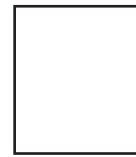




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New Wrap Around Care Solves Childcare Shortage

Families know that Red Bird Mission's Early Childhood Development (ECD) program does an excellent job of preparing 3 and 4-year olds for kindergarten, but finding a caregiver can sometimes be a problem for parents who are working, looking for work, or going back to school. The Queendale ECD site will begin providing parents with an option of full time or part time day care for children ages 2 to 5 when Wrap Around Care kicks off on August 4th.

Care will be available five days a week from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The extra activities, snacks, naptime and free play will reinforce the Christian preschool curriculum of ECD beyond the preschool hours of 9 AM to noon.

Not only will the Wrap Around Care program

benefit working and student parents, but it opens up the possibility for local moms to volunteer at Red Bird Mission. The additional childcare spaces are needed because Clay County does not have enough openings in the county to serve the needs for day care. Referrals will come from



the Child Care Resource and Referral office, from the waiting list for public preschool, and from the local Community Based Service offices working with parents enrolled in the Kentucky Works program, or volunteering to receive financial benefits.

Families will pay tuition based on the ECD sliding fee scale with additional

funds coming from subsidies provided through job training programs. An anonymous donor has stepped up to cover any shortfall during the first year.

Ways to Support

Secure online donations - www.rbmission.org
Donations by phone - 888-726-3459 (toll free)
Donations by bank transfer - 888-726-3459 (toll free)
School Supplies

New toys, clothing, children's and teen bibles
Baby pantry items
Campbell's & Tyson A+ labels, Boxtops for Education
Food pantry items

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Living the Motto – "Enter to Learn. Leave to Serve"

Red Bird Mission School begins its 90th year of educating children of the Cumberland Mountains. Although the times have changed along with styles and technology, Red Bird Mission School still provides a safe Christian environment with caring teachers and staff that renew and strengthen the school's motto, "Enter to Learn. Leave to Serve."

Enter to Learn

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:19

Painful budgetary cuts were necessary last year to reopen for the 2010-2011 academic year, but our school administration has been working diligently to improve our academic offerings for 2011-12. Early registrations are indicating that our student population will increase. Without any increase to the budget, Grades 4 and 5 will be the only combined classroom this year due to volunteer recruitment and status changes among other teachers.

The computer classroom was off limits to students last year but this year students will be receiving instruction in computer keyboarding and computer applications. A retired librarian with a background in computer applications has come to volunteer this year as the technology instructor.

Leave to Serve

"Live with an attitude of faith. Have faith in God for every dream. Dream Big." – C.F. Baker

Red Bird Mission School provides each student with a quality education that prepares them to go on to college or into the workforce and nurtures a faith in God that often leads to a life of service. M. Chris Wagers, a 2011 graduate is preparing to enter his first semester at Somerset Community College. Neither of Chris' parents was able to get a college education but Chris is planning for a life of service as a nurse practitioner. Chris has already begun his journey of service by working at Saint Joseph's Hospital in London while attending classes.



Chris receiving the Cumberland Valley Health Care Scholarship

A Special Message from Dr. Collins

We are eternally grateful for the financial support that you provided for Red Bird Mission School for the 2010-11 school year. Thanks to you, we had a very successful school year with NO deficit spending.

As an alumnus of Red Bird Mission School, I understand the value of the academic and Christian formation that students receive. I am impressed and encouraged when I see that students like Chris seek to build on the quality education received at Red Bird Mission School to enter a

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Interns Bless with Knowledge, Skills and Extra Effort

Red Bird Mission is blessed this summer to have five young adult interns working across several areas of the Mission. These interns utilize their knowledge, skills, and the extra time and effort needed to carry out routine and special projects that are important to Red Bird's overall mission.

Brittany Burton, a graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministries from Lindsey Wilson College, has been coordinating the team leaders for the Summer Youth program, a day camp for 5-15 year olds at Red Bird Mission. "Teaching was a new experience for me. Red Bird has prepared me for Christian education for everybody. It has confirmed my calling," remarked Burton. Her internship was funded through the Kentucky Conference Isaiah Project that focuses on nurturing individuals that are considering or pursuing a call to full time Christian ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Fred Rweru and Magan Meade from Eastern Kentucky University Master's in Public Administration program assist participants in Summer Youth and Grow Appalachia. Rweru acknowledges getting to meet community members and working with them

Johauna Gosney, an intern funded by Entrepreneurship for the Public Good in Berea, Kentucky and a soon-to-be graduate of Berea College with a Bachelor's in Sociology, joined the Development team to assist with preparation for key Red Bird events and public relations projects. She acknowledges how fellowship is visible in this organization and as a community survives on prayer, love and faith.

Haley Mills, a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor's in Religion served as a work crew leader. It's not every day that you will meet a female construction worker who is also a candidate for seminary. Mills exclaimed, "Red Bird has taught me many things - from making sure the power is off before you do electrical work to the joy of working together for God and others."



in their gardens is an education on challenges and probable solutions. He oversees the Fitness Room and researches new grant funding opportunities.

When Meade is not assisting programs, she is developing a wellness program for employees through Human Resources and creating a proposal to improve the Queendale campus landscaping with remembrance gardens. She reflects, "The experience at Red Bird Mission is necessary for my field, self-starting projects and creating ideas to contribute to an organization. It gives me a perspective on Appalachian culture and allows me to follow a passion."

Special Message from Dr. Collins (continued)

career that will serve society, but more importantly, serve to further God's kingdom.

The 2011-12 school year begins with great anticipation of nurturing every student to realize her, or his, God-given capacity for learning and service. We have been blessed this year with volunteers that are helping us to stretch our projected budget of \$1,148,506. Our paid teachers and staff will continue to make great sacrifices this year to maintain the high quality education that is the hallmark of Red Bird Mission School.

The good news is this: **We will meet our budget with no deficit for the current school year if you and all fellow donors will donate now the same amount that you gave for the 2010-11 school year.** Please consider giving a gift to the school now that equals your support from last year. By giving to the school, you are doing the Lord's work here at Red Bird.

I firmly believe that if God is present, miracles can and do happen. Keeping the school open last year was a miracle indeed, and evidence that God is present in our ministry to students. We have so much more vision for what our school can do to prepare our students to be world changers in this 21st century. I challenge you to give more if you are in a position to give more, or encourage others to give to help us realize our vision to expand the Lord's work.

God bless you, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Christ,



New Beginning for Dr. Keiser and Red Bird Dental Clinic

After 21 years of faithful, dedicated service at Red Bird Mission Dental Clinic, Dr. Lamar Keiser will lay aside his dental instruments so that he can dedicate more time to fishing and hunting. A Kentucky native, Dr. Keiser practiced dentistry in Danville, Kentucky prior to coming to Red Bird Mission. Dr. Keiser's dedication to his patients is evidenced by the fact that although he is retiring from full time service, he plans to work two days a week at the clinic for the next few months.

The dental lab established by Harry Brooks in 2008 is now producing dentures at minimal cost for low-income patients and one of Harry's students trained last year is dedicating herself to continue the work. The situation of the lab and the strong practice that Dr. Keiser established makes Red Bird Dental Clinic an excellent opportunity for a dentist to make an impact in an area that is considered one of the most toothless regions in the country.

A retirement luncheon was held at the end of June so that staff and their families could express their appreciation. A magnifying work lamp was presented to Dr. Keiser to aid him in pursuing his hobby of tying fishing flies. He and his wife, Virginia, are now living in Lancaster, Kentucky. We wish them the best as they begin a new chapter of their lives, and hope that his fishing creel will be full each time he comes home from a day of fishing!



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Two Months Until Homecoming

All alumni and friends need to mark their calendars and plan to come for Homecoming Weekend, October 7-9. The excitement created by Celebration of the Legacy on July 1st and the planning underway indicates that this year's homecoming will truly be special because of the 90 anniversary emphasis.

Mrs. Harrietta Reynolds will be a featured speaker on Saturday along with Dr. Taylor Collins who will articulate the new vision for Red Bird Mission and School as we move towards our centennial. Reverend Cliff Reynolds will be the preacher for worship on Sunday at Beverly United Methodist Church. More information regarding schedules and activities will be available closer to the date through the Red Bird School Alumni Association, Red Bird E-Notes, and Facebook.

Urgent Personnel Needs

- Dentist (Kentucky licensed)
 - Volunteer teachers (Science, Art, PE)
- Contact hr@rbmission.org for details or call