



First Presbyterian Weekday School

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Lara Davis, Director

Dear Weekday School Families:

Our summer is almost upon us. How did that happen? Our year has been filled with smiles, laughter, love, and learning. Thank you for allowing us to share this year with your precious children.

Looking for things for your children to do this summer? Consider this quote: "Good old-fashioned play is a natural, effective way to promote all kinds of critical thinking skills." Critical thinking is defined as the ability to use a variety of information and skills in various ways in order to solve problems. Through play, children ask lots of questions; reflect on their thoughts, behaviors, and reactions; keep an open mind; gather facts and information; and, adjust their methods, beliefs, and strategies as they gather new information. To help promote critical thinking, give children lots of time and good opportunities to play: indoors, outdoors, and using all sorts of materials and equipment. The possibilities can be endless...let your children be your guide!

For those families who are moving on to a new educational experience, we at the Weekday School certainly wish you well! For those families who are returning in the fall, we'll be waiting for you!

From my heart to your hearts,
I wish you well!

Lara



(Quote Source: Childcare Education Institute)

May 2013

School Calendar

Wednesday, May 1st

Noon Dismissal

(Staff Training Day),
Spirit Day*

Wednesday, May 1st

Apple Blossom Parade

(Loudoun Street Mall)

Begins at 11:30,

due to Noon Dismissal

Thursday, May 2nd

Apple Blossom Parade

(Loudoun Street Mall)

Begins at 12:30

Friday, May 3rd

No School - Apple Blossom

Thursday, May 9th &

Friday, May 10th

Mother's Day Luncheons

For 3's, 4's & 5's

(Fellowship Hall)

Begins at 12:00

Tuesday, May 21st

WDS Spirit Night

Chick-fil-A 5:30-7:30

(Rutherford Crossing)

Wednesday, May 22nd

Celebration of 4's & 5's

(Fellowship Hall)

Begins at 12:30

Friday, May 31st

Last Day of School

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

Thanks to You!

A heartfelt thanks to all of our WDS families for supporting our 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. We all enjoyed a fun evening of fellowship and food in support of our school. Your patience was appreciated as you graciously waited in line for dinner to be served. As a result of your generous donations of time, auction items, and support, the WDS raised over \$3,600!!!

And a special thanks to our sponsors:

Judy's Cards & Gifts, Great Scapes Property Management, Fast Signs, HandyMart, Napa, The Little Gym, Aikens Group and especially Union Jack Pub & Restaurant for sponsoring the food.

A Minute for Safety...

Do you know where your child's hand is?

The answer: In your hand as you walk in the parking lot. Thank you for helping to keep it safe.

Ms. Holly will be joining our staff family teaching Music beginning April 29th, while Ms. Amy is out on maternity leave.



Special May Traditions at the WDS

Mothers' Day/Special Ladies' Luncheon

May 9th and 10th in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00

This is a time when moms and/or special ladies of our 3's, 4's, and 5's classes join for a time of feast and fellowship. Our children begin the luncheon with the singing of special songs and the blessing.

***** Make sure to look in your email for info from www.perfectpotluck.com**

Celebration of 4's and 5's

May 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30

A time to celebrate, fellowship, and wish each other well as school journeys continue. We will enjoy a slideshow of all of our 4's and 5's "in action" and hear them sing some special songs.

Mr. Todd invites you to.....



2013 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Let's Get Rockin with VBS Time! Where kids stand strong for God! Kids will develop a rock solid faith as they discover how to stand strong for God in every part of their lives. Kingdom Rock engages today's kids in everything from the inspiring music and Bible adventures to the energizing games and Sciency-Fun gizmos. All to connect children's minds and hearts to one simple Bible Point! Everything at Kingdom Rock VBS is interconnected - like a castle built with unforgettable Bible experiences. Registration is open both online through <http://fpcwinc.org/children>, and in person on Sunday mornings or through the church office during normal business hours. The cost is \$15 per child (scholarships are available). Register today!



WDS Spirit Night (Rutherford Crossing)
Tuesday, May 21st 5:30-7:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?

The bulletin board in the main hallway of the church has a section labeled "News." Be sure to check this bulletin board for listings of community events and opportunities. You will also find our newest members of the Weekday School family (birth announcements) and other helpful Weekday School information. To highlight some events:

From Handley Regional Library:

Summer storytime programs, including Trit-Trot and PJ and Moonlight programs, will begin the week of June 10 and end Saturday, August 3.

Family programs begin week of June 17 and conclude week of July 23. (Other fun events can be found on www.handleyregional.org)

Other events:

04.30.2013 -	Apple Blossom	Ward Plaza
05.05.2013	Festival: Carnival	Shopping Center

Welcome New Family Members:

Laiken Victoria Grabowski, born April 2nd
Kathryn Minette Timberlake, born April 26th

Is Everybody Ready for Kindergarten? A Tool Kit for Preparing Children and Families

(NAEYC Resource Book from Redleaf Press. If interested in purchasing a copy, please see Lara)

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer!