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# PRESCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE CENTERS

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## Introduction

This booklet, "Frederick Area Preschools and Childcare Centers Published Fall 2008," was assembled by the 2008 Preschool Fair Committee, comprised of members of the MOMS Club® of Frederick North. The group is a chapter of the International MOMS Club®, a non-profit organization providing a network of support to stay-at-home mothers. Within individual chapters, moms and children benefit greatly from regular get-togethers in various locations which focus on play, arts, crafts, exploration of local child-friendly venues, etc. For more information on the MOMS Club, please visit [www.momsclub.org](http://www.momsclub.org).

The goal of this project is to assist Frederick-area families in choosing a preschool that best serves the needs of their child or children. We all want for our children a positive first experience in the school environment. Our hope is that the information in this booklet will serve as a starting point from which to conduct your preschool search. We encourage you to speak to the representatives directly and tour the program facilities, determining for you and your children the best "fit."

In assembling this booklet, the school program representatives have responded to the same set of questions via a written questionnaire. We have made every attempt to accurately describe the programs listed. If you find inconsistencies or omissions, please forgive us, and direct any corrections to the committee chairperson.

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2008 Preschool Fair Committee Chairperson

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Have we missed your school?

Do you know of a school that  
should be included in this  
booklet next Fall 2009?

If so, please contact Mary Ann  
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THANK YOU!

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## Choosing A Preschool

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Whether to send your child to preschool, and which preschool to send your child to; these are very personal decisions. No one can tell you which school is best for your child and your family. It can be a daunting task to select a school. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) suggests considering the following “10 Signs of a Great Preschool”:

1. Children spend most of their time playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly, and they are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
2. Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials, props for pretend play, picture books, paints and other art materials, and table toys such as matching games, pegboards, and puzzles. Children should not all be doing the same thing at the same time.
3. Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
4. The classroom is decorated with children’s original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling, and stories dictated by children to teachers.
5. Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance, or serving snack provide the basis for learning activities.
6. Children work on projects and have long periods of time (at least one hour) to play and explore. Worksheets are used little if at all.
7. Children have an opportunity to play outside every day. Outdoor play is never sacrificed for more instructional time.
8. Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
9. Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children’s different backgrounds and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
10. Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend; they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick.<sup>1</sup>

Also ask if the program is accredited by NAEYC. NAEYC accredited programs complete a rigorous self-study and external review to prove that they meet standards of excellence in early childhood education.

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<sup>1</sup>National Association for the Education of Young Children. (1996, 2002). Early Years are Learning Years. <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1996/01.asp>

## Childcare Regulations in Maryland<sup>2</sup>

All child care in Maryland is regulated by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Division of Early Childhood Development. Within the Division, child care licensing is the specific responsibility of the Office of Child Care (OCC), Licensing Branch.

All child care facilities must meet minimum health, safety, and program standards set by Maryland law. To remain licensed, facilities must maintain compliance with those standards. Every licensed facility is inspected by OCC at least once each year to evaluate the facility's compliance with child care regulations.

OCC's thirteen Regional Offices are responsible for licensing activities, including:

- Issuing child care licenses;
- Inspecting child care facilities;
- Investigating complaints against licensed child care facilities;
- Investigating reports of unlicensed (illegal) child care; and
- Taking enforcement action when necessary to achieve compliance with regulations.

There are two types of regulated child care facilities: family child care homes and child care centers.

Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers Must Meet the Following Requirements:

- Have the approval of OCC, the fire department and other local agencies, as required (i.e., zoning, health, and environment).
- Provide care only in the areas of the facility that have been approved for use.
- Have the license issued by OCC posted where it is easily and clearly visible to parents.

The license shows:

the maximum number of children who may be present at the same time;

the age groups which may be served; and

the facility's approved hours of operation.

- At all times, each child must be supervised in a manner appropriate to the child's age, activities, and individual needs.
- All areas of the facility used for child care must be clean, well lit, and properly ventilated. Room temperatures should be comfortable.
- If food service is provided, food must be stored, prepared, and served in a safe, sanitary and healthful manner.
- The facility must offer a daily program of indoor and outdoor activities that are appropriate to the age, needs and capabilities of each child.
- An up-to-date emergency information card must be on file and maintained for each child.
- The facility must post an approved emergency evacuation plan and conduct evacuation drills at least monthly.

## Childcare Regulations in Maryland Cont'd.

- The facility must post an approved emergency evacuation plan and conduct evacuation drills at least monthly.
- Child discipline procedures must be appropriate to a child's age and maturity level and may not include the deliberate infliction of physical or emotional pain. Corporal punishment of any kind is strictly prohibited.

The center director and staff members who have group supervision responsibilities must meet minimum education, experience, and training qualifications. They must also meet continued training requirements each year.

The director and all paid center employees must complete a criminal background check and a child abuse/neglect clearance, and submit a medical evaluation.

- In each classroom, staff/child ratios and maximum group size requirements must be maintained at all times. The following table shows some basic age groupings and the applicable requirements:

Age Group	Ratio	Maximum Size
0 -18 months	1:3	6
18 - 24 months	1:3	9
2 years	1:6	12
3 -4 years	1:10	20
5 years or older	1:15	30

- For every 20 children present, there must be at least one staff member who is currently certified in first aid and CPR.

<sup>2</sup>Compiled from the Maryland State Department of Education web site [http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child\\_care/licensing\\_branch/res\\_docs](http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/licensing_branch/res_docs)

## Preschool Accreditation<sup>3</sup>

Accreditation is a voluntary process that preschools and childcare centers undertake as a means of achieving the highest quality in early childhood education. There are many organizations with accreditation programs, the largest accrediting organization being the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC Accreditation means that your child's program meets NAEYC's 10 standards of excellence in early childhood education. Programs that meet these standards provide a safe and healthy environment for children, have teachers who are well-trained, have access to excellent teaching materials, and work with curriculum that is appropriately challenging and developmentally sound. These programs are continuously improving themselves to provide the best possible educational opportunities for children.

NAEYC has established a clear, four-step process that programs must complete to prove they meet NAEYC standards. The new process (begun in 2006) is more efficient for assessing programs, providing them with improved self-study materials, and cutting down the wait time for verification visits to determine that they meet NAEYC standards. Ten standards have been established based on the latest research in early childhood education, and more than 400 criteria have been set up to help programs demonstrate that they meet NAEYC standards. The term of accreditation has increased from three years to five years. During this term, programs must submit annual reports and are subject to unannounced visits by NAEYC assessors to ensure they continue to meet NAEYC standards.

### NAEYC-accredited programs meet a higher standard:

- Promote **positive relationships** for all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth.
- Implement a **curriculum** that fosters all areas of child development: cognitive, emotional, language, physical, and social.
- Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate **effective teaching approaches**.
- Provide **ongoing assessments** of a child's learning and development and communicate the child's progress to the family.
- Promote the **nutrition and health** of children and protect children and staff from injury and illness.
- Employ a **teaching staff** that has the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development, and to support families' diverse needs and interests.
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with each child's **family**.
- Establish relationships with and use the resources of the **community** to support the achievement of program goals.
- Provide a safe and healthy **physical environment**.
- Implement strong personnel, fiscal, and program management policies so that all children, families, and staff have **high-quality experiences**.

NAEYC-accredited programs are committed to providing high-quality care for young children. Throughout the five-year term of accreditation programs must submit annual reports and are subject to random, unannounced visits by highly-trained assessors to ensure they continue to meet our standards. To learn more about NAEYC and the process of accreditation, and to search the computerized listing of accredited programs, visit the web site for NAEYC at <http://www.naeyc.org>.

<sup>3</sup>Needleman, Robert, M.D. F.A.A.P., condensed from "Preschool Accreditation" at <http://www.drspock.com/article/0,1510,5887,00.html>.

## Special Services

### **Child Care Choices – 301-695-4508**

**263 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701**

Parents who need assistance in finding child care or a preschool can call the Locate Child Care Services line at 301-695-4508 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm M-F. Free of charge referral counselors are available to discuss individual families' needs, provide information on selecting the best available placement for your child, and provide referrals to regulated child care providers. Their database includes all regulated programs in Frederick and Carroll Counties, including family childcare homes, childcare centers, preschool programs, and school-age programs. An enhanced corporate referral service is available to help employer meet their child care needs. Printouts of regulated childcare programs are available for a small fee. CCC is a program of the Mental Health Association of Frederick County and a member agency of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. For more information, see <http://www.fcmha.org/childcare.htm> or email [childcarechoices@fcmha.org](mailto:childcarechoices@fcmha.org).

### **Frederick County Developmental Center, Infants and Toddlers Program – 301-600-1611**

**350 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702**

Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program (FCITP) provides free early intervention services for Frederick County children under three years old having developmental delays, disabilities or special health needs. Professionals from the disciplines of physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, social work, special education, developmental pediatrics, speech/language therapy, audiology, service coordination and nursing collaborate with clinicians throughout the community and state to provide seamless evaluation and early intervention services. FCITP is an interagency program led by Frederick County Developmental Center of the Frederick County Health Department. See <http://www.frederickhealth.org/fcdc> for more information.

### **Frederick County Public Schools, Office of Special Education, Child Find Program – 301-644-5292**

**7630 Hayward Road, Frederick, MD 21702**

Child Find is the process for locating, evaluating, and identifying all children from birth through age 21 who have special needs. Parents of school-age children who suspect their child may have an educational disability should contact their community school. If the child is 2 years and 9 months or older and not enrolled in school, parents should contact the Child Find office at 301-644-5292. Information regarding the Child Find process for children younger than 2 years and 9 months may be obtained from the Frederick County Developmental Center, 301-600-1611. Call the number above or go to <http://fcps.schoolwires.com> for more information.

### **Way to Grow, LLC – 301-846-4769**

**9093 Ridgefield Dr., #102, Frederick, MD 21701**

Way to Grow is a pediatric therapy practice offering physical and occupational therapy treatment and evaluation services to children up to age 16. The group has an experienced team of therapists, dedicated to providing the highest quality therapeutic services for the child and family. Way to Grow believes in promoting confidence, independence, and success within the contexts of family, school, and the community. They use sensory integrative, developmental, and functional frameworks, combined with a family-centered approach, to deliver services that treat the whole child. Services include assessing a child's development in terms of school readiness/performance, motor skill development, behavioral difficulties or sensory issues. For more information, visit their web site at <http://www.way2grow.com> or email: [way2grow@cs.com](mailto:way2grow@cs.com).

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*Programs Offered – Year-Round*

2- to 5-year-olds 6:30 am – 6:30 pm  
5- to 15-year-olds 6:30 am – 6:30 pm (School Year Only)

A week to week summer camp is available.

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

2-year-olds 1:6                      3- to 5-year-olds 1:10                      School Age 1:15

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Weekly costs are due by 6:00 pm Tuesday and are as follows: \$180 for 2- to 5-year-olds full-time; \$110 for five day morning or afternoon; \$125 for three full days; \$85 for two full days. The before- and after-school care weekly costs are \$120 for full-time and \$85 for before or after only. There is a yearly registration fee of \$50. There is a 10% discount off the oldest child's tuition for more than one child enrolled in a family.

*Enrollment Process*

Applications are accepted anytime and parents may tour the academy from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Parents will be notified right away if there is an opening.

*About the School*

There are three classrooms with two teachers and two aides. Before- and after-school care classrooms can hold 60 children. A fenced-in playground with several slides and swings is located outside. The preschoolers are allowed to use the park's soft play, tea cups, moon bounce, and carousel with their parent's permission. The preschool program has acquired the Houghton Mifflin curriculum to better ready the children for kindergarten. The before- and after-school children can utilize the entire park except the paintball course with their parents' permission. We also offer a schools-out drop off program from 6:30 to 6:30 for \$30 per day and winter, spring, and summer camps. Snacks are provided by the school. The academy is licensed through the State of Maryland Childcare Administration.

*Safety and Procedures*

All instructors are certified in CPR and First Aid. The preschool has a secured door which each family is given their own private code to use for opening. Doors remain locked at all times. Discipline is done by redirection, positive reinforcement, and removal from the situation. Separation anxiety is handled differently for each child. There are two restrooms in the preschool and the children may use them whenever they need to do so.

1730 N Market Street  
Frederick, MD 21703  
Mrs. Amber Cummings, Preschool Principal  
Mrs. Lauren Webb, Admissions Director  
Dr. Les McLean, Head of School

[www.bannerschool.org](http://www.bannerschool.org)

*Programs Offered – Year-Round*

3 and 4 year-olds M,W,F or T, TH 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
3 and 4 year-olds M,T,W,TH,F 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Extended care available before and after school day from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:10 (20 maximum students per classroom with lead teacher and teacher aide)

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

M,T,W,TH,F Full time Tuition is same as grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. Current 2008-2009 tuition is \$9,900. M,W,F preschool program is 70% of full time tuition. T,TH preschool program is 50% of full time tuition. 2009-2010 Banner School tuition will be announced in spring 2009. Please visit website or call at that time for amount. There are 3 payment plans available including a monthly plan managed by FACTS Tuition Management using an automatic debit from the parents' bank account. There is a small one-time bookkeeping fee associated with 2 of the 3 payment plans. Please see website for more information.

*Enrollment Process*

The school hosts several open houses and private tours throughout the year (including summer) and applications are accepted year around. Children should reach enrollment age by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll in their classroom. However, some exceptions may be made but no early Kindergarten admissions are guaranteed so preschool students with winter birthdays enrolling in preschool may stay an additional school year in preschool program. Students should be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> to begin Kindergarten (some qualified exceptions with mid-late fall birthdays may be considered).

*About the School*

The Banner School is Frederick County's oldest independent, co-educational, non-sectarian school. We now enroll students in preschool through 9<sup>th</sup> grades, with grades 10-12 being added one each year, from 2009-2011. Founded in 1982, our student body of about 250 children reflects diverse ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Our mission continues to be to provide a nurturing environment that challenges and motivates students to become responsible citizens and leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained and certified in CPR and First Aid. Parents must provide a list of emergency phone numbers and names of people who are authorized to pick up their child. Preschool pick up and drop off at entrance of preschool/collegiate school building All visitors must report to the front desk. The preschool playground meets all safety requirements.

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*Programs Offered – School Year September 2008 – June 2009*

Preschool 3-year-olds through 8th Grade

Preschool 3-year-olds	MTWThF (5 day) or TWTh (3 day)	8:00 am – 11:30 am
Preschool PM Enrichment	MTWThF	11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Pre-K	MTWThF	8:00 am – 11:30 am
Pre-K PM Enrichment	MTWThF	11:30 am – 3:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:13

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

The yearly costs for Preschool and Pre-K is \$8,165; K through 4th Grade is \$14,150; and 5th through 8th Grade is \$15,135.

*Enrollment Process*

Open house will be held January 9, 2009 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or by appointment. Applications need to be submitted by January 15, 2009. A school visit and testing will be scheduled and decisions mailed to parents in early March. Enrollment usually fills up March/April.

*About the School*

The school employs 28 teachers. Current enrollment of 216 students in 25 classrooms. Students must be toilet trained. The school has two playgrounds. Member of the Association of Independent Maryland Schools. Pre-K students benefit from school specials like music, Spanish, and library. They also have physical education three times a week and recess every day. There is also a buddy program in place which matches Pre-K and 8th Grade students together and enables them to participate together in many activities throughout the year.

*Safety and Procedures*

Many teachers are certified in CPR and First Aid. Administration opens doors for each child and families stay in the car. A new security system and locks on the doors with a special card entry have been installed. Children and teachers work together to manage any conflicts. Snacks are provided by the parents and special attention is paid to dietary restrictions by teachers and supervisors. Classes go as a group to the restroom, but children may ask to go when needed. Assistance is allowed in necessary situations.

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 2008 – June 2009*

2-year-olds	T/Th	9:00 am – 11:00 am or 11:15 am – 1:15 pm
3- & 4-year-olds	T/Th or MWF or MTWThF	9:00 am – 11:30 am
	MWF	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Pre-K (4-year-olds & 5-year olds)	MTWThF	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

2-year-olds 1:4                      3- & 4-year-olds 1:6

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Monthly costs (payable over 10 months) are as follows: \$130 for 2-year-olds; \$145 for two days/week and \$175 for three days/week for 3- and 4-year-olds. Optional Lunch Bunch is \$60/month. There is a cost reduction given to Beth Sholom members and a discount is given to families with more than one child enrolled. There is a \$60 non-refundable application fee for the 2-year-old program and a \$95 fee for the 3- and 4-year-old programs.

*Enrollment Process*

Applications are accepted beginning in January. Enrollment is open to all members of the community. Beth Sholom congregation members receive first priority. Two- and 3-year-olds are not required to be toilet trained; 4-year-olds must be toilet trained. It is not necessary for a child to be two, three, or four by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enter classes. If a child is deemed ready to enter a class, he/she may be admitted early. A child admitted early will have to spend an extra year in preschool as Frederick County Public Schools will not accept a child until he/she reaches his/her appropriate age.

*About the School*

Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center is affiliated with Beth Sholom Congregation. The school employs 10 teachers and teachers' aides and the average length of employment is approximately eight years. Enrollment capacity is 100 students and we have four classrooms. The curriculum includes observance and study of all Jewish holidays and the Sabbath and comprehensive secular studies. Dance and music are offered for additional enrichment. A blessing is said before meals and snacks. The Center is licensed by the State of Maryland Child Care Administration.

*Safety and Procedures*

All teachers and aides are certified in CPR. You must use a key fob to get into and out of the building. Parents physically enter the school when dropping off or picking up children. Written notification from parents is required if someone else is to pick up a child. Positive identification (driver's license, etc.) is required when picking up the child. Children ask when they need to use the bathroom and assistance is given when needed. Parents provide snacks. Staley Park is used for outdoor playtime during good weather. In the winter or inclement weather, the facility utilizes a gross motor skills area, jungle gym, merry-go-round, and roller coaster equipment.

## Brook Hill Weekday Preschool

301-662-2232

8946 Indian Springs Road  
Frederick, MD 21702  
Carolyn Kolega, Director; Dina Hunter, Program Assistant

[weekdaypreschool@bhunc.org](mailto:weekdaypreschool@bhunc.org)

### *Programs Offered – School Year September 4, 2008– May 29, 2009*

3-year-olds	T/Th or MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am
4-year-olds	MWF	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4-year-olds	MTWThF	9:00 am – 11:30 am

An extended day program is available on Mondays from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. A lunch program is available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Snacks are provided by parents.

*Teacher-Student Ratio:* 3-year-olds 1:6 4-year-olds 1:8

### *Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Monthly costs are as follows: \$135 for two days/week; \$165 for three days/week; \$220 for five days/week. Fees may be paid all up front (at beginning of school year), in nine monthly payments, or in three installments (Sept., Dec., and March). There is an \$80 activity fee, which is paid at the beginning of the school year to cover supplies, field trips (if any), and incidentals. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$75/family.

### *Enrollment Process*

The application/registration period begins in October for Brook Hill United Methodist Church members and currently enrolled families. Registration opens to the public in January. Registrants should call anytime to be placed on a mailing list. Enrollment continues until all classes are full. Children must be three or four years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll in their respective programs. Children must be toilet trained to be eligible for enrollment.

### *About the School*

Brook Hill provides a well-rounded program of instruction using a unit-based curriculum and the Creative Curriculum. Staff recognizes that each child is unique and strive to meet the individual needs of each child in a warm, loving environment. There is a regular staff of 12 with a director and program assistant. There are three classes of 4-year-olds and three classes of 3-year-olds. Staff receives continuous training each year. The school is a ministry of the Brook Hill United Methodist Church and the classrooms are located in the church's lower level. Brook Hill is accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The curriculum does not include any specific religious study; the teachers and staff do present and model Christian values. During the Christmas and Easter seasons, the Christian aspects of these holidays are taught through arts and crafts projects. There is a snack time each day before which a blessing is said. A few times a year the classes attend a story time with the Pastor. Classes take various field trips throughout the school year. Numerous performing arts groups are also included to enhance the curriculum. Parent involvement opportunities include: field trip chaperones, one-on-one reading with children, special events, etc. Motto: "Teaching and caring in a loving environment."

### *Safety and Procedures*

Staff is trained and certified in CPR and First Aid. The school uses a consulting physician at The Pediatric Center for medical needs. A large fenced playground includes age-appropriate climbing equipment and a sandbox. The church has a "Life Activities Center" (multi-purpose room) available for large-motor play during inclement weather and is used for performing arts groups. The school requires written notification from parents or guardians and positive identification (driver's license, etc.) when someone other than the parent or usual caregiver is picking up the child.

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 Frederick, MD 21701  
 Laura Sugiyama, Director

[www.calvaryweekdayschool.com](http://www.calvaryweekdayschool.com)

*Programs Offered – School Year August–May 2008 kindergarten/September–May 2008 preschool*

3-year-olds	TTh or MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am
3-year-olds	M 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm & Tues. & Thus. am	9:00 am – 11:30 am
4-year-olds	MWF or M-F	9:00 am – 11:30 am
4-year-olds	M 12:30 pm–3:00 pm & Tues. & Thus. am	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Kindergarten	MTWThF (extended day)	9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Lunch Bunch	MTWThF	11:30 am – 12:30 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio:* 1:8

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Monthly tuition for 3- and 4-year-olds is as follows: \$140 for two days/week; \$170 for three days/week; \$230 for five days/week. Kindergarten is \$285 per month. A fee of \$100 is due to cover registration, field trips, and activities.

*Enrollment Process*

Registration opens the first and second week in January for Calvary United Methodist Church members and currently enrolled families. Weekday School alumni have one day to pre-enroll on January 20, 2009. The parents who have taken tours of the school starting in November will be placed on a list and will be notified by phone and given early preference to register over general public registration starting on January 20, 2009. Upon completing a registration application, there is a non-refundable \$100 registration/activity/field trip fee. Enrollment usually fills up by the end of spring. For the 2008-2009 school year, the students must be three, four, or five years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must be toilet trained before enrollment and must meet the age requirement deadlines.

*About the School*

The school is approved and licensed by the MSDE and is currently in the process of the Early Childhood re-accreditation. Our teachers hold four-year college education degrees and are receiving training for the Maryland Model for School Readiness. They attend at least one and sometimes two national education seminars per year. There is one full-time classroom assistant working with a teacher in each of the eight classes. There are a total of six teachers and six classroom assistants employed by the school with an average experience at Calvary from eight to ten years. The school enrolls 125 students each year and is associated with Calvary United Methodist Church. The curriculum does not include any specific religious study; however, during the Christmas and Easter seasons, there are holiday stories read along with art projects that have religious meaning. At snack time each day the children are taught to say a blessing.

*Safety and Procedures*

Staff is trained and certified in CPR and First Aid. Parents/guardians must physically enter the school when dropping off or picking up children. Parents are required to notify the teacher if someone else is allowed to pick up their child. The Weekday School has a security system. Parents/guardians are issued a key pass, which must be used in order to enter the building at all times. Snacks are provided by the parents. The classes take field trips throughout the year and parents are asked to provide transportation. An enclosed playground made of “wood carpet” includes new equipment consisting of large commercial wooden/plastic play structure and Little Tykes equipment.

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 Ginny Simoneau, Director

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 (Monrovia-infants starting at 8 weeks old)

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*Programs Offered – Year-Round*

2-, 3-, 4-year-old preschool	two, three, or five days a week	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Two through 12 years old	full or part-time childcare	6:30 am – 6:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

2-year-olds	1:6	3- and 4-year-olds	1:10
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Fees are calculated on an hourly basis, with monthly billing, and payment due by the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Preschool curriculum is the “prime time” from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at an hourly rate of \$6.55. All other times the rate is \$4.90. For comparison, attendance from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, two days per week would cost approximately \$170.17/month, three days per week would cost approximately \$255.25/month and five days per week would cost approximately \$425.42 per month. There is a \$45 registration fee and a refundable deposit equal to half the first month’s tuition. There are no supply or snack fees.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents may call to schedule an appointment to tour the facilities. It is preferable to visit in the morning to see the preschool program. Enrollment for the school-year preschool program begins in late January. Registrations for the fall, winter, and summer programs are held separately. The center operates year-round, but summer attendance is not required to maintain a spot in the preschool program. The center offers flexible scheduling for part-time care. If there is no space available you may place your name on a waiting list. There are no toilet training requirements for admission.

*About the School*

The Children’s Center of Walkersville is licensed for 88 children and eight teachers in four classrooms. The center has been in operation since 1987 and is licensed by the State of Maryland and accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education. Most teachers have been at the center over eight years.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid. Parents must clock in and out when dropping off or picking up children. Anyone other than parents picking up children must have prior written authorization and show identification. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided by the center. Children should bring a packed lunch. The 2-year-old classroom has a bathroom, which facilitates toilet training. The fully fenced playground includes climbing equipment, a sandbox, and riding toys.

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*Programs Offered – Year-Round*

Preschool	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Preschool	MTWThF	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
2- to 15-year-olds	MTWThF	All day with before- and after-school care available

*Teacher-Student Ratio*  
2:17

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Payment for tuition varies. It can be monthly for preschool only but weekly, monthly, or bi-weekly for full-time child care. There is a yearly non-refundable fee of \$50 a child or \$75 a family. A discount on the tuition is given on the second child full-time only. Two weeks notice must be given when leaving.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents may call to make an appointment to tour the school anytime Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Enrollment usually fills up late winter to early spring. Parents are notified immediately, if there is availability, of acceptance. Children must be at least 2-years-old and do not need to be toilet trained.

*About the School*

Christ Church Children's Center is affiliated with Christ Reformed United Church of Christ. The Pastor and music director sing with the children on a regular basis, at least twice a month. There are 16 staff members and currently 100 enrolled students in six classrooms. Teachers have been here on average six years. There is a hard top fenced in area for balls and bikes, and a fenced-in play area with slides, climbing equipment, play house, and large sandbox as well as a lot of church property for playing games or taking walks. The center is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The center is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education and has a preschool that is fully accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid. Only the teacher will release the child to someone listed on emergency card. If first time they must show ID. People picking up and dropping off must also sign in with time and date. All doors except the side ramp door are locked. All visitors must go to the church office. Discipline measures are handled by trying to prevent accidents or behavior issues before they occur. They may then get a reminder and if it is necessary they may not participate until they remember their manners. Incident reports are given if a child is injured or disrespects a teacher or another child. Snacks and breakfasts are provided by the school. Each teacher gets a list of all the children with allergies or health issues and one is posted in the cooking area of the kitchen. In case of separation anxiety a teacher will call if the child does not settle down. Parents may call anytime to check on child. Children must ask to use the bathroom and assistance is available. The children also use the bathroom as a group before eating, rest, field trips, or special programs.

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 2008 – June 2009*

3-year-olds	MWF or TR	9:00 am - 11:30 am or 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
4-year-olds	MWF or MTWRF	9:00 am - 11:30 am or 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Transitional Four-year-olds	MTWRF	8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Kindergarten	MTWRF	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Lunch Bunch	MTWRF	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Summer Camp (2-weeks)	MTWRF	9:00 am - 12:30 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

3-year-olds	1:5	4-year-olds	1:9	Kindergarten	1:7
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Monthly tuitions are: Preschool two-day is \$165, three-day is \$190, five-day is \$270; Transitional Four-year-olds is \$330; Kindergarten is \$530. There is a \$60 non-refundable registration fee. There is a supply fee of \$60. Tuition discounts are offered for the enrollment of multiple children from the same family.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents may call to make an appointment to tour the school. It is recommended to bring along the enrolling child. Applicants can be placed on a notification list anytime after birth. Applications are then mailed to applicants at intervals in the order of priority: current students and church members, prior year students, siblings or children of alumni, and finally those not falling into any of the above groups. Applicants are given a deadline for returning applications. The process begins in January. It is recommended to call and be placed on the notification list at least 10 months prior to the start of school to guarantee placement. For 2008-2009, the students must be three, four, or five by December 31<sup>st</sup> for enrollment. All students must be toilet trained.

*About the School*

Founded in 1961, COBLC provides a high quality, Christ-centered early childhood educational program. Twenty-one teachers facilitate the program and all have Early Childhood degrees and credentials. The State of Maryland Child Care Administration licenses the 3- and 4-year-old programs and The Maryland Department of Education has approved the Kindergarten. Each classroom has one teacher and one teacher's assistant. Maximum class sizes range from 10 to 15 for 3-year-olds, 15 to 18 for 4-year-olds and 15 for Kindergarten. The playground is completely enclosed and gated with galvanized fencing. Mulch covers the entire surface. Equipment includes slides, climbing ropes and ramps, a daisy rider, circular fireman's pole, multi-passenger vehicle, picnic area, kitchenette, sandboxes, and basketball/soccer areas. A blacktopped area accommodates 20 riding vehicles.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid. A video surveillance system monitors both entrances and a keypad governs the downstairs door. Parents are required to walk their children to the classroom. Daily, every parent signs their child in and leaves a phone number where they can be reached while their child is in school. Class dismissal is staggered, with children dismissed one at a time to their waiting parent. An emergency information card is kept on file. Only those persons who are listed as alternates on the card may pick up the child. There are bathrooms in most classrooms, which children can visit after notifying the teacher. For two classrooms, the bathroom is across the hallway and children are accompanied by a teacher or assistant. Parents provide snacks for the entire class on a rotating basis.

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*Programs Offered – School Year September 8, 2009 – May 28, 2010*

3-4-year-olds	MTW	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
3-4-year-olds	ThF	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
3-4-year-olds	MTWThF	9:30 am – 12:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:5

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Tuition is billable for nine months. Monthly tuition cost is as follows: \$150 per month for the three-day program, \$115 per month for the two-day option, and \$250 per month for the five-day option. These fees are subject to change pending vote of Parent Council. A discount is available for multiple children from the same family. There is a \$50 non-refundable enrollment fee (re-enrollment is \$25) and a one-time \$50 materials fee. Parents provide a small box of school supplies for their child.

*Enrollment Process*

Registration is open to congregational members and friends in January, as well as those from the community that schedule a tour during January. Open enrollment for all others begins February 1, 2009. Tours are available by appointment. To enroll, parents should complete an enrollment form and return it with the \$50 enrollment fee. The director will contact families that have been accepted, via phone, beginning in February 2009. It is expected that classes will be filled by March or April 2009. Students must be three or four years old by September 1, 2009 to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year. It is preferred that 3-year-olds be toilet trained, but not required. It is required that 4-year-olds be toilet trained.

*About the School*

The school is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick. The seven principles of Unitarian Universalism are a part of the preschool program on a daily basis and a blessing is said before snack each day. This program offers a child-centered approach to preschool. The curriculum utilizes a holistic approach to learning and development that is designed to meet the social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs of the child. The cooperative approach enables parents to have an active role in their child's preschool experience. The school can have up to two classes with only ten children in each class. Children play outside in the playground area every day except in cases of extreme weather. The preschool has a Letter of Compliance from the MSDE.

*Safety and Procedures*

The teacher and director are certified in CPR and First Aid and a doctor is on call. There is a daily sign-in and sign-out procedure. There is a phone in each classroom and the playground door is locked from the inside. Two adults are present at all times in the classroom. All staff and volunteers have been fingerprinted and criminal background checked. Snacks are provided by parent volunteers and are primarily organic natural foods with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables in season, whole grain products, organic cheese and dairy products. Discipline is achieved through positive reinforcement, redirection, or removal from the situation. Adults work with the children in a positive manner to resolve any problems. Separation anxiety is handled with comfort and safety. Parents may stay or visit at any time.

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*Programs Offered – Year Round*

8 weeks to 5-year-olds

Before- and After-school through Grade 6

Preschools follow the Frederick County Public School calendar.

3-year-olds preschool experience TR 9:00 am – 11:45 am

4-year-olds preschool experience MWF 9:00 am – 11:45 am

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

Infants/toddlers 1:3      2-year-olds 1:6      3- to 4-year-olds 1:10      5-year-olds 1:15

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Before- and after-school programs are \$97.50/week. The preschool programs meet 9:00 am –11:45 am; the three-year old preschool program is \$140 per month and is offered on Tuesday and Thursday and the four-year old preschool program is \$210 per month and is offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A summer enrichment readiness program is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am-12:15 pm (which includes a lunchtime experience) which corresponds with the summer program at Dandelion.

*Enrollment Process*

Tours are given by appointment only. Open enrollment begins in January for the following school year but families are encouraged to visit prior to open enrollment to secure possible placement for the fall. Children can be enrolled year-round based on spaces available. A registration and deposit is required upon enrollment. Classroom placement is determined by the child’s birthday, in alignment with the Frederick County Public School cut-off date of September 1st.

*About the School*

We are licensed by OCC and accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Dandelion is licensed for 96 students and has six classrooms. The spacious 7,000 square foot facility nestled on 22 wooded acres with four playgrounds offers developmentally appropriate classroom environments supported by endless outdoor possibilities. We offer enrichment activities which include art, music, Second Step (a pro-social skills program), and Food Groupies (a nutrition program). The Dandelion Family Association provides year-round events for the entire family which supports our motto: “We don’t only enroll the child, we enroll the entire family.”

*Safety and Procedures*

Instructors have CPR and first-aid training. The administration monitors a locked facility. Other security measures include immediate exit from each classroom and drivers’ licenses are checked for authorized pick-up. Substitute snacks are provided for special dietary needs children. Regarding guidance, our goal is to help children respect themselves, others, and their environments. This is taught through acknowledging and supporting appropriate behavior and providing clear expectations.

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*Sample Programs Offered*

Raising Young Readers (Older 2's - K)  
Raising Young Scientists (Older 3's - K)  
Tremendous 2's (2-year-olds)  
The Children's Studio (Older 3's - K)  
Parent-Child Transition (18 mos. - 2-year-olds)

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:7

*Costs and Payment Plans*

Programs are offered for six weeks.  
Family discounts are offered at half price for each child after the first one. Contact us for fee information.  
Any family unable to pay will have their fee waived.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents may tour the classes at anytime. Open registration at anytime.

*About the School*

Early Childhood Family Education in Maryland is a three-part program which presently incorporates only the parent-child interaction classes. In Minnesota, it is a school (state) sponsored program with all three parts offered, namely: Parent-child interaction, early childhood education, and parent education. Besides the classes offered during the school year, summer day camp is also held for two weeks for older three-year-olds to kindergarten entrance.

*Safety and Procedures*

Sign-in is used for parents and children. The school site doors are locked at all times. The parents are in charge of their own children, however the teacher has general oversight. Distraction is used for very little ones, while older children often are asked to go out of the classroom with their parents to provide a short environmental change. Snacks are provided by the school. Parents assist their own child when they need to use the restroom.

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 Jo Anne Pritchett, Director

School Location:  
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*Programs Offered – School Year September 2008 – May 2009*

3-year-olds	TR or MWF	9:00 am – 11:25 am
4-year-olds	TWR or MTWRF	9:00 am – 11:25 am
	TWR	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Transitional Fives	MTWRF	9:00 am – 12:30 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

3-year-olds & Transitional Fives	1:6	4-year-olds TWR	1:8	4-year-olds MTWRF	1:7
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Monthly payments are \$135 for two days, \$160 for three days, \$210 for five days preschool. Transitional fives tuition is \$240. There is a \$75 non-refundable registration fee. There is an activities fee to cover field trips and other special events. Activities fees are as follows: \$20 per year for the two-day program, \$30 per year for the three-day program, \$50 per year for the five-day program, and \$55 per year for the Transitional Fives program. Tuition discounts are offered for the enrollment of multiple children from the same family.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents may call to add their names to a list for tours and/or receipt of an application. Pre-registration begins in September for the following school year. Parents are notified in January of acceptance. Priority is given to current students, siblings of current students and church members. Everyone who requests an application receives one, and spaces are allotted in the order the applications are returned. Those who do not get a space can be placed on a waiting list. Students must be toilet trained before the start of school to attend. For the 2008-2009 school year, students must be three or four by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll in the preschool. The age to enter transitional fives is determined by the director.

*About the School*

The Wee Folk School is owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church at the same location. Pastors visit with the children once a week and teach Christian education. In 2008 there are 94 students in five classrooms. There is a teacher and an aide for each classroom. The school holds a Certificate of Approval from the Maryland State Department of Education. The school is located in the newly renovated Schaeffer Center building at 26 E. 2nd Street on the church campus.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers and aides are trained in CPR and First Aid. Parents must come in to drop off and pick up students, which requires parking downtown. A video/audio security system is used to enter the locked building. Snacks are provided by parents on a rotating basis, which usually means two to three weeks per year for each parent. The students visit the bathrooms located in the hall on an as-needed basis, accompanied by a teacher or aide.

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 26, 2008 – May 29, 2009*

Preschool-High School	MTWRF	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Before- and after-care	MTWRF	7:00 am – 8:00 am and 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

3-year-olds	1:11	4-year-olds	2:16	Kindergarten	2:18
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2007-2008*

Preschool	\$5,500/year payable for 10 months at \$550/month	\$100 activity fee
Kindergarten	\$5,200/year payable for 10 months at \$520/month	\$100 activity fee

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$150 for new students and \$100 for returning students. K-12 grade tuition discounts are offered for the enrollment of multiple children from the same family. Extended care is \$3 per half-hour as used and billed monthly.

*Enrollment Process*

Applications are accepted after the annual open house in early February. Registration typically fills up within several weeks, after which a waiting list is established. After accepting re-enrolling students, all spaces are strictly first-come-first-served. For 2008-2009, children enrolling in the 3-year-old program must be three years old by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Children must be toilet trained to be eligible for enrollment.

*About the School*

The school is a ministry of the People’s Baptist Church. There is some time spent each day in a Bible class. There is one 3-year-old class and there is one 4-year-old class with a maximum of 16 students per classroom. We have a Kindergarten program with a maximum of 22 students. The Kindergarten classroom has a teacher and a teacher’s aide. The school is approved by the American Association of Christian Schools and the Maryland Association of Christian Educators.

*Safety and Procedures*

All staff are CPR and first aid certified and have been fingerprinted with background checks. Students bring their own morning snack, except on Friday, when parents take turns bringing in snacks for the entire class. Lunch items can be ordered *a la carte* or brought from home. We now offer a full lunch program offering a daily lunch special. Classroom drop-off and pick-up by a parent is required for preschool and Kindergarten children. Children are never outside unattended. There are bathrooms in the elementary school wing, which are visited in unison, one classroom at a time. There is a separate fenced preschool playground for the 3- and 4-year-olds.

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### ***Programs Offered - Year-Round***

Multiple program options are offered to eligible 3- and 4-year-olds and their families. Some are half-day, school year; others are full-day, full year. There are 15 classroom sites in Frederick County. The sites are reflective of partnerships with community collaborators such as public schools, childcare centers, and community center buildings. In addition to preschool education, FCHS provides a comprehensive array of support services for the child and family: transportation, home visits, health, nutrition, social services, and parental involvement.

### ***Costs and Payment Plans***

There are no costs or fees. This is a federally-funded program for income-eligible families.

### ***Enrollment Process***

Applications are accepted at any time during the year. After a family makes contact with the program, a Family Advocate assists the family with completion of the application (at main office or in the home), to include income and birth date verification. Each application, weighted for pre-determined eligibility factors such as homelessness, special needs, foster children, and English as a Second Language, are included in a pool of eligible applicants. A Selections Committee makes regular selections of applications throughout the year and sends families a notice inviting them to enroll. (There is no "waiting list," as children are selected for enrollment based on the ongoing acceptance of eligible applications.) Most children are enrolled in the program in September. Eligibility is not on a first-come-first-serve basis. Children must be three or four years old upon enrollment. (FCHS follows the guideline for Frederick County Public Schools cut-off month for Kindergarten).

### ***About the Program***

The program employs 15 lead teachers, as well as teachers' assistants and aides, and enrolled 270 students in 15 classrooms (in school year 2007-2008.) Several center sites hold Accreditation Certificates from the Maryland State Department of Education, and each year several others go through the approval process. Sites are also licensed by the State of Maryland Office of Child Care. The FCHS program enjoys significant longevity of teaching staff. Many have been working at FCHS for 10-25 years.

### ***Safety and Procedures***

All 15 facilities have access to an outdoor playground space. All staff receives annual training in CPR, First Aid, Blood-Borne Pathogens, and Child Abuse Identification and Reporting. The program contracts with the Health Department for the services of on-call nurse consultants. Children are accompanied by staff at all times (classroom, playground, bathrooms, etc.) Adults who pick up children must sign the child in and out daily, and must prove authorization for the pick up (personal identification documents are verified with emergency card information). Discipline measures include redirection, positive encouragement, and "time-out." In the case of extreme behavioral issues or very challenging disabilities, FCHS may consider serving the child and family in another capacity, such as comprehensive home-based services. Meals (breakfast and lunch) and snacks, as dictated by operating hours, are provided free of charge to families. The program also participates in the Child and Adult Food Program, which mandates the provision of nutritious meals. Meals are served family style to encourage self-help and socialization skills.

## Frederick County High School Preschool Programs

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### *Programs Offered – School Year 2008-2009*

As part of the Family and Consumer Science Department curriculum, the preschool programs are run as teaching labs for the high school Child Development courses. Except at Brunswick and Urbana, 3- and 4-year-olds are together in one classroom. The programs run for two 10-12 week sessions. The high school students formulate and execute lesson plans for the preschool children. High school students who successfully complete Child Development I, II, and III obtain their 90-hour certification (equivalent to the certificate obtained through college level courses) and are approved as Senior Staff in a Preschool under the State of Maryland Child Care Regulations. All the programs have outdoor playground time included in the preschool schedule. Only GTJS, THS, CHS and UHS have an enclosed outdoor play area. The other programs use the school property.

### *Enrollment/Registration Process*

BHS: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 am, in person, first-come-first-served. A line usually starts forming at 6:00 am and in the past the 3-year-old class has filled on this day. CHS: Applications are sent out at the end of April and are returned by mail or in person. Classes fill within a few weeks. THS: Applications are sent out in May and are accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis. FHS, Gov. TJHS, and UHS: Applications can be obtained by phone request and dates are given for when they must be returned.

### *Rates/Times*

Contact each school for rates and times.

**Brunswick High**, 101 Cummings Drive, Brunswick, MD 21716

Joyce Lenzo, [joyce.lenzo@fcps.org](mailto:joyce.lenzo@fcps.org), 240-236-8564

Programs offered mid Oct. – Jan. and mid Mar. – May

**Catoctin High**, 14745 Sabillasville Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788

Janet Warren, [janet.warren@fcps.org](mailto:janet.warren@fcps.org), 240-236-8134

Programs offered mid Sep. – Dec. and mid Feb. – May

**Frederick High**, 650 Carroll Parkway, Frederick, MD 21701

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Programs offered Sep. 24 – Dec. 21 and Feb. 24 – May 21

**Gov. Thomas Johnson High**, 1501 N. Market St., Frederick MD 21701

Vanessa Yost, [vanessa.yost@fcps.org](mailto:vanessa.yost@fcps.org), 240-236-8304

Programs offered Sept. – Dec. and Feb. – May

**Tuscarora High**, 5312 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703

Fran Raynor, [frances.raynor@fcps.org](mailto:frances.raynor@fcps.org), 240-236-6507

Programs offered mid Oct. – Jan. and mid Mar. – May

**Urbana High**, 3471 Campus Drive, Ijamsville, MD 21754

Meri Borland, [meri.borland@fcps.org](mailto:meri.borland@fcps.org), 240-236-7722

Programs offered Sep. – Dec. and Feb. – May

\* Tuition discounts are offered for enrollment of multiple children from same family.

## Frederick County High School Preschool Programs Cont'd.

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For all schools, a waiting list is established once the available slots are filled. In most cases, enrollment in the fall session guarantees a spot in the spring session. Children must be three years old by the beginning of the school year to enroll in the fall term. Children must be toilet trained; disposable training pants are not allowed. Prospective parents may visit a class by making an appointment with the appropriate teacher. Children need not be residents of a particular school district to apply to that program.

### *Safety and Procedures*

At most schools parents drop off and pick up their children at the classroom. The classroom door is always locked when the preschool class is being held. Parents must provide a list of emergency phone numbers and names of people who are authorized to pick up their child. Parents must also sign a form to consent to the photography and video tape recording of their child for classroom use. Discipline is seldom necessary, but when it is, "time-out" is used. There are bathrooms in the preschool classrooms, which the children are encouraged to use independently.

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Brunswick	240-236-2900	Jerry DeGrange
Carroll Manor	240-236-3800	Mary Ann Frank
Emmitsburg	240-236-1750	Wanda Severance
Glade	240-236-1000	Karen Miller
Hillcrest	240-236-3200	Grason Jackson
Liberty	240-236-1800	Drenna Reineck
Lincoln	240-236-2650	Ann Reever
Middletown	240-566-0200	Mark Pritts
Monocacy	240-236-1400	Leigh Warren
New Market	240-236-1300	Jason Anderson
New Midway/Woodsboro	240-236-3700	Bonna Loverock
North Frederick	240-236-2000	Kathy Prichard
Oakdale	240-236-3300	Betsy Little
Orchard Grove	240-236-2400	Cheryl Crawford
Spring Ridge	240-236-1600	Debbie Thackston
Thurmont Primary	240-236-2800	Debbie Myers
Twin Ridge	240-236-2300	DeVeda Coley
Valley	240-236-3000	Tess Blumenthal
Waverley	240-236-3900	Barbara Nash
Whittier	240-236-3100	John Festerman
Wolfsville	240-236-2250	Lynnea Richards

*Programs Offered – School Year 2008-2009 (at the above listed schools)*

4-year-olds                      MTWRF                      2 1/2 hour classes, actual times vary by location

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:10

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

The program is state-funded. There are no tuition fees, enrollment fees, or supply fees.

*Enrollment Process*

Students must be four year old by September 1st to enroll at the elementary school in their district. Enrollment forms are available beginning the first date of spring parent-teacher conferences. Parents must go to their district elementary school to obtain enrollment forms during this time. After the three-week enrollment period, children are placed in each class. Every Frederick County elementary school offers a Pre-K program or is paired with a school that does not have it. The program is designed to help children at possible risk of falling behind if not given the head-start of a Pre-K program as well as those who could not afford a private preschool. **First priority is given to those eligible for free or reduced lunch.** Contact the individual elementary schools for additional school-specific information.

*About the School*

No tours are given as they may be disruptive to the elementary school students. There is one teacher and one aide per class of 20 students. State laws require that there be two adults in the classroom at all times, so substitutes are called if one adult is unavailable. Teachers are state-certified and reaccredited on an ongoing basis.

*Safety and Procedures*

Safety measures conform to the Frederick County Public School regulations. If children are not transported by bus, the parent picking them up must come in and sign for them. There are bathrooms in the Pre-K classrooms. Snacks are not provided.

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Annette Breiling, Head of School

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 2008 – June 2009*

3-year-olds	4-year-olds	MTWRF	Mornings Only or Full Day
Kindergarten		MTWRF	Full Day

*Teacher-Student Ratio*  
1:7

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

The yearly cost for the morning program is \$6,700 per year. For the full-day program the cost is \$11,600 per year. There is a book, activity, supply, and technology fee of \$430 for the morning program and \$630 for the full-day program. **Financial aid is available.**

*Enrollment Process*

The admissions process begins with receipt of a completed application and \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Tours are given by appointment but are not required. Open Houses are scheduled for Fri., Nov. 7, 9-11 am; Sat., Jan. 24, 2-4 pm; Tues., Feb. 24, 9-11 am; Sun., Mar. 22, 2-4 pm; and Fri., Apr. 24, 9-11 am.

*About the School*

Friends Meeting School serves students from Pre-K to grade 8. We feature an innovative program which integrates art, physical education, music, drama, Spanish, and spiritual values into the curriculum, and we have twice been named a Maryland Character Education School of the Year. Our children also benefit from small class sizes and differentiated instruction. They enjoy multi-sensory learning experiences and exciting field trips. We welcome students from all backgrounds and faiths. We plan to break ground in November for a new building which includes a full-size gymnasium and a performing arts center. Beginning in August 2009, a high school will be added one grade at a time. Our program is licensed by the State of Maryland Child Care Administration and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. Friends Meeting School is also an accredited private school by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers and aides are certified in CPR and First aid. Classroom doors to the outside are locked once school starts. Students are always accompanied by an adult when moving about the school during the day. Children must be toilet trained and three years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents may request an exception for early entrance for a child whose birthday falls before January 1. Early entrance decisions are based on a child's general maturity and academic readiness.

2 Chapel Place  
 P.O. Box 303  
 Walkersville, MD 21793  
 Beth Williams, Director

*Programs Offered – School Year September 2, 2008 – May 22, 2009*

3-year-olds	TR	9:00 am – 11:30 am
4-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

3-year-olds	1:8	4-year-olds (am)	1:8
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Tuition is paid in nine monthly payments. For the 3-year-old class (two days/week) tuition is \$80/month. For the 4-year-old classes (three days/week) tuition is \$110/month. There is a yearly non-refundable \$40 registration fee and a \$30 supply fee. A discount is offered to families with more than one child at the school.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents can tour the school at any time by appointment. Registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup> for current students and February 15<sup>th</sup> for new students. Call or visit to obtain registration forms. Parents are notified of acceptance at the time of registration, and registration remains open until classes are filled. Sometimes there are openings still available in September. For 2008-2009 students must be either three or four prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> and must be toilet trained. Disposable training pants are not allowed.

*About the School*

Glade Valley Preschool is affiliated with Glade Valley Church of the Brethren and is licensed by the State of Maryland Childcare Administration. It is a small school with one classroom and two teachers. The preschool is located in a private building located on the church property. The teachers have Bachelor's degrees in Education and have worked at the school for at least five years. The pastor leads story time once a month, and a blessing is offered before snack. Religious holidays are celebrated with stories and crafts. There is a large fenced-in playground with climbing equipment, a playhouse, and a sandbox.

*Safety and Procedures*

All teachers are certified in CPR and First Aid. Parents/caregivers must bring the child into the classroom and return to the classroom before the child is dismissed. Prior notification is required for someone else to pick up the child. Positive reinforcement of good behavior, redirecting activities, and then "time-outs" are used to correct behavior. The school provides snacks and any student food allergies are posted in the kitchen. Restrooms are located in the classroom and the children are permitted to use them at any time. Teachers will assist with a parent's permission.

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Jennifer Bace, Director of Education

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**\*Urbana location coming soon**

*Programs Offered – School Year 2008-2009*

Two, three or five full-days per week between the hours of 6:30 am and 6:00 pm.  
Two, three or five half-days per week between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:00 pm.  
Full Day Kindergarten

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

3- and 4-year-olds 1:8 – 1:10                      Kindergarten 1:15

*Costs and Payment Plans*

The school offers many arrangements for instruction. As an example, tuition cost for the full-time, five day program is \$995/month. Tuition for five half-days is \$780/month. Please call for more information on tuition and programs offered. There is a registration fee of \$125 for the first child and \$100 for each additional child. Tuition discounts are offered for the enrollment of multiple children from the same family.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents may drop in, but appointments to tour the school are suggested. Registration begins in February for the following summer and fall. For the 2008-2009 school year, students must be three and toilet trained to enroll in our preschool class.

*About the School*

Goddard is a year-round preschool and Kindergarten with extended hours for working parents. It is licensed by the State of Maryland Child Care Administration for infant and toddler care, and is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education for its preschool and Kindergarten programs. There are five preschool/pre-K classrooms of up to 16 students, and one with 10 students. Children are accepted from age six weeks through eight years. Children must be toilet trained to be accepted for the preschool classrooms. The preschool, pre-K, and Kindergarten teachers have four-year degrees in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education.

*Safety and Procedures*

Most (90%) of the staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. Doors at the school remain locked at all times, with access by parent-specific codes through a security panel keypad. Parents must sign their children in and out. There are video surveillance cameras at the entrance and parking lot. Discipline measures include positive reinforcement and redirection. The school provides morning and afternoon snacks and milk for lunch. Each classroom has its own bathroom. There are separate, fenced playgrounds for ages two and younger, and ages three and older with age-appropriate equipment, including swings, slides, and climbing structures.



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*Programs Offered – Year Round*

Infants “New Beginnings”	MTWRF
2-year-olds “Exploring My World”	MTWRF
3-year-olds “I Can Do It”	MTWRF
4-year-olds “Ready, Set, Go”	MTWRF
5-year-olds “On My Way”	MTWRF

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

As mandated by the state.

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Depends on age, program, and duration. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$50 per child and \$75 per family.

*Enrollment Process*

Tours can be arranged. Applications accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, subject to space availability for children 6-weeks-old to 12-years-old.

*About the school*

Capacity of 155 children in the center in nine classrooms. Toilet training not required. Children are not forced to use the toilet or punished for not using the toilet during their stage of development. The playground has a rubber surface, plastic climbing and sliding equipment, and 8’ high fence. Approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

*Safety and Procedures*

All staff are CPR and first aid certified. Keyed entry, check-in, check-out, only parents or people preauthorized by parents can pick up children. Plenty of secure exits, free flowing floor plan, manual and electronic safety features, periodic fire drills. Discipline is achieved through behavior management and self-control. Two snacks and a hot lunch are provided for full time students. Classrooms have attached bathrooms. The academy follows developmentally appropriate programs that grow with the children in a fun and exciting environment.

5101 Woodville Rd.  
 Mt. Airy, MD 21771  
 Kathy Bish, Director

*Programs Offered – School Year September 2008 – June 2009*

3-year-olds	MWF	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
3-year-olds	Tu/Th	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
4-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
4-year-olds	Tu/Th	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Pre-K	MTuWThF	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*  
 1:7

*Cost and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

The 3-year-old three-day program is \$175/month; two-day program is \$145 per month; the 4-year-old three day program is \$170/month; two day \$160/month, and the Pre-K program is \$265/month. There is a non-refundable \$75 registration fee. There are no supply fees.

*Enrollment Process*

Specific dates and times for school tours are set aside in January, so parents should call to schedule a time. Registration begins in January for current families and opens to the public in February on a first-come-first-served basis. Enrollment fills up the first week of registration. Parents are notified of acceptance at registration. For the 2008-2009 school year, students must be three, four, or five by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

*About the School*

The school strives to teach the whole child through learning and love. The fenced playground includes a sand pit, tire swing, castle, and jungle gym. There are five teachers and three aides who teach 110 students in three classrooms. Each classroom has 10 children and one teacher. The school is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Child Care.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid. Parents drop off and pick up children in the classroom. A written note and identification are required of a person authorized to pick up the child. There is someone in the lobby at all times to monitor visitors. Children go as a group to the bathroom before snack, which is provided by parents. They may ask to go to the bathroom at other times. Children should be toilet trained.

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Diane Thomas, Center Director

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Tiffany Zimmerman, Center Director

*Programs Offered – School Year 2008-2009*

KinderCare Learning Centers is the largest private provider of early childhood education and care in the nation. We provide care for ages six weeks to 12 years old. Our Education and Training Team has successfully developed a research-based curriculum that offers a rich learning environment for all children. We also offer the broadest choice of supplemental enrichment programs nationally. They include Phonics, Reading, Math, Music, Spanish, and Active Adventures.

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

Infant/Toddler 1:3

2-year-olds: 1:6

3- and 4-year-olds: 1:10

School-age: 1:15

*Cost and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

We will be happy to discuss, on an individual basis, your weekly tuition based on your needs when you visit our centers.

*Enrollment Process*

Call today to schedule your personal tour of any one of our centers. All centers are accepting enrollments year round.

*About Our Teachers*

Our teachers are dedicated and passionate about your child's happiness and education. All our teachers provide daily communication with families and seek to understand your unique needs.

*Safety and Procedures*

We train all our staff in CPR and First Aid. Fire drills, as well as disaster drills, are conducted on a monthly basis.

8311 River Run Road  
Frederick, MD 21701  
Cindi Webb, Owner

*Programs Offered – Year Round*

Infant-11 years old  
Full-Day and Half-Day Programs  
Monday-Friday 6:30 am-6:30 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

Infant to Age 2 1:3 2-year-olds 1:6 3 and 4-year-olds 1:10 5-year-olds and Up 1:15

*Cost and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Full-time tuition per week: infant/toddler \$280, 2-year-olds \$240, 3, 4, 5-year-olds \$210. Call for part-time rates. The registration fee is \$100 for the first year and \$75 per year after that. Payments are made in advance weekly. There is a discount given for multiple children enrolled from the same family.

*Enrollment Process*

Please call to make an appointment Monday through Friday. Upon touring the facility, parents will be given an application. A registration fee must be paid to hold a spot. Parents will be notified of acceptance upon verification of availability.

*About the School*

The Learning Bee is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education and has 8,000 square feet, eight spacious classrooms, and Kiddie City (an indoor dramatic play center). There are two separate outdoor play areas, one of which includes large climbing castle playground equipment. The age-appropriate MSDE-approved curriculum and a staff of dedicated teachers ensure that your child will get the positive, well-rounded learning experience that he or she needs to grow up happy and confident. The educational environment is nurturing and supports each child's individual abilities. The teachers are well-educated adults with degrees or extensive training and experience in child development and education. Through our daily classroom curriculum as well as our special programs (Spanish, music, sign language, movement, and computers), children receive the best early childhood development program.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are certified in CPR. The entrance door is key-coded. All classrooms have an emergency exit. Positive reinforcement and redirection are used to develop discipline. The teachers will get on the child's level and discuss the cause of the problem. The Learning Bee will provide all snacks. If there are allergies, alternate snacks will be available. Children will be nurtured by loving staff members and engaged in fun activities to alleviate any separation anxiety. Bathrooms are located in the classrooms.

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 27, 2009 – June 13, 2010*

Early 3-year-olds (for children turning 3 Jan.-April) 1/13/09-6/10/09	TW mornings	9:00-12:00
3-year-olds	MTW or ThF or M-F	9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Friday until 2:00 pm)
4-year-olds	MTW or ThF or M-F	9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Friday until 2:00 pm)
Kindergarten	M-F	9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Friday until 2:00 pm)
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	M-F	8:45 am – 3:15 pm (Friday until 2:00 pm)

Before- (7:00 am – 9:00am) and after-school care (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm) are available.

A four-week summer program is also offered.

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:6

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Our five month “Early Three-year-olds” tuition cost is \$1,000 for two half-days. Annual tuition costs are \$4,100 for two-day, \$5,700 for three-day, and \$8,600 for five-day programs, kindergarten, and primary grades. A registration deposit of 10% of the annual cost will reserve a child’s space at the school. This deposit is fully refundable until May 1, 2009. Remaining tuition may be paid in one payment in August, in two semi-annual payments (August and January) or nine monthly payments (August-April). Sibling discounts are available. Need-based tuition assistance is also available (applications are due February 15).

*Enrollment Process*

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year began October 28, 2008. There is a non-refundable \$30 application fee. Admission decisions will be made from February to early March, and families will receive registration material soon thereafter. Tours of the school, grounds, and class observation of children are the best way to experience Lucy School. Appointments are required and can be made by contacting the school. Students must be three years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and fully potty trained. Enrollment applications can be found on our website at [www.lucyschool.com](http://www.lucyschool.com).

*About the School*

The Lucy School is a model arts-based school (preschool-second grade) and teacher-training center. It provides a child-centered and individualized arts-enriched program (including drama, creative movement, dance, puppetry, music and visual arts) that will stimulate, nurture, and enhance the intellectual, emotional, physical, social, aesthetic and creative development of young children, ages three to five. By example, teachers nurture a love and respect for community, family, nature and the environment. They seek to do this within a small and familial environment on a 17-acre farm setting that integrates the elements and aesthetics of nature into the learning process. The preschool and our primary program are both certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and licensed by the State of Maryland Child Care Administration.

*Safety and Procedures*

All teachers and assistants are trained in CPR and First Aid. Children must be fully toilet trained. Healthy morning and afternoon snacks are provided. Lunch is served family style with children bringing their own sandwiches.

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 Jane Durant, Director

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*Programs Offered – School Year for Preschool September 2, 2008 – May 20, 2009*

3-year-olds	TR	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
3-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4- & 5-year-olds	MTWRF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
5-year-olds	MTWRF	9:00 am – 12:30 pm

- A before- and after-school program called “Kids Club” that runs from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm is available for enrolled preschoolers, elementary and middle school-aged children.

- Mom’s Day Out (six months – three years) one day/week 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (\$5/hr; may register for part of this time).

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

TR 3-year-olds: \$135/mo.      MWF 3-year-olds: \$165/mo.      MWF 4-year-olds: \$165/mo.  
 MTWRF 4-year-olds: \$225/mo.      MTWRF 5-year-olds: \$250/mo.

Tuition is billable over the nine month school year period. Tuition discounts are offered for the enrollment of multiple children from the same family. There is a yearly non-refundable registration fee of \$60 per family.

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

1:5 to 1:10

*Enrollment Process*

Call to set up an appointment to tour the school anytime during the school year. Registration forms are mailed out the first of February by request. Enrollment is on a first-come-first-served basis. Church members have one day to pre-enroll. Siblings, prior year students, or children enrolled in our other childcare programs may pre-register during January. Parents are notified of enrollment the day they register their child. Confirmation letters are mailed mid-summer. Children must be toilet trained. For 2008-2009, children must be the appropriate age by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

*About the School*

The school is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. The teachers hold four-year education degrees and aides have completed a 90-hour child development course from Frederick Community College. The staff participates in continuing education and work with a written, unit-based curriculum. Additional instruction in Spanish and music are offered. The school is owned and operated by the Middletown United Methodist Church. Chapel is held once a month. There is a large fenced-in playground with a large structure, a blacktop area for riding and using balls and chalk, and a large toss up. Field trips are taken throughout the year and performing artists are used to enhance the program. Our school is bright and cheery!

*Safety and Procedures*

Parents must bring their child to the entrance, and preferably to the classroom. Dismissal is done one child at a time whereby the teacher brings the child to the waiting parent outside the entrance. Bathrooms are located outside the classrooms. Children are escorted to and from the bathroom by staff members. Teachers will help with snaps, zippers, and buckles and will help to change clothes if the need arises. The preschool provides the snacks, although sometimes parents may wish to contribute something.

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Sr. Joanne Geocke, D.C., Principal

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 2008 – June 2009*

Pre-K	MTWRF	8:00 am – 11:15 am*
Kindergarten	MTWRF	8:40 am – 2:40 pm

\*Pre-K has the option of pm after-school care from 11:15 am – 2:40 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

Pre-K	1:10	Kindergarten	1:15
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Tuition for Pre-K is \$2,700 (morning only), Pre-K with PM care is \$3,975 and Kindergarten is \$3,975. There is a yearly registration fee of \$150. A \$20 to \$25 supply fee is charged. Kindergarten students wear uniforms.

*Enrollment Process*

Tour of the school and/or Principal interview arranged at a mutually convenient time. Call 301-447-3165 to schedule. Open House scheduled monthly for tours. See WEB for dates/times. Applications for current school year considered on an individual basis. Applications accepted for the 2009-2010 school year beginning January 2009. Applicant and parent visit to the school scheduled after application received; visit includes screening for readiness. Notification of acceptance mailed within 2 weeks of visit.

*About the school*

Mother Seton School, sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, has the proud distinction of being rooted in Saint Joseph's Academy and Free School established by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in 1810 – the first free school for girls staffed by Catholic sisters in the United States. It is co-educational and offers a quality Catholic education to students of Pre-K through Grade 8. It is accredited by the Commission on Elementary Schools, Middle States Association, and is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic School Office.

The curriculum follows guidelines of the Archdiocese of Baltimore for Early Childhood Education. The program for four-year-olds is designed to develop in the young child a curiosity and love for learning and a positive attitude toward school while preparing the child for kindergarten. It kindles in the child an appreciation of God's all-embracing love and provides opportunities for the child to deepen the sense of God's presence in self, others, and the world.

Following upon the program for four-year-olds, kindergarten students continue their religious, social, and intellectual development through a variety of large, small group, and individualized learning experiences. The program for five-year-olds fosters growth in those concepts and skills prerequisite for entrance into Grade 1. Students in kindergarten participate in library, music, and physical education with teachers who specialize in these fields.

*Safety and Procedures*

Mother Seton School Faculty, Support Staff, and Volunteers meet requirements of the Archdiocese of Baltimore for Child Protection including training and background checks. A medical professional staffs the Health Room throughout the school day. School doors are secure and the Pre-K and Kindergarten have a dedicated fenced playground with access from their classrooms. A classroom intercom provides access to the office and health room staff for teachers. Students bring snack and have the option to pack or purchase lunch.

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*Programs Offered – School Year September 2008 – May 2009*

3- or 4-year-olds                      TWR                      9:00 am – 11:00 am

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

From 1:2 to 1:6

*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Tuition is \$425 for each 12-week semester. Scholarship money may be available to families who otherwise would not be able to enroll their children. Please speak with the director about scholarship funds. Tuition is billed from and payable to the Hood College Financial Services Office. There is a \$35 non-refundable enrollment fee. Tuition discounts are offered for the enrollment of multiple children from the same family.

*Enrollment Process*

If you would like a school tour, please call to make arrangements. For an application form, contact the director. Applications are accepted for children when they reach the age of 18 months. Parents will be notified in January of their child's admission for the upcoming academic year. Classrooms fill up by February and waiting lists are formed. Children must reach enrollment age by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be accepted in their respective program. Children enrolled as 3-year-olds are admitted for the following year with the submission of a \$50 deposit. The deposit is non-refundable, but will be deducted from the next year's tuition.

*About the School*

The Onica Prall Child Development Laboratory, founded in 1929, is operated by the Department of Education of Hood College. The school provides preschool education for children who are three and four years old as well as classrooms in which college students can observe and work with young children and their parents. The curriculum is based upon research and best practices in constructivist learning. A large portion of the day is spent in free play and exploratory learning. During this time, children are given choices including art, symbolic-play, computer, numeracy, science, music, language arts, and motor activities. The program also includes group activities and snack and outdoor play. Weekly activities are organized around themes that form coherent units of study; these themes are based on the questions the children ask. There is one clinical instructor in the classroom as well as one to four college students at any time. A maximum of 14 children are enrolled in each classroom.

*Safety and Procedures*

A fenced play yard has a sandbox, climbing equipment, and a separate paved area for tricycles. Children are always supervised. There are bathrooms in each classroom, with no doors. Parents can observe classrooms through a mirrored window. A member of the staff is trained in CPR and First Aid. Entry is accessed by keypad. We try to alleviate separation anxiety by starting the year with the parent and child coming together the week before school begins.



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*Programs Offered – School Year September 2008 – May 2009*

2-year-olds	MW, TR, or F only	9:00 am – 11:00 am or 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
3-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
3-year-olds	TR	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Pre-K 4-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4-year-olds Enrichment	TR	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Pre-K 4- and 5-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
6 Week Summer Program		9:00 am – 11:30 am and 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

2-year-olds	1:5	3-year-olds	1:7	4- and 5-year-olds	1:9
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Payments are paid in nine monthly payments. Costs are as follows: 2-year-old one day \$630, 2-year-old two day \$1,260, 3-year-old two day \$1,242, 3-year-old three day \$1,575, 4-year-old three day \$1,530, 4-year-old enrichment \$1,143, and 4- to 5-year-old five day \$2,304. There is a yearly non-refundable fee of \$75. A \$50 material fee is due for the 4-year-old enrichment class. Tuition rates for full-day classes have not been set yet.

*Enrollment Process*

Call to make an appointment to tour the school. Applications are accepted starting in January for currently enrolled families and church members. Registration is open to the public in February. Parents are notified of acceptance upon enrollment. Enrollment usually fills up by spring. Children three years old must be toilet trained. To enter the classes children must be the appropriate age by September 1, 2009.

*About the School*

St. James Nursery School is affiliated with the Episcopal Church. There is a monthly chapel time. The school has seven teachers and eight aides with 250 students currently enrolled in five classrooms. Some of the teachers have been teaching for 22 years. A large fenced playground with a climbing tunnel, large climber with slides, space shuttle, train, bounce around, circle-cycle, and sand box are on the school grounds. Bathrooms are located in the classrooms and teachers will assist children with clothing as needed and encourage independence. The school is listed as a non-public nursery school with the Maryland Department of Education and is currently going through the accreditation process for the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

*Safety and Procedures*

Instructors are certified in CPR and First Aid. Parents must let the school know if someone other than the parent is picking up their child and proof of ID must be shown. Buzzers will sound when doors are opened. Snacks are provided by the school. The school is a peanut and nut free facility and we carefully monitor all allergies.

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 25, 2008 – June 11, 2009*

Pre-Kindergarten (4-year-olds) - half day	MTWRF	8:15 am – 11:30 am
Pre-Kindergarten (4-year-olds) - full day	MTWRF	8:15 am – 2:30 pm
Kindergarten (5-year-olds) - full day	MTWRF	8:15 am – 2:45 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

4-year-olds	1:20, plus aide	Kindergarten	1:26, plus aide
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Pre-K full-day tuition for the 2008-2009 school year is \$6,000 (non-parishioners \$7,275). Pre-K half-day tuition is \$3,600 (non-parishioners \$4,365). Kindergarten full-day tuition for the 2008-2009 school year is \$5,990 (non-parishioners \$7,260). There is a yearly non-refundable \$250 registration fee. A discount is offered to families with more than one child at the school who are enrolled in K-8.

*Enrollment Process*

Parents can tour the school Monday through Friday by appointment between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Registration forms can be obtained online or by calling the school. Admission preference is given to current students, siblings of current students, siblings of alumni, children and grandchildren of alumni, Catholic students from a regional parish, Catholic students from other parishes, and non-Catholics. New student registration for 2009-2010 began November 12, 2008 and goes through March 1, 2009. Enrollment for Pre-K and Kindergarten is often filled by late February after which time waiting lists will be formed. Parents will be notified of acceptance by March 2009 or earlier. For Pre-K and Kindergarten in the 2009-2010 school year children must be four or five by September 1, 2009 and be completely toilet trained and for Kindergarten have satisfactory screening results.

*About the School*

St. John Regional Catholic School is a Pre-K – Eighth grade school affiliated with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore. It is approved by the Maryland Department of Education, accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Elementary Schools, and is a member of the National Catholic Education Association. Religion is taught daily as a subject to all students. Students are required to wear a school-approved uniform. The Pre-K and Kindergarten playground has rubberized safety surfacing with climbing equipment that meets all safety standards. The play area is entirely fenced in.

*Safety and Procedures*

The school has a full-time nurse on duty Monday through Friday. All staff has undergone blood borne pathogen training and are certified in CPR. Doors are locked and the halls are monitored by staff. All visitors must have a pass. Students must be dropped off at the school entrance where a staff member is stationed. Students are always supervised when outside. Restroom breaks are taken as a class. Single bathrooms are also located in each Pre-K and Kindergarten classroom. Teachers use time-outs, color-coded cards and school counselor involvement before parents are contacted regarding behavior or discipline problems. Parents are responsible to bring snacks for entire class on an assigned day.

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*Programs Offered – School Year September 2009 – June 2010*

Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade		
Pre-Kindergarten (4-year-olds) - full day	MTWRF	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Kindergarten (5-year-olds) - full day	MTWRF	8:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

Pre-K (4-year-olds)	2:15	Kindergarten	2:20	1st–8th grade	1:20
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Tuition for Pre-K full day is \$6,500, Kindergarten is \$5,250. There is a yearly non-refundable \$150 program fee for Pre-K, and for Kindergarten a \$300 book and resource fee. Multi-student discounts are available. Payments are due in 10 installments or in one annual payment.

*Enrollment Process*

Prospective families may tour the school during open house on November 12, 2008 from 9 am – 11 am or January 28 from 9 am – 1 pm. Private tours are given by calling the school to schedule an appointment. Application information is available online or may be sent via mail or e-mail to prospective parents. Preference is given to Catholic students and siblings of those currently enrolled. New student registration is ongoing and begins in November 2008 and continues through early 2009. Pre-K and Kindergarten applicants attend an assessment in the spring and parents are notified of acceptance following the assessment. For Pre-K and Kindergarten, students must be 4 or 5 years old by September 1, 2009 and completely toilet-trained.

*About the School*

St. Thomas More Academy is an independent Catholic school for students in grades Pre-K through Eighth grade. It is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education and is a member of the National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools (NAPCIS). Religion is taught daily to all students and they attend Mass on Holy days and most first Fridays of the month. All the students wear a school-approved uniform.

*Safety and Procedures*

All staff undergo background checks and many of the staff are certified in CPR. Doors to the building are kept locked and students are always supervised when they are outside. Restroom breaks are taken as a class, but children may ask to go when needed. Special attention is paid to dietary restrictions by teachers and lunchroom volunteers, and a “safe-foods” table is provided in the cafeteria for those with food allergies. Parents are responsible for providing snacks and lunch daily.

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*Programs Offered – School Year September 2009 – May 2010*

3-year-olds	TR	9:00 am – 11:30 am
3-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Pre-K	MTWRF	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

3-year-olds	2:12	4-year-olds	2:15
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2009-2010*

The cost per month is \$125 for the 3-year-old program (two day), \$175 for 3- and 4-year-olds (three day) and \$230 for Pre-Kindergarten (five day). There is a one-time snack and activity fee of \$55, \$75, and \$110 respectively, that may be reduced if a child needs to bring his/her own snack due to health reasons, i.e. allergies, diabetes, etc. Trinity will provide healthy snacks otherwise. Tuition is paid in nine monthly payments, but there are other payment options available. Tuition discounts are offered for enrollment of multiple children from the same family.

*Enrollment Process*

Enrollment begins in January with church members having the first opportunity to enroll students, then families of current students. Open enrollment will begin the first week of February 2009. All students must be toilet trained by the start of classes. Students must be the required age by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year. An orientation for parents and students is held prior to the start of the school year. Parents may call or drop-in for a tour.

*About the School*

Trinity currently offers three 3-year-old classes with a maximum class size of 12 students, two 4-year-old classes, and two Pre-K classes each with a maximum of 15 students. The school holds a Certificate of Approval from the Maryland State Department of Education and lead teachers hold a four year degree or 120 hours of college courses. Co-teachers have completed the state's 90 hour childcare course. The school is a ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church and has an academic curriculum. All classrooms have child-sized bathrooms. Teachers are not permitted to enter the bathrooms to help with toileting; however, teachers may encourage children through the bathroom door.

*Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid. Parents are required to walk children to the classroom and pick up children from the classroom door. Sexual misconduct questionnaires are required by the church to be filled out by staff and volunteers who work with the children. There is a fenced playground with climbing equipment, a sandbox, swings, and slides.

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*Programs Offered – School Year August 2008 – June 2009*

3-year-olds	MTWRF	8:00 am – 3:00 pm or 8:00 am – 11:30 am
4-year-olds	MTWRF	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Kindergarten	MTWRF	8:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Teacher-Student Ratio*

Pre-K	1:10	Kindergarten	1:15
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*Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

Pre-K 3-year-olds half-day is \$3,250; Pre-K full-day 3-year-olds is \$6,500; Pre-K full day 4-year-olds is \$6,500; and Kindergarten full-day is \$6,200. Payments are due in 10 or 12 monthly payments. A \$200 non-refundable registration fee is due yearly. There is a 25% discount offered off of the total tuition when two or more children from the same family are enrolled in the school.

*Enrollment Process*

The school hosts an open house (adults only please) from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on January 27, 2009. The school begins taking applications in February. Parents are notified of acceptance after the interview process. Enrollment continues until all classes are full, usually by the end of summer. Enrollment is not limited to those of the Catholic faith. Children must be three years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of 2008 to be enrolled in 2008-2009, but exceptions can be made at the discretion of the principal.

*About the School*

Visitation is an all-girls Catholic day school for students in pre-K through eighth grade. The school is a Catholic school and is affiliated with Archdiocese of Baltimore. Catholic education is incorporated into the daily curriculum. Pre-K classes attend Mass once a week. The school usually offers two pre-K classes with up to 15 children per class. Students are required to wear uniforms, which are purchased by the parents, and they must be toilet trained. The school is licensed/certified by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Parents provide all snacks and lunches for the children.

*Safety and Procedures*

Some teachers at the school are trained and certified in CPR. The school is situated on an enclosed campus. Outside doors are locked, and the building has a “buzz-in” system for entry.

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### *Programs Offered – School Year September 2008 – May 2009*

Young 3-year-olds	M or TR	9:00 am – 11:30 am
3-year-olds	TR or WF or MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4-year-olds	MWF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Pre-K	MTWRF	9:00 am – 11:30 am or 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

### *Teacher-Student Ratio*

3-year-olds	1:8	4-year-olds	1:10
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### *Costs and Payment Plans for 2008-2009*

One day per week is \$50/month, two days per week is \$75/month, three days per week is \$110/month and five days per week is \$160/month. Tuition costs are billable over nine months (September – May). There is a yearly non-refundable registration fee of \$50 and a supply fee of \$35. There is a discount available for multiple children from the same family. Lunch Bunch is also available.

### *Enrollment Process*

Registration begins in January. Parents should call for an appointment to tour the school. Registration dates are set first for current students and church members and second for the general public. Registration forms delivered in person are given first priority. Parents are notified of acceptance within a week of registration. Classes are small and fill quickly. For 2008-2009: Young 3-year-olds must be 3 years old by March 1, 2009 and do not need to be toilet trained. All other children must be three or four by September 1, 2008 and must be toilet trained.

### *About the School*

The school is affiliated with and located in the Walkersville United Methodist Church. It is a fun and happy place for students and teachers. There are 10 teachers, four aides, and 134 students in five classrooms. The fenced play yard includes a commercial Little Tykes play structure, swings, a covered sand box, riding toys and scooters, and climbers. Field trips include pumpkin patch and Catocin Zoo. There is a holiday program and school end picnic in which all the students and families participate. The school is licensed by the Child Care Administration of the State of Maryland and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

### *Safety and Procedures*

Teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid. Children are dropped off and picked up at the classroom door by parent or designated adult. The school provides snacks, and parents provide juice or milk. Bathrooms are located across from classrooms. Young 3's are taken to the bathroom by aides, older children must ask to use the bathroom.

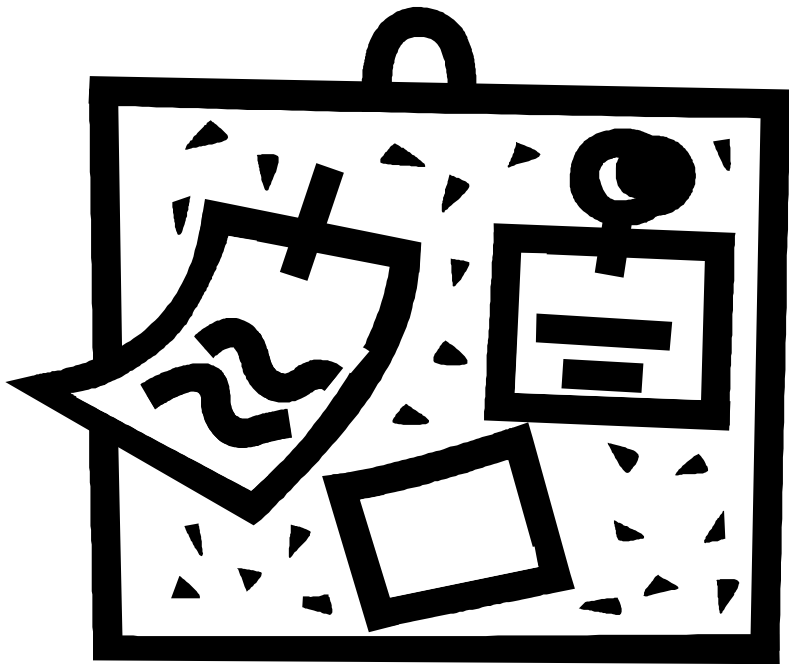
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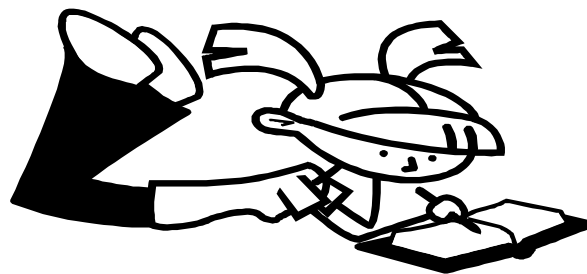
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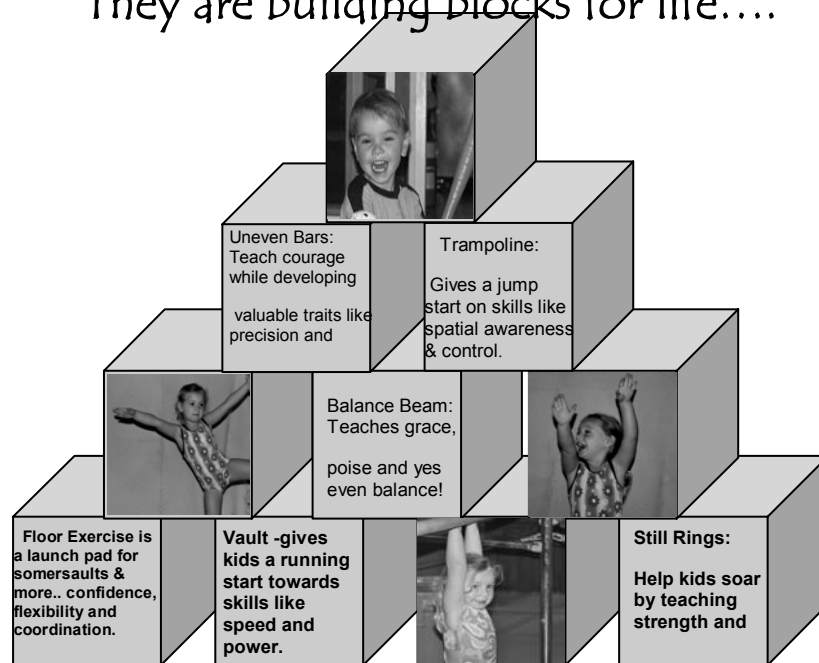
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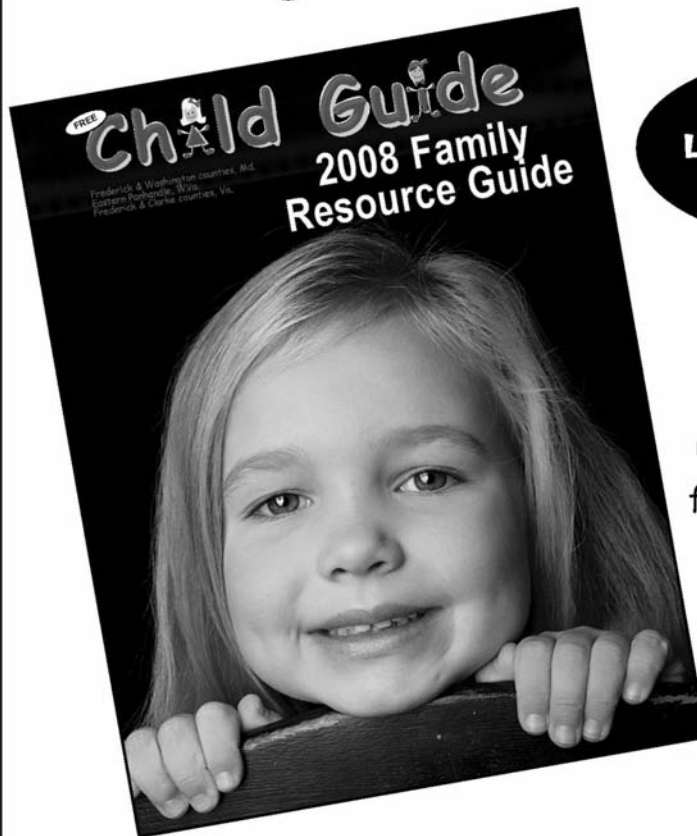
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