



First Presbyterian Weekday School

116 South Loudoun Street – www.fpwds.com

Tis the Season to Make Some Music!

During the month of December, we celebrate another Weekday School tradition: the Christmas Program. The Weekday School Team, along with parent volunteers, also host a reception for Weekday School families in the Fellowship Hall. Listed below is a description of what to expect the days of the program:

- There will be two performances in the sanctuary. The times are 11:30 am and 12:45 pm. Your child(ren's) teacher will provide information about your scheduled time.
- The reception will be held in between the performances from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm.

A note about safety:

While children are feeling excited about singing for their extended school family, they will undoubtedly feel excited when they see their parents in the audience. There have been times when children run to their parents before or during a performance. In most cases, it is safer to allow your child to stay with you, versus asking them to return to the performance.

December 2014

School Calendar

December

Weds. Dec. 3rd: NOON
Dismissal

Tues, Dec. 16th and Weds,
Dec 17th – Christmas
Reception in Fellowship
Hall and Christmas
Program in the Sanctuary
11:30 – 1:00 (Specific
details regarding
performances to follow).

Thurs, Dec 18th – Fri, Jan
2nd: NO SCHOOL –
Christmas Break.



January

Mon, Jan. 5th – School
Reopens

Weds, Jan 7th, NOON
DISMISSAL

Fri, Jan 23rd, Open House
for 2015-2016, 9:30 –
12:00 PM

Many Thanks!!

The Weekday School would like to thank those who volunteered their time to help make Picture Day 2014 a success: Meenu Gopal, Jennifer Pifer, Pam Ramey, Melissa Russell, Kim Gresko, and Karie Bradford.

Oh, Christmas Tree!

The church is sponsoring an Angel Tree, which will benefit community members in need. The tree, which is located in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall, will be decorated with tags which will have wish list items listed on them. Weekday School families are invited to take tags from the tree, and return them with gifts underneath the tree. The gifts will be distributed before Christmas.

What's Happening in Our Area?

Walking in a Winter Wonderland at Clearbrook Park: November 28th to January 4th. For more information, please visit: <http://www.co.frederick.va.us/departments/o-z/parks-recreation/community-events/walking-in-a-winter-wonderland>

Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony: December 1st at 7:00 pm. For more information, please visit: <http://www.visitwinchesterva.com/events/details/1123-christmas-parade-and-tree-lighting-ceremony>

Holly Jolly Old Town Celebration at Handley Library, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information on library-specific details during the celebration, please visit: <http://www2.youseemore.com/handley/calendar.asp?cal=40>

Tuition Questions

Several people have had questions about tuition for the month of November and December. Per our Parent Manual, the annual tuition will be paid in nine (9) monthly installments or in full at the beginning of the school year. Tuition is set on a yearly enrollment basis versus a pay-by-the-week basis.

Grandparent's Day Visitors

The Weekday School recently hosted another successful Grandparents' Day. We noticed a lot of smiling grandparents and VERY proud grandchildren. It is always a gift to welcome grandparents, who are our extended school family. This year, grandparents signed in from the following locations:

Ashburn, Virginia	Berryville, Virginia
Clearbrook, Virginia	Berkeley Springs, West Virginia
Potomac, Maryland	Poolesville, Maryland
Moorefield, West Virginia	Charles Town, West Virginia
Howell, New Jersey	Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania
Stephens City, Virginia	Sheperdstown, West Virginia
Centerville, Maryland	Strasburg, Virginia
Boonesboro, Maryland	Boyce, Virginia
Rockville, Maryland	Waterford, Virginia
Gainesville, Virginia	Big Rapids, Michigan
Studley, Virginia	Alexandria, Virginia
Richmond, Virginia	Bluemont, Virginia
Indiana, Pennsylvania	Dover, Delaware
Fredericksburg, Virginia	Gore, Virginia
Harrisonburg, Virginia	Spring, Virginia
Woodstock, Virginia	Winchester, Virginia
Toronto, Canada	Stephenson, Virginia
Millwood, Virginia	

Lunch Time is Also a Time of Safety!

Per NAEYC guidelines, foods for Toddlers and Two's must be cut into half-inch pieces. When eating lunch with a table full of small children, safety is paramount! NAEYC Standard 5.B.14.a. mandates that no hard pretzels, whole grapes, popcorn, or raw carrots be sent from home for children under the age of four. This is essentially important when seated at a table full of young children!

More information can be obtained from our Parent Manual on pages 9 and 10.