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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome and greetings as we begin a new school year! It was great to see the school full of life on Back to School Night and Meet the Teacher Day and I'm so excited for our first days of school. 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 17th year of serving our community. We have wonderful families, an outstanding staff and a great Board of Trustees!

The Let Me Shine 2018-2019 staff is as follows:

Assistant Director	Holly Graham
18 Month	Denet Barnitz
2 Year Old	Carlee Bell Heather Gee
Preschool	Lezlie Hargrave Kristina Obermark
Pre-Kindergarten	Anne Schmid Christina Farden Sabrina Bell
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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




Hello from Ms. Holly:

Hi Everyone! I am excited to start another Let Me Shine School Year! I am the assistant director of the school, and I have been working at Let Me Shine for 15 years! I can't wait to see the kiddos from last year, and how they've grown, and am excited to meet the new families. I work in the office on most days, so if you have any questions about tuition, lunch bunch, or morning bunch, please see me. I can also print receipts for flexible spending accounts if needed. Looking forward to a great year!

God Bless, Ms. Holly



 **SCHOOL PICTURES**

School picture days are scheduled for Sept. 24th & 25th. 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.



from our classroom Aides!

Hello all! I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to be at Let Me Shine for another year. Can't wait for all the great memories.

God bless,
Miss Gabby

Hello Let Me Shine families! My name is Ms Kelli. I am the aide for the three year olds and have worked at Let Me Shine for 7 years. I am so excited to meet your children and to become best friends with all of them.

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!

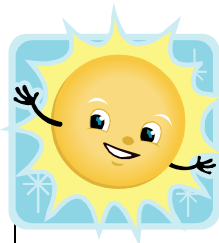
Miss Janel

Hello Parents and Kids,
My name is Kristina Schwertz and I'm one of the aides downstairs with the 18 months and 2/3 year olds. You'll see me on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (and some weeks every day) helping with art, snack time, potty breaks or sitting on the floor with your kids read-

ing books 😊 . I have four daughters between 7 and 12 and just love hanging out with those little fellows. When I'm not at Let Me Shine, I love hiking with my family, reading and walking through the neighborhood with our dog Ruthy. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your sweet kids!

Blessings,

Miss Kristina



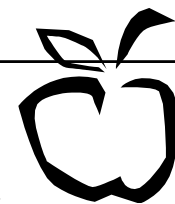
Need a little extra time in the morning?

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 Busy Bees

Dear Busy Bee Families,

Welcome to a new school year! This is a big one as your child is entering his/her last year of preschool! Can you believe it?! I'm honored to be your child's teacher for this adventure. This year we will learn so much together and we will have so much fun along the way! I am so excited to meet each of your children.

This year we will get our hands messy creating, learning, and exploring! Probably nothing makes me happier than spending time in my garden, digging around in the dirt. Last year we added beekeeping as a family hobby. I love these little, industrious creatures and watching them in our garden. As the summer comes to a close, my family is getting ready for our second honey harvest. We have watched our bees collect pollen and build comb all season. Soon we will be able to taste their sweet honey, a product of months of hard work! They are truly fascinating insects in God's beautiful creation.



Let's work together (like the busy bees!) to make this an awesome year as we grow and learn together!

Miss Anne



Miss Sabrina's Sweeties

Hello Everyone!

I am so excited for the new school year! I know this year will be fabulous. I love sharing how much God love's each child and how each one of is unique and special. We will have so much fun growing, playing and learning this year. For the month of September we will be getting to know each other, and starting with the letters "M," "T," and "A."

This will be my 7th year teaching preschool and I can't imagine doing anything else. I have 3 grown children and 1 grandbaby who is 5 and started Kindergarten this year. I have been married for 26 years. I look forward to getting to know you and yours!



Blessings to you and yours,

Miss Sabrina



CONTACT INFO

Did you move over the summer? Do you have a new phone number, work number, or cell number? Please update your personal contact information in the school office. In the event of an emergency, it is essential we have your most current information.



Miss Chris's Critters

Hi my name is Christina Farden; this is my eighth 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 their best and of course have fun in the classroom. In my spare time I enjoy running, hiking, camping and traveling with my family.



I am looking forward to a great and exciting school year.



Miss Chris

Miss Kristina's Ladybugs

Hello! My name is Kristina Obermark and this is my sixth year teaching the three year-olds at Let Me Shine. Although born in Colorado, I have lived in Salt Lake for fifteen years. I have taught 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 Lezlie's Sunshines

My name is Lezlie Hargrave. I am so happy to be returning to Let Me Shine after a year away. Previously I was a Pre-K teacher for two years here at LMS. I love teaching preschool, and am so excited to be a teacher here again!

I have been in the education field for over ten years. Over the years I have worked as a paraprofessional, aide, and co-teacher in charter schools and Montessori classrooms of all grades and ages. I am currently a student at Utah Valley University studying Early Childhood Education. I have a passion and love for teaching and enriching the lives of children.

I little bit about me. My hobbies include anything outdoors. I love camping, hiking, exploring new places, reading, walking my dogs and learning!

I love children. I have many nieces and nephews that I have been a nanny to throughout the years, as well as for other families. They are like my own kids. It brings me so much joy to see them learn and grow and some are even now growing into adults!

Let Me Shine is such a special school. I love it so much because not only are we as teachers able to teach your child, we are also able to share the Bible with them and help them feel of Jesus and his love for them.

I am so excited for this school year; it is going to be a wonderful time. I cannot wait to meet all of you!

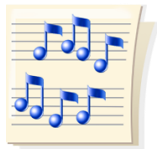
Love and blessings,

Miss Lezlie

PS In my classroom during September we are going to be learning about friendship, sharing, our classroom rules, learning about how everyone is different and having fun. We also will be making artwork using our hands.



Miss Alia's Music Class



Dear Let Me Shine Parents and students,
My name is Alia Gonzales and this is my second year teaching music at Let Me Shine. I am so thrilled to be back with your children, to see familiar faces and to meet new ones! We have such a great time in music class each week, learning about steady beat, rhythm, singing, and how God loves each one of us! I look forward to meeting you all in the classroom soon!

"Sing"cerely,
Miss Alia

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 tenth year 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. Last year I completed my Early Childhood Development Associate certification. My husband Bob and I just celebrated our 22 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 Denet's Little Birds



Hi Little Birds! I am so excited for class to start and for us to have fun adventures together. My name is Miss Denet. I have been volunteering and substituting for the past two years at Let Me Shine and this year I have the privilege to be teacher for the toddler class. I plan to use a faith-based curriculum. I hope to incorporate emotional wellness into our class curriculum to utilize my skills as a License Clinical Social Worker.

Experienced staff from Let Me Shine have reported that the first few weeks may be challenging for parents and children because going to play school is a new experience for our little ones and it may also be the first time you are trusting someone else with you toddler. Be confident that we are going to do everything possible to create a loving and supportive environment for you toddler. I have started praying for your children that they may know they are safe and loved when they are with me. I would appreciate your prayers as well.

This month we will be celebrating Lettie and Amelia's birthdays.

Blessings,
Miss Denet

Miss Carlee's Owlets



Hi, I'm Miss Carlee, I am 22 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 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! This will be my 4th year teaching the 2 and 3-year-olds class. I love children and watching them grow up and learn. I have my CDA, and returning to school to further my education! I am so excited to meet all of you!

Gods love and blessings,
MissCarlee

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

September

Happy Birthday!

to:
Lettie Kimball
Amelia Parker
Rosie Benseler
Gus Bateman
Lola Baker
Ava Pace
Daniel Plumb
Vivienne Torsak
Rosemary Spencer
Wyatt Burton
Cree Webb
Mille Peterson
Ora Barnitz