



SEPTEMBER brings us back to school with a great start to our school year! I am so pleased that all our parents that enrolled their children starting back in March through September have all their

paper work in my office and their files completed. This is huge, and a big help to the director!

We had our playground re-surfaced in late August, it's beautiful! This took care of some much needed and necessary repair to the poured surface (ground cover) for the safety of the children. Two new pieces of playground equipment were added: A new teeter totter and a new climber/tunnel. We are grateful to our KPPA for funding these purchases as well as paying half of the resurfacing. None of this would be possible without their support and all the tremendous fundraising completed from last school year. Thank you KPPA!

I want to thank, as always, our awesome "Mr. Fix-it" (Mike Burnett.) It takes a village to get this school up and running after having been well used for 10 school months, then closed for the summer months. Much needed repair around the school campus and playground clean-up, which includes some heavy duty sand dumping and refilling of both sand boxes. (Thanks to Dillon Lesniak for helping Mike on this job.) Tree trimming, bark fill, power washing, drain cleaning, paint touch-ups, assembling new equipment, etc. etc. I am very grateful for all that Mike does when called upon!

I also would like to thank Ruston Grau, and Mike Cleland (Connie's son-in-law and Connie's husband.) They spent a very hot and muggy afternoon on the 2's playground, scrubbing play equipment and blowing out sand and summer

debris, then washing down the grounds and front entrance. Quite a job, all to make ready for our kiddos on Monday morning. Thanks guys!!

On September 2nd , the day after Labor Day, KPS teacher's returned to get their classrooms ready. Connie welcomed them with a breakfast and a brief meeting to follow. Then we all got busy preparing for the school year and the children's return.

We had our Parent Orientation the evening of 9/4 to welcome back families and inform new parents about the school procedures & policies. We had a good turn-out of interested parents on a very warm evening in Lander Hall, all fans were in full gear. On the morning of 9/5 we opened the classrooms for the annual Family Open House. This is for parents and children to explore their new classrooms with mom and dad, meet their teachers and new friends, as well as meet up with those familiar faces from last school year. Early Monday morning 9/8, the classrooms opened and the Church Chimes rang out once again, for yet another school year as eager children ran through the entrances and out to play at Kensington Preschool.

We are looking forward to a busy month this OCTOBER. We begin our popular Lunch Bunch program, Munchkin Music, Chapel with Pastor Darryl, a Pumpkin Patch field trip for our 4's class, our school pictures and last but never least, our wonderful spooky Halloween Carnival!

Happy Fall to all, here's hoping for cooler weather to match the season,

Connie Cleland, *Preschool Director*