

The Neighborhood Learning Center



The Director's Corner

Marcie Peterson, Director

Dear Parents,

Everyone knows February is the month wholly dedicated to love "stuff", so I thought I would take this opportunity to ask if you are familiar with the Love and Logic Institute, Inc?

I once attended a conference where Bob Sornson, a Love and Logic consultant was the guest speaker. Mr. Sornson is nationally recognized for developing programs which support early learning suc-

cess, and the founder of the Early Learning Foundation. His writings on parenting, teaching, and classroom culture integrate Love and Logic with powerful teaching and child development practices. He is a master story teller and I laughed and learned from his real life stories.



Love and Logic is a common-

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

In February we will continue to explore community helpers, concentrating on postal workers and the people that help us keep our teeth and our pets teeth healthy. We will have a visit from a dental hygienist and a local veterinarian. The classes are also having special parties in recognition of Valentine's Day.

- February 13th - Scholastic Book Orders due
- February 14th Classroom Valentines Parties
- February 16th - Parent's Night Out
- February 18th - NO SCHOOL LCPS/NLC
- February 20th - Pancake Supper/Ash Wednesday

Parents' Night Out

There's no time like Valentine's to spend time with your loved one. So, let the NLC staff watch your child(ren) Saturday, February 16th. If you are interested, please sign up either at the NLC front desk or via email to: Macie @theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com by 6:30 p.m. Friday February 15th.

In case you are not able to make this particular evening, we will schedule future babysitting nights once a month from 4 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The cost is \$30/child or \$50 / family. This includes pizza for the children.



Staff Spotlight



Hi! My name is Lisa Saunders. I am the Toddler Teacher. I am a life long resident of Loudoun County and currently reside in Purcellville with my three sons Daniel, Jarrett, and

Nathan. We have a very spoiled cat named "Nahla," who has completely taken over the house.

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Friendly Reminders

- All parents should have received a current copy of the parent handbook. Please be sure and read the Vacation Policy. There are specific requirements you must meet before being able to use a vacation credit.
- Please DO NOT bring your child to school with diarrhea, vomiting, a fever or with any communicable or contagious infection or infestations of any kind. A sick child may not return to the center until 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided.
- While sickness not only effects your children, it

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sense approach that provides educators and parents easy-to-learn skills that create respect, responsibility and good decision-making in their youth.

Love and Logic rests on four scientifically-based principles:

1. Logical consequences delivered with empathy.
2. Collective thinking and problem-solving.
3. Shared control.
4. Adult-child relationships that build mutual respect and self-esteem.

There are two rules of Love and Logic:

Rule #1 is: Adults set limits without anger, lectures, threats or repeated warnings. When we describe what we will do or allow, that's setting a limit. When we tell a child what he/she should or shouldn't do, that's a possible fight.

Rule #2: When children cause problems, adults hand these problems back in loving ways. We hand the problem back by replacing anger and lectures with a strong dose of empathy fol-

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In 1994, I was given the wonderful opportunity to do volunteer work with special needs children for two years at Head Start. Working with special needs children was truly a rewarding experience. This experience was an amazing journey and gave me a life long love of working with children. Now, I especially enjoy working with the young children and look forward to having a partnership with parents, as the children develop and grow.

I am currently in the process of completing my Child Development Associates Certification. Also, I have been taking classes through the Department of Loudoun County Family Services.



lowed by the logical consequence.

Parents want to enjoy their children, have fun with them, and enjoy a less stressful family life. But even if their kids are trouble-free right now, they fear what the coming teenage years will bring. Many philosophies have been presented over the years. Many sound good but don't seem to do the job of helping children become respectful, responsible, and a joy to be around. Many ideas center around making sure that kids are comfortable and feeling good about themselves in order to have a good self-concept. However, Love and Logic has discovered that self-concept is achieved through struggle and achievement, not through someone telling you that you are number one. Self-confidence is not developed when children are robbed of the opportunity to discover that they can indeed solve their own problems with caring adult guidance.

"We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

Happy love month!

Ms. Marcie



NEW PARENT HANDBOOK

Have you received the new parent handbook? Your child's teacher will be making sure you have returned the last page as an acknowledgement of receiving it.

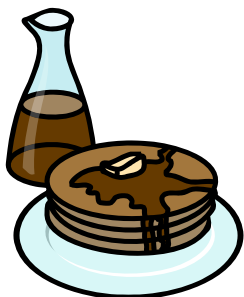
There is a lot of important information for you to be aware of such as tuition policies, vacation credits, meals and food brought from home.

Also, please note we have changed the inclement weather/school closing policy. Instead of following the Federal Government, we will follow the Loudoun County Government Offices' schedule.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain's Corner - Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 13th

Yummmmm - Pancakes! My kids (Evan, 6 and Cami, 4) love when we do Breakfast for Supper. And, who doesn't love the sweet, fluffy goodness of Pancakes to break up the week's meal time routine. And as a parent, who doesn't love when you don't have to plan and prep a meal after a long



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

This month's author of the month is Laura Numeroff. Each class will spend the month reading her books and participating in different activities. Laura lives in Los Angeles, CA. She grew up in Brooklyn, NY surrounded by art, music and books. Her life was enriched with the love of reading, playing piano, singing and dancing. She started at a very young age writing her own stories, drawing pictures to go with them and designing the book covers.

Laura is well known for her books, *If you give a mouse a cookie*, *If you give a pig a pancake* and many more. Check her website for parent links and kids stuff to learn more about her work!

Wednesday Afterschool Café

The Wednesday Afterschool Café program for youth (4th – 12th grade) is St. Andrew's mid-week ministry program open to the church, community and the NLC. Our weekly program begins at 3 pm and concludes with family dinner at 6:30 pm. Our afternoon includes snack, tutoring, games, worship lab and Bible Study. If you would like your 4th or 5th grader to participate in the program simply fill out the Wednesday Afterschool Café Enrollment Form on Page 4 and drop it off at the NLC.

day's work. Right?

Join us in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, for a Pancake Supper beginning at 5 pm until 6:45 pm. Stay when you pick-up, and dinner will be DONE! St. Andrew will be hosting a Pancake Supper for the church, NLC and community. All proceeds will benefit our youth's mission trip to Philadelphia this summer.



Following the Pancake Supper, in the sanctuary, we will host our Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm. The service is family friendly and will feature art, sign language and Taize music (simple, repetitive songs). We also will invite folks to receive the Imposition of Ashes to begin the Lenten journey and our walk together with Jesus to the cross. Feel welcomed to join us. *Pastor Jessica*



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affects our staff. From time to time, new subs may be working with your children. Please introduce yourself and share a word or two about your child.

- An Exposure Notice will be posted outside the effected room when we receive notice of any contagious illness. If there are more than 5 cases of an illness, we will use additional forms of notification.
- Please make sure your email addresses are current with the front desk to insure you receive all important emails.

Special reminders that help all of us!

- All medications to be administered during the day, must be accompanied by a doctor's signature on our medication form. All medication must be in their original box..
- Please read the bulletin board outside your child's class for special announcements. DAILY
- PLEASE SLOW DOWN when driving through the parking lot. Safety first!





Wednesday Invitation

We've shortened the name of our church's Wednesday Afternoon Café to WACKy, as of late. Our youth, from grades 4 to 12, can be a bit high energy, at times. We are delighted with this. It is a joy that they are glad to be here.

On Wednesday, February 13 we are having a special afternoon and evening. The day marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, which is a time of reflecting on the most important things of life, of getting back to the basics, as we journey with Jesus on the way to Easter. Quieted, our youth will be leading us in a service of worship at 7:00 that evening which will include the imposition of ashes, or putting ashes on our heads in acknowledgement of our mortality and our need for and trust in God. It is meaningful for the youth to lead this service, as we

watch them explore and grow in their faith. Our choir will also be leading us in singing as we sing moving and meditative songs from the Taizé community, an outreach to youth in France.

It is our commitment at St. Andrew to welcome families from the Neighborhood Learning Center to join us for such occasions. We are glad to welcome any 4-5th graders at any WAC. Our youth are also putting on a fundraising dinner that evening. Starting at 5:00 p.m. we will be having a pancake dinner. (We put Fat Tuesday, i.e. Mardi Gras, together with Ash Wednesday, enjoying our meal together and then gathering for our more serious worship.) The evening is a combination of joy and solemnity. It is for young and old. Please join us for this special evening.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave

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Contact us!

We welcome all comments and are happy to hear your recommendations and concerns. Call The Neighborhood Learning Center at **540/338-3956** or e-mail our Director, Marcie Peterson, at

Marcie@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com

Wednesday Afterschool Café Enrollment Form

Child Name _____
 Grade _____
 Parents' Name _____
 Phone# _____
 School _____
 Email _____
 Parents Signature _____