



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome and greetings as we begin a new school year! It's great to see the school full of life. I've been anticipating the sounds of children in the halls, seeing familiar faces, and new faces too! The classrooms look bright and cheerful once again! God continues to bless Let Me Shine as we begin our 16th year of serving our community. We have wonderful families, an outstanding staff and a great Board of Trustees!

The Let Me Shine 2017-2018 staff is as follows:

Assistant Director	Holly Graham
18 Month	Kristina Schwartz
2 Year Old	Carlee Bell Heather Gee
Preschool	Megan Burnett April Quinn Kristina Obermark
Pre-Kindergarten	Anne Schmid Christina Farden Sabrina Bell
Music	Alia Gonzales
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May God bless you and our school year.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14

Barb Ballif, Director



SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture days have been scheduled for Sept. 25th & 26th. All children will have class photos taken, and individual purchases are optional. Your teachers will have materials to send home within the next couple of weeks. Picture packages and pricing will be available at that time.

**NO SCHOOL
October 19-20, 2017
for UEA**

Hello from Holly:

Hi Everyone, It is great to be back at Let Me Shine after a great summer vacation! I am excited to meet all the new kiddos and to see all the familiar faces who have grown over the summer! I work mostly in the Let Me Shine office, but I help out in the classrooms and in the kitchen a lot as well! I am also always at lunch bunch! If you have any questions about payments or receipts or lunch tickets, please see me! I am looking forward to a great year!

God Bless, Miss Holly



from our classroom Aides!

Hi, I'm Nettie Priet and I'm the downstairs aide also known as "The Potty Lady" on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. I have the pleasure of assisting Miss Kristina, Miss Carlee and Miss Heather. This is my second year at Let Me Shine and I am so excited to meet the new kiddos as well as get reacquainted with those returning from last year.

I feel so blessed to be a part of Let Me Shine's staff again this year. Being with your children is such a delight - what bright lights they are!!

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Blessings,
Miss Nettie

Hello Let Me Shine families! I am Miss Kelli and I am one of the aides. This will be my 6th year here at Let Me Shine and I have loved every second of it. I look forward to getting to know you all and your children over this next coming year.

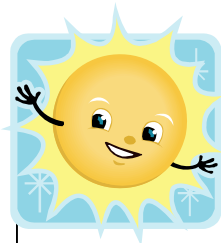
Sincerely,
Miss Kelli

Hello, I'm Janel Trapp and I am the Monday/Wednesday aide for the 18 month and 2 year old classrooms. This is my 5th year at Let Me Shine. I am looking forward to meeting all the new kids and their parents and look forward to a great year!

Miss Janel

Hey all, I am so excited to start working at Let me Shine this year after volunteering for about 5 years! I can't wait to make so many memories with your kids.

God bless,
Ms Gabby



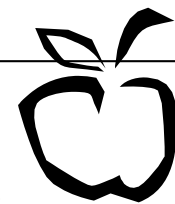
Need a little extra time in the morning?

Be sure to take advantage of Morning Bunch !

Advanced notice is required!

Drop off time is anytime between 8:00am—8:45am. Please sign your child in as usual on the clip board at the sign-in table and bring him/her down to Miss Sabrina's Room #8. Morning Bunch has story time, color time and game time! Make sure your child has breakfast before they come! Your child will be escorted to their classroom to begin their school day at 9:00am.

LUNCHBUNCH



Do you need an extra hour after school for a hair appointment, doctor's appointment, etc.? Try out the Let Me Shine Lunch Bunch program!


Lunch Bunch is a hit with kids, and it is so easy to do. Pack a lunch for your child, buy a lunch ticket in the office, and that's it! We'll take care of the rest. You don't need to come until 1:00 for pick-up, and the lunch bunch kids will be downstairs in the Terrace Room. Lunch Bunch is a lot of fun for the kids! We play lots of games, have fun and interesting activities, and the kids get to eat their lunch together in a social setting! Our fabulous Lunch Bunch staff helps the kids open their lunches (eating the "healthy stuff" first!), then they get to do floor tumbling, art, fun games, story time, even some science activities! Lunch Bunch costs \$6.50 for one ticket, but if you buy the tickets in a pack of 10, the price is \$60.00 (a savings of \$5.00). We'd love to have you! If you have any questions about lunch bunch, please ask Barb or Holly for information!


VOLUNTEER HOURS

Each family at Let Me Shine is required to complete five volunteer hours during the school year. You may "opt out" of volunteering with a \$50 payment to Let Me Shine. We do hope you'll decide to volunteer—it's a great way to meet the kids, parents & staff, and learn about the day-to-day activities at Let Me Shine. **Here are a few ideas to get you started:** Assist in the classroom (with prior arrangement), maintain & straighten storage rooms, at-home projects, book fair volunteers, library maintenance, read to a class, talk about your occupation, etc. Please talk to Barb, Holly, or your child's teacher about additional opportunities or ideas. Your help is always welcome!!

Ms Anne's Bees

Dear Parents,

Can you  lieve that your child is entering his/her last year of preschool?! I'm so excited to get the year started in room 6 with my busy bees! Last year I taught the 3's and 4's. I'm looking forward to welcoming back some familiar faces and can't wait to meet my new families.

A few things about me! I really do like  ! They are fascinating, hard-working little creatures. My family and I have watched our first bee colony grow and this summer we harvested our first jars of honey. We often take these small insects for granted, yet without these little pollinators we would not have the diversity of flowers to feast our eyes on or the great variety of fruits and vegetables to enjoy. His creation is wonderful!

Similarly, our children are our greatest resource. Through their young eyes we can catch glimpses of the Kingdom! I'm truly honored to be your child's teacher this year and to experience the world through their eyes! Let's work together to make this an awesome year as we grow and learn together! It was so good to meet you all on Back to School Night and Meet the Teacher Day.

Blessings,

Ms Anne



Miss April's Raccoons

Parents,

Hi there! I'm April Quinn and I'm so excited to be your child's teacher this year! I'm originally from Atlanta, but moved here 4 years ago from Austin. This is my 2nd year at Let Me Shine, and before this I ran a children's program through my church. I have 3 kids, ages 9, 7 and 4. I'm blessed to be both a teacher and a parent here, as my youngest attends LMS as well. In my free time, I like to run, bike, hike, ski, camp with my family, and travel. (I also like to shop and love my coffee!) Most of all, I adore working with children and I feel privileged to be working in THIS school with YOUR kids! Thank you for choosing our school, and this class. It's going to be a great year!

For the month of September, we will be talking about how God made us all different and special ("all about me"). We'll explore different emotions and feelings. We will also be talking about friendships and how God wants us to love one another and treat each other with kindness. This will include talking about making good choices in the classroom. We have so many fun things planned. I can't wait!

With love,

Miss April



Miss Chris's Critters

Hi my name is Christina Farden; this is my seventh year at Let Me Shine.

I was born in St. Louis Missouri, My teaching experience includes preschool to college --- I enjoy helping each student achieve and of course have fun in the classroom. In my spare time I enjoy running, biking, hiking, camping and traveling with my family. Looking forward to a great

school year,

Miss Chris



Miss Kristina's Ladybugs

Hello! My name is Kristina Obermark and this is my fifth year teaching at Let Me Shine. Although born in Colorado, I have lived in Salt Lake for over twelve years now teaching preschool, kindergarten, and art at various camps and schools. I am so excited to get to know your precious little ones! Both of my children attended Let Me Shine as preschoolers and it is such a blessed and nurturing environment. In the Ladybug classroom we will be spending September mastering the skills of successful scholars, making friends, and learning that each of us is wondrously made and loved by God.

Miss Kristina



Miss Megan's Fox Den

Hello! My name is Megan Burnett and this is my first year teaching at Let Me Shine. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City and have been teaching preschool for the last 4 years. I graduated from Utah State University in Family, Consumer, and Human Development with an emphasis in Child Development. I am so excited to meet your little ones, and look forward to a spectacular year. My priority is that your children feel safe, have fun, and feel of God's love for them. I enjoy hiking, music, and anything with chocolate! It was so good to meet you all at Back to School night!

God's blessings,

Miss Megan

Miss Sabrina's Sweeties

Hello Parents,

I would like to introduce myself. I am Sabrina Bell. I have been married for 25 years and have three children. I also have 1 grandbaby, Paislee who is 4 years old. My youngest daughter, Miss Carlee teaches the 2 year old class here at Let Me Shine. This will be my 7th year teaching the pre-k kids. I absolutely love my job and wouldn't trade it for anything. I look forward to loving on these new children and watching them grow and learn.

We will start off the school year talking about how God made each one special and unique. We will also learn how to work the classroom, centers, rules and expectations. Then we will start with the letter of the week. Please know that I am always here for you and your child. Let me know if I am ever able to help you with anything.

Blessings to you and yours,

Miss Sabrina





Miss Alia's Music Class

Dear Let Me Shine Parents and students,



My name is Alia Gonzales and I have the privilege of teaching music this year! I am originally from Salt Lake City, but have called Texas home for 18 years. In the summer of 2016 we moved back to Salt Lake and have been in love ever since! I have played violin professionally for many years and have also taught general music in the public school setting. Currently I stay busy running a business from home and doing life with my husband and three amazing kiddos, Aiden (8), Brynley (5), and Carter (3). I am excited to connect with your kiddos and thrilled to talk and sing about how God - Jesus - is "Over the Moon" for you. I pray the message becomes firm in our students' hearts and in yours as we sing and make music together!

Blessings,
Ms. Alia

For our Let Me Shine Students celebrating their big day this month of **September**

Happy Birthday!

to:

Gus Bateman
Daniel Plumb
Lola Baker
Ava Pace
Vivienne Torsak
Mille Peterson
Cree Webb
Theodore Thiese
Sawyer Thiese
Wyatt Burton
Ora Barnitz
Henry Watson
Isabel Miller
Damin Noh
Minerva Montgomery
Anaya Alt
Caroline Theurer

Miss Heather's Happy Hedgehogs



Welcome Let Me Shine friends, new and old! I am so excited to teach the two year old class again this year. This is my seventh year teaching at Let Me Shine. I have loved watching the children move up through our school and graduate. I grew up in Utah and graduated from the University of Utah. My husband Bob and I just celebrated our 21 year anniversary and we have two teenage sons. Zion is our home church. Our family is active in Sunday school, music and youth activities. September will be a fun and busy month in room 3! We will learn about making friends, Adam and Eve and all of God's creation. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. You are a blessing to myself and Let Me Shine. I thank God for bringing us together!



In His Service,
Miss Heather

Miss Kristina's Birds



Dear Parents,
Welcome to my Bird's class! I'm so excited to meet your precious children and feel honored to be their first teacher!
This is my second year teaching the 18 month class at Let Me shine and I would like to take the chance to introduce myself:
I grew up in southern Germany, moved to Utah with my husband in 2004 and love living here. We have four wonderful daughters (ages 11, 8, and 6 year old twins) and a dog, also a girl, that is keeping us busy!). I love being outdoors with my family, reading (alone and with my kids) and talking German at home, since we are trying to raise our kids bilingual. We have a fun year ahead of us - and I promise, the best part will be watching your kids grow and develop new skills!

Blessings, Miss Kristina

Miss Carlee's Owlets



Hi, I'm Carlee Bell, I am 21 years old. I was born and raised here in the lovely state of Utah! I graduated from Murray High School in 2014. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and my animals. I love the outdoors and drinking coffee! I also love being an aunt to my beautiful niece. I have been working with children for as long as I can remember. I found my passion for children when I volunteered at a special needs summer camp when I was about 13. I worked at the Murray high school daycare for 2.5 years and I currently work here at Let Me Shine Preschool and at Expressions Learning Center! This will be my third year teaching the 2 and 3-year-olds class. I love children and watching them grow up and learn. I am currently working on getting my CDA in childcare! I am so excited to meet all of you!

Gods love and blessings, Miss Carlee