



Glenview Community Church Nursery School

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Dear GCCNS Alumni and Current Families,

Greetings from your favorite preschool! Whether it's been a couple of days or several years since your little people waddled these halls, we hope that this letter finds you and your family happy and healthy!

For many years, Glenview Community Church Nursery School has proven to be a very special place. It has been a place where our young children have mastered routines and rules, built crucial social skills and safe boundaries, gained incredible independence and interdependence, and forged life-long friendships. GCCNS is not just a place where our children have grown, but where we as parents and caregivers have grown, as well. While the children learned their numbers, letters, and how to share, we exchanged tips on potty training, shared various buttered noodle recipes, and reassured each other that we are doing a great job at this parenting thing. GCCNS has given us, every one of us, the connection and the community, the warmth and the support, the education and the friendships - the special feelings that we will carry and have carried with us beyond preschool.

This year ahead is a very special year: it's Glenview Community Church Nursery School's 75th Anniversary! We are very excited to celebrate this exceptional milestone in a big way! The Anniversary Committee has been underway for months planning a super fun "Family Festival" on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 9am - 12pm, for ALL current and alumni families to attend! No entry fee, so come stop by and enjoy the attractions:

- Indoor Open House - come visit old classrooms, perhaps run into teachers from the past, share memories with your family and friends of your special time at GCCNS.
- Face-painting - free face-painting for the kids!
- Yard Games - let the family play with oversized Connect4, Jenga, Rope Toss Ladder, Corn Hole, bowling, sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, and more!
- Playground - both Junior and Senior Playgrounds will be open!
- Misericordia Sweet Truck - coffee and baked goods available for purchase!
- Kona Ice Truck - every kid's dream, a flavorful snow cone, available for purchase from 10am - 11am!
- Purple-Me-Green Science Bus - come check out this cool bus filled with science and STEM games, gadgets, books, etc., and don't leave without drawing ON the purple bus!
- Music - special event playlist curated by Alumni Parent Kris Langager!
- GCCNS Alumni Memorabilia & Photos Museum Exhibit - downstairs in the Gym, find a treasure trove of memorabilia on museum-like display with photos and relics from the past 75 years at GCCNS!

GCCNS is not only going big with the party; we also aim to go big with an aspirational fundraising goal:

★ **New Senior Playground Equipment valued at \$50,000.**

Recently, upon inspection of the Senior Playground, a structural issue was discovered that was beyond repair or salvage. The playground structure was removed immediately, and emergency funding was approved by the supervising Board to replace it with new playground equipment to be installed in October. As you know, GCCNS is a non-profit organization. Every year our parents generously volunteer their time and resources to perpetuate and secure the success of the school. Making a huge purchase, like replacing the Senior playground equipment, is unfortunately not an investment the school can afford on its own. We know this is ambitious, but we also know that it is worthwhile and necessary. We strive to offer our little students the best equipment and tools for development possible; we need the resources and support to keep that equipment up-to-date and, most importantly, safe. At this time, we humbly ask our parent community to consider supporting us with a donation to offset the enormous cost of

the new playground, so that the future students can enjoy a robust, durable and safe Senior playground for many, many years to come. Every donor and every donation will make a difference; every dollar given will make an impact! Pictures of the new senior playground equipment will be posted on the GCCNS website (www.gccns.com) and at the Family Festival on Saturday, October 1st.

Below is a QR code to make a donation. Please consider “Spreading a Little Sunshine” by clicking and contributing any amount. If you would prefer to submit a donation via check, please make the check payable to “Glenview Community Church Nursery School” or “GCCNS” and mail it to:

Glenview Community Church Nursery School
Attn: Laura Dillon
1000 Elm Street
Glenview, IL 60025

If you choose to contribute to our school for the new playground equipment, you will be giving more than just money. You will be a hero to those little people who will be able to achieve their playground dreams. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Additionally, if you have any special memories, stories, or memorabilia from your cherished time at GCCNS, please share them with us! Contact Libby Peschke at libbypeschke@gmail.com to submit stories and photos to be displayed at the museum exhibit at the Family Festival.

No matter how long it has been since we have seen you, you and your family will forever be a part of the GCCNS community and always in our hearts; we hope that you feel the same.

Thank you very much for your continued support of GCCNS! We hope to see you at the Family Festival!

To make an online donation please scan the QR code.

*Please note, that in order to use the QR code you need to have a PayPal account. If don't have one, or don't wish to set up a free account, please go to the GCCNS website (www.gccns.com) and click on 75th Anniversary link; scroll down to the PayPal Donation button and you can donate with a debit or credit card.



With Gratitude,

The GCCNS 75th Anniversary Committee

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