety of our students and staff, all doors of the building will be kept locked during school hours. In the event you should need to pick up your child for any reason, please ring the buzzer, which is located by the office doors. Please realize that there is no intercom system and there is no electronic entry. Our secretary will answer the door. We will do our best to answer the door in a timely manner, but please understand that the secretary could be on the phone or in another part of the facility.

### ABSENCE/ILLNESSES:

If your child will be absent, please call prior to class time. Leave a message on the answering machine if necessary. It is important that the teacher know. For the protection of the class, we cannot accept sick children. Our school's COVID-19 safety plan is included at the end of this handbook. If your child has a bad cold, fever, upset stomach, eye infection, or strep throat, please keep him/her home. In the event of a sudden illness at school, we will do all that is possible to contact the parent and make the child comfortable until they arrive.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Precious Playmates offers extended care for our students. If you are interested, please contact the daycare director, Bethany Asher, at (765) 342-2220.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER:



If Martinsville schools are closed due to inclement weather, Prince of Peace will be closed as well. Please listen to WCBK 102.3 FM beginning at 6:00a.m. or watch channels 4, 6, 8, 13, or 59 for closures. Please do **NOT** call the school office. ***If Martinsville schools are on a two-hour delay, all morning classes will meet from 9:30 a.m until 12:00 noon. Afternoon class times will remain the same.***

### EVALUATIONS:



Assessments of your child's growth will be conducted throughout the year and a written progress report will be issued in January and May.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

A scheduled parent-teacher conference will be held in January. Additional times to discuss your child's progress can be scheduled. Please let the teacher know if you desire a conference at an additional time.

### CHAPEL:



In addition to daily devotions and religion class, Prince of Peace offers worship opportunities on Tuesdays & Wednesdays for the children at our chapel services. Our Pastor or our teachers lead these services.

### CHAPEL OFFERING:

A small envelope will be sent home with your child each week for chapel offering the following week. If you choose to send money for offering, please put it in the envelope and return it back to school on your child's chapel day.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR, NEWSLETTER, & FACEBOOK:



Every parent will be provided with a yearly school calendar at the beginning of school. It will closely follow the Martinsville School District calendar. The school office will send home a monthly newsletter containing general school information. Please follow the Prince of Peace Preschool Facebook page for more specific information regarding classroom topics and activities. This is a closed group.

**FEES:**

There are three options for tuition payments, after the \$50 registration fee has been paid. The yearly plan is due at the beginning of the year and may be paid with cash or check. The quarterly and monthly plans require you to complete an ACH authorization form, and the amount will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account according to the schedule below.

<b>Payment plan</b>	<b>Due dates</b>
Yearly (1)	August 16 (cash or check)
Quarterly (4)	Aug. 16, Oct. 16, Jan. 10, and Mar. 16 (ACH)
Monthly (9)	The 16 <sup>th</sup> of each month, August – April (ACH)

**DRESS CODE:**

All children are asked to wear neat, clean, and comfortable play clothes that are easy for the child to handle while using the bathroom and dressing for outside play. Part of the early childhood program is to experience messy activities. While we use washable paint, children still do get paint and other messy things on their clothing. Please be sure your child does not wear clothing you do not want to get messy. Tennis shoes are preferred. Be mindful that shoes with closed toes and heels do help eliminate falls and injury. Remember that students go outside for recess.

**COLD WEATHER PLAY:**



When the cold weather arrives, please dress your child appropriately with coats, gloves/mittens, hats, and boots. We will play outside or downstairs on most days even when there is snow on the ground.

**\*\*Please put your child’s name on their coats and sweaters.**

**EXTRA CLOTHING:**

Please keep an extra set of clothing in your child’s backpack each day in case of an accident. This includes underwear, socks, pants/shorts, and shirt. Please keep clothing appropriate for the time of year and your child’s size.

**CLASSROOM PARTIES:**

Parties will be held in the fall, prior to Christmas, and Valentine’s Day. You will have the opportunity to donate treats or craft items. If protocols allow at the time of these parties, parents may be invited to participate. The office and/or teacher will inform you.



**TOYS FROM HOME:**



Your child is asked **NOT** to bring personal toys to school. This will ensure that they are not lost or broken.

**HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES:**



It is highly recommended that parents consult a physician and get a health report on their child before sending him to school. **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS BEYOND THE DATE OF HIS ENROLLMENT UNLESS HE IS EITHER: (A) FULLY IMMUNIZED, OR (B) HAS BEGUN HIS IMMUNIZATIONS AND PRODUCED A SCHEDULE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THEM.**

**STUDENT MEDICATION:**



**NO MEDICATION, including over the counter medications, will be administered without the written permission of the child’s physician. This must include the dosage and times for dispensing the medication. If needed, contact the school office to have your doctor’s office email us this information.**

**HEAD LICE:**

Pediculosis Capitis (head lice) Control is the immediate identification of the condition and the means to eliminate it from the school environment.

**PROCEDURES FOR HEAD LICE:**

Children with infestation of head lice are not permitted to attend school for the following specified intervals according to the rules and regulations mandated by state law.

1. Identification of head lice and their nits (eggs) on student(s) by the school staff requires that person to immediately report the condition to the school administration for notification of the student(s)' parents of the finding. Parents will be requested to remove their child (children) from the school environment until treatment renders them free from lice and nits.
2. Return to school is permissible whenever the healthcare provider has declared via document that the child (children) is (are) noninfectious for head lice and/or nits.

**HARASSMENT POLICY:**

Because of God's immeasurable love for each of us, and Christ's command that we also love one another, it is vitally important that this love and respect be visibly expressed in all matters pertaining to our Christian school. Christian behavior is taught in the home and reinforced by the school. Therefore, Prince of Peace Lutheran School will not tolerate harassment of any person, (i.e. employee, parent, student, volunteer, or Board of Education member) because of that individual's race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, or handicap. The term "harassment" includes, but is not limited to slurs, jokes, innuendoes, intimidation, hostility, and other verbal, graphic or physically offensive conduct. Failure to follow this policy will result in suspension or immediate expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense.

**SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:**

We at Prince of Peace feel that discipline should be self-imposed by the pupil who is living as a follower of Christ. We want your child to grow in love and understanding of others. We also believe it is a privilege to attend this school. However, all Christians are sinful beings and we, as a Christian school must help the student when he/she fails to apply self-discipline. We use discipline that is appropriate and sets boundary lines. Positive reinforcement of acceptable behavior includes a smile, stickers, positive words of encouragement, extra classroom privileges, and/or sending notes of praise home. We encourage children to solve their problems through Jesus' example of love and forgiveness. The following procedure in discipline will be used.

Discipline will include warnings, time-outs, a visit to the office or with Pastor, a note sent home, and/or a call to the parent.

1. If the problem persists, the family will be notified so they may take appropriate actions.
2. If the family and the teacher are not successful in correcting the behavior, the Pastor and the Board of Education may be called to help work with the family.
3. If these measures are to no avail, the Board will suspend the child from school until both the family and the child meet with the teacher and agree to follow their suggestions for solving the problem.
4. According to the severity of the infraction, Prince of Peace Lutheran School has the right to impose an immediate suspension. (Severe cause may include, but not limited to: fighting, bodily harm to self or others, swearing, stealing.)
5. If suspension and parent-child-teacher agreement is not successful, Prince of Peace Lutheran School reserves the right to expel the student. If the parents feel expulsion is unjust, they may appeal the action to the Board of Education for a final decision.

## **2021-22 COVID-19 POLICY**

Prince of Peace Lutheran School will take all precautions necessary to provide a safe environment for your child during the 2021-22 school year. As the year progresses, it may become necessary to take additional measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We will review and amend this policy as the situation changes. Below are the guidelines we will follow. These guidelines are based on information from the State of Indiana's Back on Track program, the Indiana State Department of Education, and the Indiana District/Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Office of Christian Education.

- Students and staff will not be required to wear face masks.
- All families will self-monitor for the following symptoms:

Dry cough	Vomiting	Nausea
Fever	Fatigue	Sore throat
Swollen glands	Diarrhea	Rash
Loss of taste/smell	Shortness of breath	Pinkeye

If you or family members exhibit any of these symptoms or have knowingly come into contact with anyone with these symptoms, please remain at home and contact the school office.

- School attendance will neither be acknowledged or celebrated.
- Parents may walk their child into the school building. We ask that parents refrain from entering the classrooms, however. Please maintain appropriate distancing from other parents/families while in the school hallway.
- All Prince of Peace staff members will undergo daily temperature checks. A staff member will take the temperature of each student with a non-contact thermometer at the school entrance. Any student or staff with a temperature of 99.9 degrees or higher will not enter the building and must remain home until fever-free for 72 hours (without medication).

- Students will wash their hands several times throughout the day (entering the building after playing outside, after using the restroom, before snack time). Hand sanitizer will be available, with usage by adult supervision only.
- Each student will have his/her own labeled school box for commonly used supplies, such as crayons and glue sticks. These items will not be shared among students. Items such as scissors, paintbrushes, or other art supplies that may be shared will be disinfected after use.
- Tables, chairs, and other hard surfaces will be sanitized after each class session. Rooms will be deep cleaned on days they are not in use.
- Families are asked to refrain from sending homemade snacks. Individually wrapped snacks are preferred.
- If a staff member, child, or family member tests positive for COVID – 19, he/she should quarantine as directed by a physician and be symptom-free (without medication) for 72 hours. If we are notified of a positive student case, the affected classroom would close for a period of 2-5 days for extensive cleaning and students would remain at home until notified to return.
- Events on the school calendar (Trunk or Treat, Christmas programs, Grandparents' Days) may need to be canceled or altered based on our state and county's status at the time.
- Families will receive written notification of any changes or updates to the policy during the year.

### SECTION III

#### PREKINDERGARTEN

##### Additional Guidelines

##### NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR:

Each month the office will send home a school newsletter containing information pertinent to all students and their families. To keep updated on specific prekindergarten activities, upcoming topics, and other important information, please follow the Prince of Peace Preschool Facebook page. This is a closed group.

##### CURRICULUM:

The following are components of the prekindergarten curriculum at Prince of Peace Lutheran School:

1. Jesus time is an integral part of the curriculum, in which the child learns more about Jesus our Savior through Bible stories, songs, and prayers.
2. Gym/outdoor play and physical education give the child the opportunity to develop large muscle skills.
3. Large group/circle time enhances the development of listening and speaking. This time involves a prayer, calendar and weather activities, identifying the days of the week, songs, and show and tell.
4. Snack time is an opportunity to eat and drink together, to learn manners, and to share conversation.
5. Center time gives the child the opportunity to focus on activities, crafts, letters, numbers, & multiple areas of the curriculum.
6. Story time develops the child's love for reading.
7. Free play time lets your child choose from a variety of areas to play in that are drawn from all parts of the curriculum.
8. Science lets the child explore, experiment, discover, and develop an awareness of the changing world.

##### BIRTHDAYS:

Birthdays are important, so we celebrate each one. We will celebrate each child's birthday with a simple celebration during snack time. We will try to schedule one of your child's snack days on or near his/her birthday. For those who have birthdays in the summer, we will celebrate half-birthdays. For birthday snacks, packaged cupcakes, cookies, or ice cream cups are acceptable.

##### SNACKS:

Each day a child will be assigned to bring a snack. The snack and show and tell calendar will be sent home at the beginning of each month. We prefer **that drinks be water, milk, fruit juices low in sugar, or 100% juice**. We also prefer snacks that are low in sugar and individually wrapped.

Napkins and cups will be provided each day for snack, but if there is anything else needed for a specific snack, we ask that you provide it. We will let you know if any of the children have food allergies.

Some suggested snacks are:

pretzels	muffins
pudding	raisins
fruit/granola bars	Jello cups
cereal	fruit cups
animal crackers	
crackers	

If you have an idea for a snack and are not sure if it is okay to bring, please ask your child's teacher.

**No:** soda, doughnuts, fruit roll ups, fruit snacks, or any other sugary treats. To reduce the spread of germs, children are not allowed to share snacks.



## SECTION IV

### PRESCHOOL

#### Additional Guidelines

##### NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR:

Each month the office will send home a school newsletter containing information pertinent to all students and their families. To keep updated on specific preschool activities, upcoming topics, and other important information, please follow the Prince of Peace Preschool Facebook page. This is a closed group.

##### CURRICULUM:

The following are components of the preschool curriculum at Prince of Peace Lutheran School:

1. Jesus time is an integral part of the curriculum, in which the child learns more about Jesus our Savior through Bible stories, songs, and prayers.
2. Large motor play, either outside or inside, gives the child the opportunity to develop large muscle skills.
3. Large group/circle time enhances the development of listening and speaking. This time involves a prayer, calendar and weather activities, identifying the days of the week, songs, and show and tell.
4. Snack time is an opportunity to eat and drink together, to learn manners, and to share conversation.
5. Center time gives the child the opportunity to focus on activities/crafts in a small group.
6. Story time develops the child's love for reading.
7. Free play time lets your child choose areas of play, which are drawn from all parts of the curriculum.

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### FIRST SEMESTER CALENDAR

August 16	School begins for prekindergarten
August 17	School begins for preschool
September 6	Labor Day (no school)
October 11-15	Fall Break (no school)
October 24	Trunk or Treat @ 5:00 p.m.
October 28 & 29	Fall Parties
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Feasts
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Vacation (no school)
November 30	Christmas Program @ 7:00 p.m.
December 4	Bethlehem Walk; 5:00-8:00 p.m.
December 16 & 17	Christmas Parties
December 20	Christmas Vacation Begins (no school)

### SECOND SEMESTER CALENDAR

January 4	School resumes
January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)
January 24-28	National Lutheran Schools Week
January 27 & 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school)
January 28	Family Fun Night (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
February 14 & 15	Valentine's Day Parties
February 21	President's Day (no school; possible snow make-up day)
Feb. 28 – Mar.4	Spring Book Fair
March 3 & 4	Grandparents' Days
March 21-25	Spring Break (no school)
March 28	School resumes
April 17	Easter Sunday
May 9	Final Day (prekindergarten)
May 10	Final Day (preschool)
May 10	End-of-Year Program @ 7:00 p.m.
May 11	End-of-Year Picnic