

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Hi!

October at the NLC was filled with special days such as Orange Day, Wacky Hair Day, and Wear Wacky Clothes Day. The participation of students and staff was delightful and created a FUN environment! We ended the month with a Trunk-or-Treat which you can see by the pictures was well attended. Prizes were given out to the amazing top three decorated trunks.

November has arrived which means families begin to get busy preparing for the holidays. At WAC, our school agers will be talking about JOY. We are starting the month off by having a food drive to help Loudoun Hunger Relief. We are collecting food for the Thanksgiving Dinner Bags which our WAC kids will be assembling on Nov 8. We want to show kids how much JOY can come from giving to people in need. Food lists are posted outside the classrooms and donations can be dropped off in the big box to the left when you enter the building.

Also, we are planning a special chapel for our 2-year olds through pre-K on Tuesday, Nov 21 at 11:30 a.m. We are inviting their families to join us for the special chapel at 11:30 and to stay for the Thanksgiving Feast which will follow. We will need class parents to volunteer to decorate the class tables. Please talk with your child's teacher if you can decorate the tables either Monday night, Nov 20 or early Tuesday morning, Nov 21. We are asking parents to sign up by Friday, Nov 17 so we can prepare for the dinner.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

Oncare Child Management Software

The transition to Oncare has begun! You have likely noticed the new log-in/out interface on our tablet. In early November we will also start using UnityFISolutions, who is partnered with Oncare, for payment processing. The weekly collection schedule will remain the same (executed on Fridays, collected from your account early the following week—usually Mondays.). However, you will notice a new descriptor on your bank statements related to the tuition collection transaction. We will also begin imposing a \$7.50 fee for any transactions returned to us due to insufficient funds. The specific descriptor and start date will be provided to you in an email once it is established. Please let Ms. Lorie or Ms. Jo Anna know if you have any questions, and thank you for your continued patience as we transition!

November Highlights

November 1:
Square 1 Art Orders Due

November 2:
Picture Day 9:00am

November 5:
St. Andrew Day
Celebration

November 6-7:
LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN

November 8:
Last Day for Food Drive

November 9:
Wear **Brown** Day

November 16:
Cody & BJ "Thanksgiving
Rock & Roll Show" 9:00am

November 18:
Parents' Night Out

November 20:
LCPS Closed, NLC Open

November 21:
Thanksgiving Family Feast

November 22:
NO WAC

November 23-24:
NLC CLOSED for
Thanksgiving

November 29:
Advent Workshop & Chili
Cookoff 4:00-6:00pm

SAVE THE DATE:

December 14:
Christmas Program

**Sunday worship and
Sunday School every
Sunday at 10:00 am**

This Month at School...

During November we follow the theme of “Families and Food,” celebrating a time of year when we focus on those we love the most, and how we can celebrate with them!

Of special note this month:

- **Picture Day** will be on the 2nd, starting at 9:00 am. All of the children from infants through pre-K four-year olds will be photographed, including sibling groups, and starting with the youngest classes first. We make every effort to photograph each child present that day and will let you know if your child chooses not to participate. Within a few days, you’ll receive an online link and access code to view your child’s photos and purchase any you choose. No obligation to purchase.
- Last month’s **silly days** were so much fun that we’ve decided to have another! On the 9th send your little one in wearing brown—a color of hibernating bears, fallen leaves, and...well, fall!
- One of our favorite production groups, Cody & BJ, will visit us on the 16th at 9:00 am for their “**Thanksgiving Rock and Roll Show.**” Their high energy, interactive children’s shows are always fun!
- The parents of our 2-year olds and above are invited to join us on the 21st at 11:30 am for **Chapel and a Thanksgiving Family Feast.** More details will be provided closer to the event, but plan on having lunch with us and being here from 11:30 am—12:30 pm. See Jo Anna’s article, too!
- **WAC (Wednesday Afterschool Café)** is ongoing, but there is **NO WAC** on the 22nd, the day before Thanksgiving. Please note that EVERYONE is welcome at dinner, whether you’re a parent, a child, have a child who participates in WAC or not. Please join us!
- The NLC will be **CLOSED** on November 23rd and 24th. Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Parents’ Night Out** is Saturday the 18th from 5:30-9:00pm and will be hosted by Ms. Stacey and Ms. Shanique. Sign up at the Front Desk and take advantage of an evening out.

Food Drive

We are collecting items needed by Loudoun Hunger Relief for their Thanksgiving bags. The WAC kids will help to assemble the bags on the 8th and we will deliver them by the end of that week.

Items due by November 8th!

- ♦ Stuffing mix
- ♦ Canned vegetables
- ♦ Gravy (mix or jar)
- ♦ Cornbread/biscuit mix
- ♦ Cranberry sauce
- ♦ Dessert mix/item
- ♦ \$10 grocery store gift card (for the turkey)

Place items in the large, wooden box in the main entry.

Make sure your child has a change of clothes in their cubby for those necessary wardrobe changes!!

Advent Workshop & Chili Cook-Off

November 29th 4:00-6:00pm

Stop in anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 to make a family Advent wreath from live greens, and to get ready for the Christmas season! If you dare, bring your favorite crockpot of chili to enter into our “world famous” Chili Cook-Off which will start at 6:00pm. One of our absolute FAVORITE events of the year, and appropriate for all ages. **Save the date**—more details to be provided!

Camp Days for School Aged

LCPS will be CLOSED November 6th and 7th but the NLC will be OPEN. Monday will be a field trip to Berryville Park, and Tuesday will be a PJ and Movie Day! Baking cookies is on the agenda, and kids can bring their electronics both days. If your school aged child will be joining us, be sure to sign up with their teacher.

The Pastor's Epistle:

St. Andrew Day

We had what's called an "Over the Line" tournament in San Diego when I was growing up. Played on a severely improvised baseball diamond, it involved three-person teams who pitched, batted and caught towards an eventual championship that drew together tens of thousands of people on Fiesta Island in Mission Bay. To be frank, there was too much drinking and the like to think of duplicating it as a church event, but along those lines, I've wondered if we could put on Scottish games, with food and music here at St. Andrew. And we're trying it out.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, and so is recognized as an important figure in the Presbyterian Church which has its origins in Scotland. Yes, Presbyterians started as Scots. They're the folks who believe that "a little bit of disagreement keeps the talk long, and too much agreement kills a conversation." They're the ones who have come to understand that "No matter how much you applaud the jukebox, you have put another quarter in for an encore." They have warned that the definition of "kilt" is what happened to the last person who asked if that was a skirt.

Celebrating our Scottish heritage at St. Andrew we are having a very fun Sunday this week, and you're invited!

- First of all, our children (including some NLC children) will be singing;



- Second, a bagpiper will be playing in our service – filling the room with that very unique sound that can touch the heart;
- Third, we will have a friendly version of Scottish games after the service to include:

A Caber toss (with a pool noodle)

A Sheaf throw (stuffed pillow)

Dog Herding (balls on the hard surface floor)

- Fourth, a meal with traditional Scottish food (haggis for the brave hearted) to include fish and chips;
- A Kirkin' of the Tartans (each family is to bring some kind of their cloth from their home to represent their family, with a prayer of blessing said over it as the bagpiper plays "Amazing Grace").

Hey, it's going to be a very fun holiday. If you have a Kilt, please wear it (and please, no one call it a skirt!).

Before I close, let me thank Ms. Joanna and the NLC staff for the marvelous Trunk-or-Treat event they put on last Friday evening. It was so very fun – both the event and being together as school and church families.

Yours in Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Milam

Coming up at St. Andrew...

Weekly Worship: Sundays 10am

NOTE: Child care is available for the littlest ones during worship. For children age preschool and up, Sunday School is provided during Sunday worship services—your child starts the service sitting with you, will leave for Sunday School and then will return to you before the service concludes.

November 3rd—Youth Tailgate at 5:30pm: Loudoun Valley versus Woodgrove! Contact Josh Shields for more information (josh.shields@crosswindlanding.com)

November 5th—St. Andrew Day Celebration: Come be part of this Scottish celebration! During the worship

service we will have special bagpipe music. Bring your tartan colors, cloth/plaid or any small item that represents your family or extended family for a special blessing. A Scottish-themed potluck lunch will follow worship, and there will be family-friendly Scottish games to enjoy!

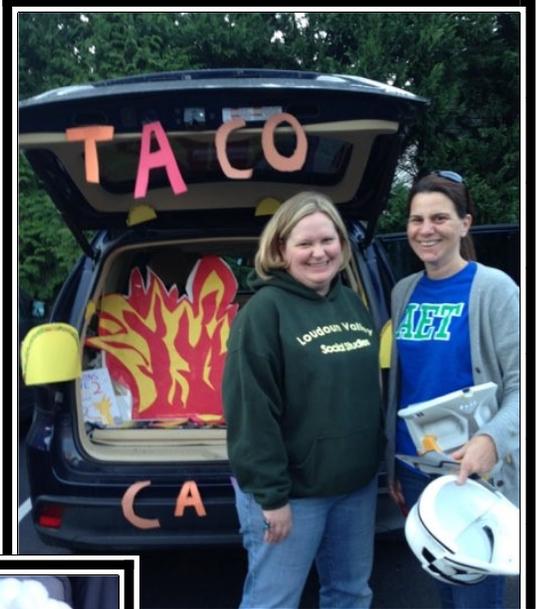
SMALL GROUPS: Contact the church office if you're interested!

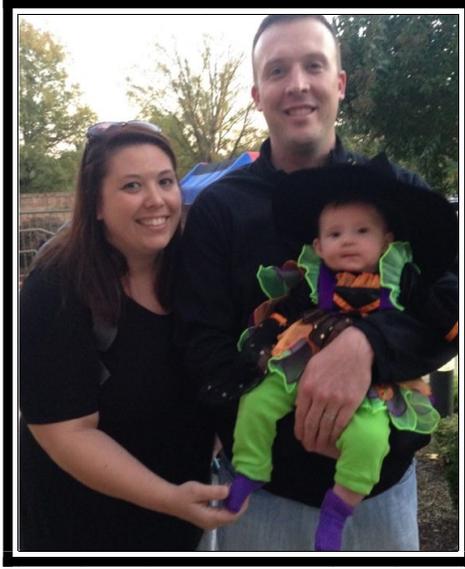
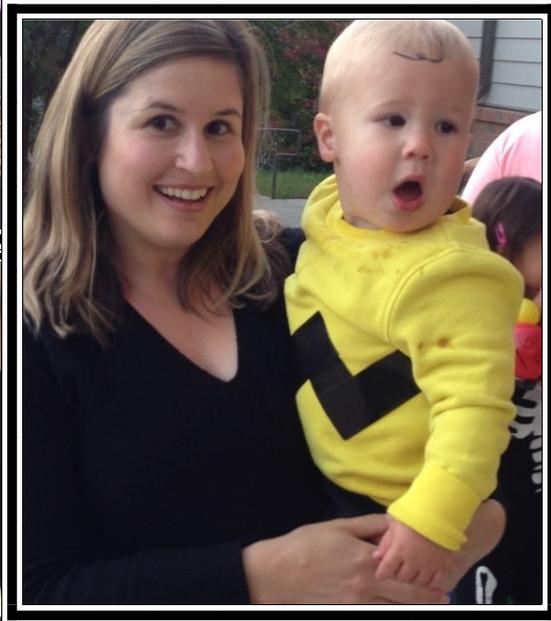
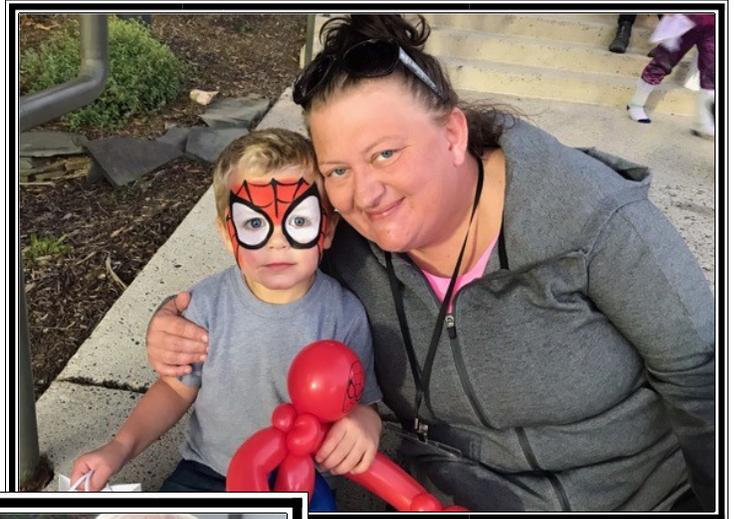
- Investment Group
- First Place 4 Health (Christian-based weight loss)
- Book Club
- Several women's groups
- Men's group

Trunk-or-Treat Pictures!



3rd place went to the Butkus family, but we somehow didn't get a picture! Apologies!!





November 2017

Monthly Theme: Families and Food

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Square 1 Art Orders DUE WAC Dinner: Italian Night at 5:45	2 Picture Day 9:00am	3 Music & Movement	4
5 Daylight Savings Ends Worship & Sunday School 10am St Andrew Day Celebration	6 LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN	7 LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN Chapel	8 Last Day for Food Drive WAC Dinner: Deli Night at 5:45	9 Wear Brown Day	10 Music & Movement	11 Veterans Day
12 Worship & Sunday School 10am	13	14 Chapel	15 WAC Dinner: Taco Night at 5:45	16 Cody and BJ "Thanks- giving Rock and Roll Show" 9:00am	17 Music & Movement	18 Parents' Night Out 5:30- 9:00pm
19 Worship & Sunday School 10am	20 LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN	21 Thanksgiv- ing Family Feast follow- ing Family Chapel at 11:30am for 2s-Pre-K	22 NO WAC	23 NLC CLOSED for Thanksgiv- ing	24 NLC CLOSED for Thanksgiv- ing	25
26 Worship & Sunday School 10am	27	28 Chapel	29 WAC Advent Workshop & Chili Cook- Off 4:00-6:00pm	30		

Sunday, November 5th - St. Andrew Day - Join us for a potluck lunch after worship of Bangers & Mash and Fish & Chips. To be followed by "Scottish" games for the whole family!