



First Presbyterian Weekday School

116 South Loudoun Street – www.fpwds.com

October Rituals at the Weekday School

The month of October welcomes two School family rituals: Sundaes With Dad, and the Halloween Parade. A little information about each event is listed below:



Sundaes With Dad:

This is a time for our children to bring their dads, grandfathers, or other special gentlemen to school at night! We meet in the Fellowship Hall to make and eat sundaes, meet other Dads, and then visit the classrooms. This provides an opportunity for our children to share what's happening in their classroom, and to connect with other Weekday School families!



The Halloween Parade:

Families will meet their children in the classrooms, sign the children out, and walk down the Loudoun Street Mall as a School Family. This is a wonderful connecting experience, and allows us to ensure that our children are safe. Your child's teacher will let you know when to arrive to help with costumes, or simply to enjoy being part of the experience!

October 2014

School Calendar

October

Wed., Oct 1st – NOON
Dismissal

Oct 13th – Sundaes with
Dad: 6:30 PM in the
Fellowship Hall

Thurs. Oct 30th and Fri. Oct
31st at 12:30 PM Halloween
Parade on the Loudoun
Street Walking Mall



November

Weds. Nov 5th: NOON
Dismissal

Thurs. Nov 6th and Fri.,
Nov 7th Picture Day

Thurs Nov 13th and Fri Nov
14th – Grandparents' Day
& Book Fair 9:00- 1:30 in
Fellowship Hall

Nov 24th – 28th NO
SCHOOL –
THANKSGIVING
BREAK

What's for Lunch?

Coming up with ideas for school lunches can be challenging. We surveyed several classrooms during Lunch Time. Our students were VERY eager to tell us about their lunches, so they could be helpful to the entire school family. Here's what we found:

Seafood salad sandwiches

Veggie Sticks (pre-packaged snacks)

Cheese and turkey roll ups

Fruit sandwiches: (Wow Butter or peanut butter in between two slices of apples, bananas, etc.)

Avocado

Pizza & cheese on tortillas

Pasta in a thermos

Sunflower seed trail mix

Wow Butter and Jam

Pirate's Booty

As always, please take note of rooms that are nut free. We have it on good authority that Wow Butter tastes great, and, more importantly, keeps our friends with allergies safe!

We do not have the ability to heat food and have noticed children using thermoses over the past few years.

We hope that this list is helpful, and will plan on providing another lunch survey in a future edition of our monthly newsletter!



What's Happening Around Town?

Hill High Farm's Pumpkin Patch is open on Saturdays and Sundays during the month of October. More information can be found at the following site: <http://www.thepumpkin-patch.net/>

The Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum is hosting Grand Hours on Thursdays during the month of October from 3:00 - 3:30 pm. More information about the museum can be obtained at:

<http://discoverymuseum.net/event/grand-hours-3-2/2014-10-02/>

The Handley Library will be offering several early literacy opportunities for young children during the month of October: Infant songs and finger plays on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11:00; Toddler Story time on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:00; and, Preschoolers story time on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. More information about the Library's many events can be found at: <http://www.handleyregional.org/handley/calendar.asp>

It's All About Timing

Our drop off time is 9:00 am, and our Dismissal is at 1:00 pm. When you keep your commitment to picking up on-time, we can meet our commitment to planning the best environment possible, and meeting our own children.

What's on the Web?

We implemented a monthly blog last year to address developmental questions that parents often have. We are excited to continue this ritual this year, and invite you to participate with comments and questions on our blog!

October's blog focuses on child-directed learning through inquiry, which is the driving force behind our curriculum. Stop on by at fpwds.com, and read all about it!

Martin's A+ School Rewards Program

Did you know that you can support your child's school simply by grocery shopping? The Weekday School participates in the Martin's A+ Rewards Program. If you did not sign up at Meet the Teacher/Open House Day, you may do so at the following address:

<http://www.martinsfoods.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/>

Signing up for A+ Rewards does not affect the Martin's Gas Points Program, and you can designate up to two different schools! Extended family members can also participate by visiting the website and entering their card information, or by providing their Bonus Card numbers to the school.

To sign up, please go to the website and enter the first three letters of your last name, and Martin's Bonus Card number, and click the "Look Up" button. You will then select the City and State from a drop down menu, and click the "Look Up" button. Select the button next to First Presbyterian Church Childcare, and click the "Submit School and Continue" button.