



## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

A COLUMBIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Oversight Committee

#### *From the Director*

*I would like to humbly express my thanks to the Vancouver family for seeing the value of Christian education and supporting us these last three and a half years. I am proud to be a part of such an incredible ministry that has touched so many lives.*

*Allison Lane*

The Bright Beginnings Oversight Committee is charged by the elders to assist the Director in making Bright Beginnings be the "Premier Christian school" of our vision. We generally meet the second Monday of each month, and report directly to the elders.

The elders have asked us to be involved with fundraising for items beyond the basics (which are covered by

tuition) and for teacher professional development. We are also charged with helping the congregation connect with the Bright Beginnings ministry. The Committee Members for 2009 were:

**Laura Albrecht**  
**Christine Lawton**  
**Susan Maxwell**  
**Meredith Spivy**  
**Stacey Smith**

Joining us for 2010 is **Pam Graham.**

Laura has retired from this ministry and we want to thank her!

Vancouver Children at Bright Beginnings:

- **Nathan Hill**
- **Madelyn Hopper**
- **Megan Hopper**
- **Haven Housley**
- **Mikey Kuhle**
- **Lavina Lao**
- **Braden Miler**
- **Jenna Smith**

### Bible Based Curriculum

Bright Beginnings is a Christian preschool. Our mission and vision include preparing the whole child to start them on the right path in school and life. A key to this training is our bible based curriculum. Every Monday and Thursday

basis by teaching about the impact of what the children see, hear, and do. Craig describes chapel as "a delightful time that always encourages me." **Craig Brown** holds a chapel service with all the students. Chapel is integrated with the monthly themes in partnership with Bright Beginnings. He helps students to see the face of God on a daily

2009-10 enrollment at the end of December 2009 was 107, including 10 in Kindergarten.

## Our Teachers



"I like sharing and chapel with Mr. Craig."  
Jenna Smith

Look for our See's Candy fundraiser February 10th thru March 2nd.

2008-09 enrollment reached a high of 110 students.



Pre School Around the World

Providing employment for members and our extended church family, and outreach opportunities. Our staff is made up of 11 Christian women - 10 of whom are members of the church of

Allison Lane—Eastside Church of Christ

**Meredith Spivy**—Vancouver Church of Christ

**Pam Graham**—Vancouver Church of Christ

**Jenna Graham** (substitute)- Vancouver Church of Christ

**Kara Corley** (substitute) - Vancouver Church of Christ

**Marcie Hopper** (office staff) Vancouver Church of Christ

Pam McCaughan—Metro Church of Christ

Cheryl Hamm—Hazel Dell Church of Christ

Sue Ann Jones—Hazel Dell Church of Christ

Charlene Harmon—Living Water Community Church

Nancy Preuit—Southwest Church of Christ

## Other Opportunities we Provide our Students

To develop the whole child we like to provide as many additional opportunities for our students as possible. Please talk to us if you have some gifts to share with our students.

Beginning in January 2010 we will be offering Pre school around the world. This is an opportunity for students to extend their day and learn about cultures around the world. This class is taught by **Meredith Spivy** and Charlene Harmon.

Little Performers A number of our students also take dance lessons at the building through Little Performers (formerly Veba School of Dance). They learn ballet, tap, folk, tumbling, movement, and song, and perform in a recital.

City Lights Soccer Coached by **Bryan Housley**, children can learn the basics of soccer. This provides an opportunity for interaction with other children at the congregation and with other children from the neighborhood.

## 2009 Year End Report

### Congregation Serving the Preschool

#### Activities

Muffins for Mom, a first day greeting for preschool moms, was coordinated by **Cheryl Foster**.

**Barbara Barnes** and **Kay Sellers** coordinated Tea for Teachers in December, an appreciation for our

preschool teachers.

#### Donations

Some members support Bright Beginnings through monthly donations either directly made to the preschool or through United Way. Others have provided snacks, school supplies, books

or playground equipment. All are needed and much appreciated. A list of needed supplies can be found in the preschool area. Currently we need new bike helmets for the children to use while on the trike path on bikes and scooters.



In December, students collected food and hygiene supplies for the Winter Housing Overload Project (WHO)—for which our congregation provides staffing.

#### M.O.M.s

Mothers with children in the Bright Beginnings preschool also participate in the M.O.M.s group. For some moms it may just be some coffee and fellowship, with-

out staying for the actual program. For others it's a place where friendships have developed with women of the Vancouver congregation. Some have even be-

gun to bring their own friends to M.O.M.s. Others come to worship on Sundays to check us out. Please be sure to say Hi and help these families to feel welcome.



#### Fundraising

Your monetary support is what allows Bright Beginnings to be a *premier* preschool with the *highest quality* of education.

Our partnership with Columbia Christian Schools provides us with the infrastructure for employees, bookkeeping, and curriculum support. However, after the initial layout of startup money by Columbia the pre school is now self supported. To keep tuition rea-

sonable for families and still provide the best we can, we rely on fundraising and donations. THANK YOU for all of your support!

We collect both Campbell's Soup Labels and Boxtops for education. These can be dropped off in the education wing if you would like to donate specifically to Bright Beginnings.

#### Fundraising Highlight

##### Payback Books

In fall we sell Payback coupon books. This year each classroom was able to spend the money they raised on supplies for their own classroom. **Meredith Spivy's** class raised over \$700 and purchased a complete wooden kitchen set which they share with the 4 and 5 year old Sunday School class.



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### *A VANCOUVER CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTRY*

**A premier Christian school with the highest quality of education to start children on the right path in school and life.**

### **Our Mission**

Bright Beginnings is a child centered, family-focused preschool committed to developing and preparing the whole child for learning and their transition into Kindergarten



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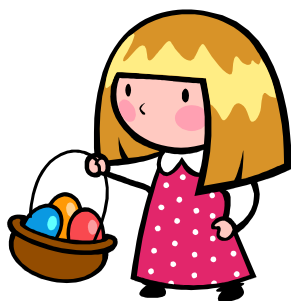
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## **Upcoming for 2010**

You are invited to fellowship and serve with preschool families at the following events.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Our youth group will be working with the Oversight Committee to sponsor an Easter egg hunt for children at the preschool, the congregation, and the neighborhood. Candy and prize donations, along with Easter cookies and other treats are needed.



Easter Egg Hunt  
April 3rd, 2010

### **Spring Concert**

March 16th the students will sing and perform for their families and the congregation. Donations of cookies are needed. Please plan to attend the program and meet our preschool families.

### **Summer Start BBQ**

Each year we celebrate the beginning of summer and the end of the school year with a BBQ. This year, we'd like to make this

a joint event, with planning committee from the congregation working together with some preschool families to plan some activities for the BBQ. Preschool families will provide most of the meal, and the congregation is asked to bring side dishes, and deserts. Everyone is invited to attend the BBQ.

Watch for more information on these events.