

Mothering Matters

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Hats off to Moppets Teachers

This meeting is our last meeting for the school year. What a great time to show our children's caregivers how much we appreciate them. We can have a MOPS day without food, or without a craft, a guest speaker or discussion time. But we certainly could not have MOPS without our Moppets team!!

A big "Thank you" goes to all of these Moppets workers:

*Lora Harbo
*Mary Ellen Gleason
Amanda McDonald
Katy Rosane
*Deana Nelson
April Watts
*April Marley
Krsitin Lucey
Julie Vandever
Chris Steiner
Marc Perry
Sharron Carlson
Christina Hemphill
Amy Lindsey
Youth helpers:
Zach DeForest

Zach Peterson
Kryssy Stimpfel
*Paige, Ethan & Ruth Nelson

We hope that our Moppets team will enjoy their MOPS day on us this time and we look forward to seeing them all join us again next year!

*These workers came every month!

Children are Like Kites



You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground.
You run with them until you are both breathless.

They crash. They hit the rooftop.
You patch and comfort, adjust and teach.

You watch them lifted by the wind and assure them that someday, they will fly.

Finally, they are airborne;
They need more string and you keep letting it out;

But with each twist of the ball of twine, there is a sadness that goes with joy.

The kite becomes more distant and you know it won't be long before that beautiful creature will snap the lifeline that binds you two together and will soar, free and alone.

Only then do you know that you did your job.

by Erma Bombeck

Garage Sale Success

The garage sale was a huge success! We had a lot of fun, helped some people purge a lot of unwanted stuff, and exceeded our financial goal. We made over \$3000; which is about 1/4 of our total program cost, the rest of which is made up from semester dues, funding from Community Covenant Church, and other fundraisers.

A special thank you to Glenda, Becky, Jill, Kristy, Terri, Candis, Michelle, Shirah, Cynthia, Cindy, Stacey, Briana, Terrill, Tiffany, Lisa, and Emily, who helped with the sale and with caring for our children during the sale; and to MOPS members Tiffany, Cindy, Melissa, Cherie, Lisa, Ginny, Shirah, Terrill, Emily, Teresa, Lisa, CJ, Sherry, Stacy, Patty, Cynthia, Susie, Terri, Tasha, Sarah, Michelle, Kristy, Chris, Halle, Briana, Jo, Jill, and MOPS supporters Trish, Amy, Marci P., Sandra, Jennifer, Justin, Stephanie, Sharon, who all donated very generously to the sale. Also thank you to those of you who shopped and told others about the sale.

Thanks for supporting your MOPS group by helping raise the money used to put on a program every month!!

Shop with working MOPS

These moms have their own businesses and would love to work with you.

Nyikos Photography

Stacy Nyikos: 696-2625

www.nyikosphoto.com

Southern Living at Home

Laura Keel: 688-2704

Stampin' Up

Molly Bennett: 622-9593

Register now for next Fall

Early-bird registration packets are available now and have to be turned in by June 1st to reserve your present standing in MOPPETS. After June 1 we will begin accepting new registrations.

COFFEE FOR SALE

proceeds support MOPS program

\$12/lb. wholebean
snickerdoodle
mocha swiss almond
vanilla vibe
sierra roast

WEBSITE REFERENCE GUIDE

Website of the month:

Christian financial management ministries.

www.crown.org

MOPS of CCC:

www.communitycovenant.net/mops

MOPS International:

www.gospelcom.net/mops/

Happy Birthday, Mom!



May Birthdays

- Anna Rose 2nd
- Kristie Moser 13th
- Nicole Gibson 14th
- Janice Nelson 22nd
- Sarah Cook 26th
- Jo Wood 28th
- Jennifer Mayer 30th

While you're off this summer having withdrawals because you miss MOPS so much, take some of that extra time to make a birthday phone call to a new friend! Here are the women who have the pleasure of celebrating a birthday during the beautiful Alaskan Sprummall (Spring, Summer and Fall, all in one season!!)

June Birthdays

- Jennifer Vancil 8th
- Dana Chadwick 12th

July Birthdays

- Kerri Dickey 1st
- Melissa Molina 2nd
- Lisa Sanders 2nd
- Angela Dorn 4th
- Teri Rose 6th
- Melissa Hayes 8th

July cont'd

- Ginny Kehren 9th
- Darlene Kirkwood 21st
- Patty Meredith 21st
- Briana Theis 23rd

August Birthdays

- Abby Meyer 6th
- Sarah Curl 20th
- Susie Edwards 20th
- Sarah Wolcoff 23rd

Fun in the sun this summer

Join other moms for park days this summer in Eagle River!
 Every Tuesday, weather permitting, at 10 a.m.
 June-Town Center Park (across from Blockbuster)
 July-Firelake Elementary Preschool
 August-Alpenglow Elementary Preschool

What image of "mother" are you?

- 4 YEARS OF AGE ♥ My Mommy can do anything!
- 8 YEARS OF AGE ♥ My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
- 12 YEARS OF AGE ♥ My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.
- 14 YEARS OF AGE ♥ Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either!
- 16 YEARS OF AGE ♥ Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 YEARS OF AGE ♥ That old woman? She's way out of date!
- 25 YEARS OF AGE ♥ Well, she might know a little bit about it.
- 35 YEARS OF AGE ♥ Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
- 45 YEARS OF AGE ♥ Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?
- 65 YEARS OF AGE ♥ Wish I could talk it over with Mom. . .

Bible Verse God's Word

"For two whole years Paul stayed ther in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 28:30 - 31

Did you know that the most prolific writer of the New Testament was a jailbird? Paul was imprinsoned on several occasions because he persisted in preaching the gospel. While serving time in a cell, Paul learned **patience** and resourcefulness, which carried God's message through the bars of his prison and out into the world.

How did it happen? First, Paul focused on the needs close at hand.

While he was captive, he captivated his caretakers with stories of Jesus. Rather than pining about those he couldn't reach, he touched those at his elbow with God's love.

Second, Paul kept problems and persecutions in his short-term memory and God's purposes in his long-term memory. He accepted God's plan for his days, even if that meant he spent them in prison. He kept his mind on the eternal picture. *From the Mom's Devotional Bible*

Most of us feel at some time like we're stuck in prison—stuck behind bars. In the days when we're mothering babies and stuck inside a house, or buckled in to the chauffeur position in the car, or cemented into the roles of provider and nurturer, it's easy to feel incarcerated! But in the midst of "captivity," God can use us to captivate others.

clip and save

Chicken Salad

- 4 c. cooked cubed chicken
- 2 c. chopped apples
- 8 oz. corkscrew pasta, cooked and drained
- 8 oz. pineapple, drained
- 1 c. seedless grape halves
- 1/2 c. celery, sliced
- 3/4 c. mayo or salad dressing
- 1/3 c. plain yogurt
- 1 T. sesame seeds
- 3 T. lime juice
- 1 T. honey
- 1/4 t. salt

Mix dressing ingredients. Toss salad ingredients in large bowl. Pour dressing over, and toss to combine. Cover and chill several hours or overnight.

Recipe by Marci Bistodeau

