



News from the Director

We are off to a wonderful start at TPPK. It is so sweet to see all the smiling faces come through the doors each morning. What a blessing it is for our staff to have your children be part of the TPPK ministry. It is a privilege for all of us to be involved in your child's early childhood education. We are very aware of the importance for children to have their first educational experience in a nurturing environment. We consider that one of our top goals and I believe our staff does that so well!

This year in Chapel Time we will be working on the theme "Fruit of the Spirit". We will explore stories from the bible as we learn about the verse from Galatians 5:22-23—"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Please join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 for music, prayer, and bible stories.

I look forward to an awesome year together. Please know that I am available to you in any way. Our staff prays each morning for your families. If there is anything that we can pray for specially, please let us know.

Many blessings for a GREAT year!

Nicolette

TPPK

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Special points of interest:

First Day of School

Wednesday, September 7th

Chapel Begins

Thursday, September 15 at 9:15

Fire Drills

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Fundraising Orders are due by October 27 for Sally Foster and Coupon Books



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Meet the Staff of TPPK

Nicolette Granata is the Director of TPPK. She graduated from Eureka College in 1982 with a BA in Elementary Education. After teaching K-3 in the Chicago suburbs for 4 years, she and her husband moved to Durham in 1986. She was a stay at home Mom until her boys were in grade school and then worked for DPS as a substitute at her boys' school. She started at TPPK 16 years ago as a teacher of the 2 year class and then became the Director the following year. Both of her sons attended TPPK; both are graduates of UNC-Charlotte. Cory lives and works in Davidson, NC with his wife and Casey will start the police academy in January. Nicolette and her husband are members of Triangle Presbyterian Church where she is very involved in the Congregational Care Committee. Nicolette and her husband enjoy time together visiting family and friends, working in their yard, and having friends over for dinner and fellowship.

Julie Anderson has been involved with TPPK since the fall of 1997 beginning as a parent, then a substitute teacher, and now a teacher; she has been the Fish teacher since the fall of 2004. Both of her children are graduates of TPPK. Julie's love for working with children began as a gymnastics coach many years ago. She and her family enjoy spending time together traveling, supporting each other's sporting events, and boating. Julie is a member of Triangle Presbyterian Church.

Janice Ascher, one of the Kindergarten teacher assistants, started at TPPK in 2006. She and her husband have four children the youngest three are graduates of TPPK. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a BA in Biology and also has a degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology. She worked with medical and pharmaceutical research instrumentation prior to being home with the last three children.

Tara Carew has served as an assistant in the PreK classrooms and is now teaching one of the 3-day 3 year old classes. Tara graduated from the State University of NY at Cortland in 1993 with a BA in Liberal Arts English. In 1999, she graduated from the City of New York at Hunter College with a Masters in Education. She worked for two years as a Middle School Language Arts Teacher in New York City before the birth of her two girls. Both of her girls have attended and graduated from TPPK, she joined the staff in 2007. She is a member of Holy Infant Church and enjoys reading, gardening, cycling, card making, travelling, and spending time with family and friends.

Jackie MacDougall attended Drake University and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in early childhood education. She taught in the Chicago Public Schools as a Kindergarten teacher for five years before moving to Durham, NC in 2000 with her family. After being a stay at home mom for a few years, Jackie began teaching at TPPK in 2005. All of Jackie's children have graduated from TPPK.



Top row: Miss Linda (Lions), Miss Nicolette (Director), Miss Pam (Turtles, PreK Asst. & Music Teacher)

2nd Row: Miss Janice (K Asst), Miss Jackie (Lambs), Miss Julie W. (K Asst)

3rd Row: Miss Tara (Frogs), Miss Julie A. (Fish)

4th Row: Miss Jane (Admin. Asst.), Miss Alana (Bears)

Meet the Staff of TPPK, continued

Jane Mitchell joined the staff in 2008 as administrative assistant. In addition to her role as administrative assistant, she updates and maintains the TPPK website and manages the student accounts. Jane graduated from UNC-CH with a degree in Sociology. She and her husband have two daughters. Jane has been part of TPPK since 1997 when her girls attended TPPK. She has served on the TPPK Board for the past eight years. Jane enjoys being actively involved in her daughters' school and their family enjoys spending their time swimming, camping, boating, and waterskiing.

Linda Routh has been teaching at TPPK since 1997. Prior to that, she had been active at her daughters' schools as a substitute teacher, math program coordinator and science classroom volunteer. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri with a BS in Education. She and her husband Kevin have two daughters. One is a graduate of UNC-CH and the other will graduate from ASU in May and is engaged to be married in June. She enjoys reading, hiking, camping and heading to the mountains with her family.

Alana Scott, TPPK kindergarten teacher, graduated from Bridgewater College with a BS degree in Middle School Education. She taught seventh grade Language Arts for nine years in Stafford County, VA, as well as coaching girls' field hockey and track. Alana and her husband, Bill, have two children-Colleen and David. After the birth of her daughter, Alana retired from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom. In 1999, Alana and her family moved to Durham. Both of Alana's children attended TPPK and their positive experiences at the pre-school helped Alana decide to join the TPPK staff in 2003. Alana loves to read, bake, garden, and spend time with her family.

Pamela Spring teaches the 2-day 2 1/2-year-old class and serves as an assistant in the PreK classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She first came to TPPK as a parent in the fall of 2003 and joined our staff in 2005. Originally from Texas, she moved with her family to North Carolina in the summer of 2003. She and her husband have 4 children, the two youngest are graduates from TPPK. Pam has an Associates Degree from a Christian University in Texas. She has been involved with, and leading youth and children's ministries since 1994. Pam enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, boating, reading, listening to music and decorating her home.

Julie Walston, one of the Kindergarten teacher assistants, graduated from NCSU in 1993 with a BA in Middle Grades Education. Julie taught 6th grade in Orange County Schools for 7 years. After staying home with her two children, Julie began working as an assistant in the kindergarten class in 2003.

2011-2012 Openings at TPPK

We have a few openings this school year. Please share this information with friends who might be looking for a nurturing, Christian, school environment.

- 2 openings in Kindergarten (Monday—Friday)
- 2 openings in Pre-K (Monday—Thursday)
- 1 opening in 3-day 3s (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

TPPK Website

Please take a moment to bookmark the TPPK website. Our address is www.tppk.org. We update the website regularly and we will utilize this tool to help keep you informed. You can also find many of the forms that you may need such as medical forms and lunch bunch forms. And don't forget, our handbook is also available on-line.

On the homepage you will find direct links so that you can easily link your Harris Teeter and Food Lion shopping cards as well as the barcode that you need to have scanned at Kroger. There has also been a link created for the Sally Foster fundraiser. Please share this information with your family and friends!

Items of Interest at Triangle Presbyterian Church

CHRISTIAN MOMS GROUP

Put down the iron, start up the Crockpot, pack up the kids, and meet us every Tuesday morning at 9:00AM until 11:00AM beginning September 13th. The kids can play while you nosh on a bagel because you forgot to eat breakfast. Share your week with another Mom who is elbow deep in the same daily struggle and triumph. Center the rest of your week with a short devotional and return home empowered and ready to bless your family. Together we can weather this season of our lives through grace, humility, and camaraderie. Please contact Sarah Hornbuckle for more information on joining Christian Moms (sarahhornbuckle@gmail.com or 919-356-7135).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Register through September 14. Wednesday Clubs for Explorers (K-1st), Kids Club (2nd-3rd) and Youth Club (4th-5th) will begin the Fall 2011 session on Wednesday, September 21st. Youth and Kids Clubs meet from 4:30-7:30PM with dinner provided. Explorers meet from 4:30-6:30PM with dinner included. The clubs include Bible study, recreation, dinner, preparation for our Christmas musical, community service projects and more! Pick up forms for your kids and the neighbors' kids too from the Welcome Center desk or register on our website. Registration is completed upon receipt of the club registration fee for the 10 week program. Youth and Kids Club registration fees are \$50 per child and Explorers fees are \$35 per child. The family maximum is \$100. Dinner will be prepared and served by parents under the direction of our meals team. Each participating family helps with one week's meal. Contact Nancy (544-2872) with questions or to volunteer. Register on-line at http://www.tpcnc.org/forms/clubs_signup.htm

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

A new Inquirer's class is beginning this Sunday, September 11th, at 10:00 am in room 100. If you haven't joined the church yet, this is a great way to learn more about who we are and what we are about and if you desire to join this is your avenue.

You can register for the class by signing up online at http://www.tpcnc.org/forms/inquirers_signup.htm

Supporting Our Scholarship Fund is Easy at TPPK

Visit the homepage of our website at www.tppk.org to easily link your “preferred shopper cards”. This has to be done annually—so don’t wait—link now!

Two Ways You Can Register with Kroger

1. In your orientation packet, you received a letter with our unique School Bar Code. To complete your registration, you want to register our school by taking your Kroger Plus Cards and a copy of our school’s bar code to the Kroger Cashier and have it scanned.
2. You can also visit the Customer Service Desk with your Kroger Plus Card. Customer Service can look up our School Bar Code on a master list and automatically register you. Registration begins September 12th.

Kroger Plus Card
for
Education



Harris Teeter: You may register on-line or when checking out. To register at the store, tell the cashier you need to link your card. He/She will then ask for the school number. TPPK’s number is **2948**. Or, you can link through our website as an easy link has been created.



Food Lion: Link your MVP Card to our number: **218860**. An easy link has been created on the TPPK website. http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com/mvp_registration/cardno.php



Box Tops for Education: Clip the “Box Top” label. Each label is worth 10¢. Labels can be found on General Mills cereals; Pillsbury refrigerated products, Yoplait, Hamburger Helper, Ziploc, Nature Valley, Old El Paso and many more food products. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/clip/> for a complete listing of eligible products.



Target Shoppers: If you have a Target guest card or Visa card, please call 1-800-316-6142 and register our school (be sure they know it is Triangle Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten in Durham). Target sends the school a check for 1% of purchases for enrolled customers.



Enjoy the City Coupon Book. TPPK will sell these coupon books which are filled with savings at a variety of local restaurants, shops, and other activities. It is a great way for us to raise money for our school and provide family and friends with wonderful gifts. TPPK will receive 50% of all proceeds made from this fundraiser. Each book is \$20. The program will kick off the beginning of October. All orders should be returned by October 27th.



TPPK Logo Merchandise: We have canvas bags, t-shirts (long and short sleeve), and sweatshirts for sale for kids and adults! All orders are due by Thursday, September 16th.



Triangle Presbyterian Pre-School & Kindergarten is going GREEN with Sally Foster! This year, we are ordering all Sally Foster products online and offering this as a service to our parents. **40% of every purchase before October 30th supports our efforts!** All orders will be shipped directly to you. Free shipping on ALL ORDERS over \$50. All orders are shipped directly to your home.



Ordering is as easy as 1-2-3! Go to the TPPK homepage and you will find a direct link to the fundraiser!

Browse the online store at www.sallyfoster.com.

Make your purchase selections.

Enter Triangle Presbyterian’s Account # 605530 when prompted.



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Our Philosophy

- To provide a Christian atmosphere where our children can grow and develop at their own level of maturity and ability.
- To provide an atmosphere where parents can continue to learn and grow by working with their own and others' children in the classroom.
- To lay a sound foundation for social and spiritual growth.
- To foster the development of motor, intellectual, emotional, and social skills, each being equally important.
- To foster the development of these skills with a "learning through play and experience" approach.

Upcoming Events

School Pictures

Dress your best and wear your smile! School pictures are scheduled for:

- **October 18th**—Fish, Lions and Bears
- **October 19th**—Turtles, Frogs, and Lambs

Further details will be coming!



Pumpkin Patch

We will trek out to the Waller Family Farm in October for our annual pumpkin patch event. Each of our students can pick a pumpkin. Parents may pick too, just bring a check or cash for your personal purchase. Visit them on-line at www.wallerfamilyfarm.com



Kindergarten Open House

Our "In House" Open House for all parents who desire to observe in our Kindergarten will be Wednesday, November 2nd from 9:30-10:30AM.

