



First Presbyterian Weekday School

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LETTER FROM LARA

Dear Weekday School Families:

Oh, the power of observation! Observation is watching to learn. By observing our children, we form connections with them. These connections help wire all our brains for success.

It is our jobs to intentionally watch and listen to our children. From the information that we gather, we can

- determine topics of interests,
- select appropriate materials,
- plan appropriate and meaningful activities, and,
- ask children questions that will guide them as they learn about and understand their world.

During this school year, our staff is participating in a book study using, The Power of Observation, for children birth through eight by Jablon, Dombro, and Dichtelmiller.

As we study, we will hone our observation skills and collaborate on ways to provide the most appropriate and meaningful activities for our children.

Feel free to stop by and ask questions or send me an email at:
fpwdsdirector@gmail.com.

Until we meet again, I'm
Wishing You Well,
Ms. Lara

October 2012

School Calendar

October

Wed., Oct. 3rd - noon dismissal (staff training), Spirit Day*

Mon., Oct. 8th - Sundaes with Dads (or another special guy), 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Tues. & Wed., Oct. 30th and 31st - Halloween Parades, 12:30 p.m., Loudoun Street Mall

November

Mon., Nov. 5th - Conference Day (No School for Students)

Wed., Nov. 7th - noon dismissal (staff training day), Spirit Day*

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 8 - 9th - School Pictures

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 15-16th - Grandparents' Day and Book Fair

Nov. 19th - 23rd - Thanksgiving Break, No School

* Don't forget to wear your WDS shirt or something with a heart on it.

Alert Now® Test Message Calls

On October 5, we will launch a test message from our Alert Now rapid communication system. We want to make sure we have all the correct information and the system is functioning properly. On days that school is delayed or closed, the message will be sent to the primary number you have listed. If there is an emergency, all numbers listed will be called. It is extremely important that we receive any updated information that you may have.

What's Cooking??

It's a First Ever WDS Cookbook!!

Are you willing to share a favorite recipe or two to place in our WDS cookbook? We would love to add your families' favorite recipes to ours. You may send the complete recipe to fpwds1@gmail.com; pick up a form in your child's classroom, or bring your cookbook...we'll photocopy your favorite(s). Recipes will be professionally published and contain other special pages of interest...hmmm! Cookbooks will arrive in time for Christmas (hint, hint). To help make this possible, please submit recipes by **October 8.**

(Proceeds to benefit the WDS general use fund.)

Calling all DADS and Special Guys!

It's time again for one of our favorite Weekday School traditions . . . Sundaes with Dads (or another special guy in your life)! All Dads or guests are invited to join their WDS students for sundaes on Monday, October 8th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. You will have the chance to make a delicious sundae and enjoy some fellowship with your kids and other dads. After dessert you will be able to visit your child's classroom to see the fun things that have been happening so far this year.



We hope to see you on the 8th !



Halloween Parades



Mark your calendars for the annual
Halloween Parades on the Loudoun Street Mall.

The parades will be held on Tuesday, October 30th
and Wednesday, October 31st, at 12:30 p.m.

Check with your child's teacher for any
special "Parade Day" instructions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?

Handley Regional Library (Bowman, Downtown,
and Clarke) has a wealth of opportunities for
families. Check out the website below and find a
calendar of activities.

<http://handleyregional.org/handley/calendar.asp?cal=48&day=3&month=10&year=2012eschoolers>

Looking for other "kid friendly" opportunities?
Check out:

<http://attractions.uptake.com/virginia/winchester/family/361769865.html>