



First Presbyterian Weekday School

116 South Loudoun Street – www.fpwds.com

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been growing with the ideas shared by our teachers. The tree will feature the hand prints of our very own Weekday School children, which will be color-coded by age groups, and will contain items specifically requested by the teachers of that particular age group. Please also keep your eyes peeled for the apples on the Giving Tree. The apples will contain items that will benefit the entire school such as playground items, literacy and math tools, and process art and science materials. Families are welcome to pull items from the Giving Tree, and make a donation. Weekday School team members will be on-hand to take your donations. We thank you in advance for supporting our school!

Auction

Our parent liaisons and the children have been busy creating items for this year's auction. You can hear the excitement as the children work together to create something with their school family members! These items are unique, and range from keepsakes to cleverly-designed gift baskets. During the week of the auction, photos and brief descriptions of these items will be featured on the bulletin board in between the Butterfly and Whale classes on the main floor of the school. Just a reminder: Ms. Lara's parking space will also be offered on a monthly basis. The auction will close at 6:30, and winners of auction items will be announced at 6:45 pm. It is not necessary for you to be present when the announcements are made.

Spaghetti Dinner

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner are now available for purchase. A form has been attached to this e-mail. You may give them to your child's teacher, or you may drop them off at the Weekday School office. Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6:30 pm, cafeteria style. Please feel free to attend when it best suits your family.

April 2016

School Calendar

April

Fri, Apr 1st – Picture Day

Weds, Apr 6th – NOON
DISMISSAL

Mon, Apr 11th – Fri Apr 15th
NAEYC Week of the Young
Child

Wed, Apr 13th Spaghetti Dinner,
Giving Tree & Auction at 5:30
pm in Fellowship Hall

Thurs, April 21st, and Fri, April
22nd, 9:15 am in Room 208:
Parent Discussion: Crime and
Punishment

Fri, Apr 29th – NO SCHOOL,
Apple Blossom Weekend Begins

May

Weds, May 4th NOON Dismissal

Thurs, May 5th and Fri, May 6th –
Mother's Day Luncheon at 12:00
pm in Fellowship Hall

Thurs, May 12th and Fri, May 13th
– Parent Liaison meeting, 9:15
am in Room 208

Weds, May 18 12:30 pm –
Celebration of 4's and 5's in
Fellowship Hall

Thurs, May 26th and Fri, May 27th
– Last days of school

Picture Day Participation

If your child is in a class that meets Monday - Thursday, or Monday - Friday, you may be wondering when his or her class will participate in school and class pictures. The line-up is as follows:

Thursday, March 31st

Ms. Carrie and Ms. Karen: Bears
Ms. Susan and Ms. Denise: Owls

Friday, April 1st

Ms. Stefanie and Ms. Elizabeth: Otters
Ms. Ann and Ms. Viviana: Arctic Foxes
Ms. Sarah and Ms. Eleanor: Jellyfish

Your child received a paper detailing the choices available for pictures. Please return this form, and indicate your pose preference of sitting (blue background), or standing (white background) before your child's picture day.

Positively Making It Up

The topic of March's parent discussion was centered around the act of looking at children's communication from a positive stance, and how it helps adults and children move to a place of problem solving. Please visit <http://fpwds.com/category/blog/> for more information.

Crime and Punishment!

Are you feeling curious about the difference between natural consequences versus those we impose on our children? Please join us on Thursday April 21st, and Friday, April 22nd, at 9:15 am, in Room 208 as we discuss the subject of consequences.

What's Happening in the Community?

- Handley Library will be hosting story time for infants on Tuesdays, for toddlers on Thursdays, and for preschoolers on Mondays during the month of April. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www2.youseemore.com/handley/calendar.asp?cal=35>
- The Discovery Museum will be hosting Healthy Friday from 12:30 - 1:00 pm each Friday during the month of April. For more information, please visit: <http://discoverymuseum.net/events/2016-04/>
- April 13th at 11:00 - 11:30 am. The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley is sponsoring Tiny Tales Story Time for children ages 2 -5. For more information, please visit: <http://www.themsv.org/event/tiny-tales-story-time-spring-has-sprung>
- April 16th 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley is hosting Garden Explorers: Animals in the Garden for children ages 4 and up. For more information, please visit: <http://www.themsv.org/events/calendar/day/2016-04-16>

First Presbyterian Church Offerings for Parents

The Courage to Be An Imperfect Parent (or Grandparent)

PARENTING CLASS

with Dick Betts & Kristen Sonstegard

*A five-week class beginning April 3rd, at 9:45 am,
in the Graham Room.*



PARENT TALK

INTERNET SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday, April 24th

9:45-10:45

Join us for an informative talk for parents about internet safety for children and youth. Our presenter, Erin Reisenweber, a U.S. attorney, will share important information for parents of children and youth about the potential dangers of the internet, and how you can be an active parent to keep your child safe. The scope of her talk will be applicable even for parents of younger children, so you'll be knowledgeable and ready!





We hope you can join us on Wednesday, April 13th to enjoy dinner, the Giving Tree, and silent auction festivities! This is a great time for WDS families and supporters to gather for an evening of fellowship, and to support the Weekday school!

Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Please attend when it best suits your family!

Please return this order form with payment to your child's teacher by Weds., April 6th.

Name (please print): _____

Adults (Ages 10 & up): _____ @ \$5.00 each= _____

Children (Ages 2-9): _____ @ \$3.00 each= _____

(Children under 2 are free) Total: _____

We cannot attend, but have enclosed a donation of \$_____

Thank you for supporting First Presbyterian Weekday School!!!