

FEBRUARY 2021

# the Tailwind

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### Celebrating Our Staff

(Continuing the staff highlights from the Dec. Tailwind)

**Lisa Gaskill** is our wonderful Toddler Assistant. She has worked for Playday since 2005.

Lisa loves working with our youngest children. She enjoys reading, drinking vanilla or caramel coffee, and cheering for the Longhorns & Razorbacks.

**Tonia Nelson** is Playday's excellent Two Year Old Teacher. She joined the Playday Family in 2017. The children love Tonia and enjoy their time with her. She loves traveling, movies and spending time with her family.

**Brittany Wirkman** is our awesome Two Year Old Assistant. This is her sixth year working with the two year olds. The children love her smile and gentle voice. Brittany enjoys playing sports and loves to swim.

**Maureen Bowman**  
Director



## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10 & 11 Valentine Parties

February 15 No School

February 19 Make Up Day

February 22 Allen ECPTA Virtual Kindergarten Readiness Meeting; sign up online at [www.aecpta.com/kr](http://www.aecpta.com/kr)

March 8-12 Spring Break

## IMPORTANT INFO

At Playday, we go outside when the weather is at least 40 degrees and no hotter than 95 degrees. Please send appropriate jackets, hats, etc... Outside play is extremely important to the overall development of young children.

Remember to send a seasonal appropriate change of clothes in your child's backpack!

Children's Creative Playday  
First United Methodist Church in Allen

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**Debbie Hockaday** teaches in the Three Year Old Room. Debbie has been at Playday more than 15 years. She taught the Pre-K Four class until this past year. Debbie brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. She loves the beach, crafts and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

**Tina Young** is new this year to the Playday Family. She is the Monday/Wednesday Assistant for the Threes. Tina loves working with the children. Her hobbies and pastimes include hiking and cooking. Welcome to Playday Tina!

**Colleen Askew** returned to Playday in October as the T/Th Three Year Old Assistant. Colleen was at home helping her children while they did virtual learning at the start of the year. Colleen has been a part of the Playday Family since 2016. She enjoys interacting with the children and watching them grow. Colleen enjoys traveling and her family.

**Jenn Lunt** teaches the Pre-K Fours 4 day Class. She joined Playday in 2007. Jenn has several degrees which include B.S. in Biology, a MBA and Teaching Certificate. Jenn loves of teaching the children. Science experiments are one of the children's favorite activities. In her spare time, Jenn enjoys fitness activities, cooking and reading.

**Kim Netz** teaches the T/W/Th Pre-K Fours. Kim began working at Playday in 2003. Kim enjoys working with the four year olds. She likes to introduce them to a variety of books. In her spare time, Kim enjoys playing with her grandchildren.

**Cindy Wirkman** is the Assistant for the Pre-K Fours and TK classes. Cindy started working for us in 2017 as the Four Year Old Assistant. Yes, you are seeing the name Wirkman twice. Cindy is Brittany's mom. Cindy enjoys the children and loves hearing all of their stories. In her spare time Cindy likes to craft.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Children hear everything being said around them. They are little "sponges soaking up" everything that happens in their world.

Be careful of the words you choose when having a conversation with your child or another person. Young children are not capable of discerning all of the different meaning behind statements. They take words very literally.

If the children only hear negative comments about themselves, they begin to believe it is true. Try not to "name call" your children. Use both corrective words and praising words. Choose your words wisely.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

Save \$10 on one month's tuition!

It is so easy! Tell everyone you know about our Program. If a family registers and gives us your name as a referral, we will discount your tuition for one month. Registration opens to the public Feb. 1.

### Curbside Dismissal Etiquette and Safety

- ◆ Drive slowly
- ◆ Do not move forward until the car in front of you moves
- ◆ Do not pull out and around a car which is being loaded
- ◆ Remember a child could dart out in front of you
- ◆ SAFETY is our number one concern!

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