

# Neighborhood News

*The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter*

## The Director's Corner

Greetings!

What a great time we had at Vacation Bible School last week! We went to Mars and Beyond and the children had a fantastic time! Thanks to all our NLC families who participated.

We also want to thank our families who participated in our annual Parent Survey. We read every comment and evaluate every rating. This year 93% of respondents indicated they would be either "extremely likely" or "quite likely" to recommend the NLC to a friend. This is up 21% from two years ago. The greatest compliment we can ever receive is you recommending us to others.

The month of July is filled with fun field trips for our campers, weekly water days for our preschoolers, a one man band entertaining us on July 29 at 3:30, and a visit from Ginger the cow, among other adventures! See page 2 for more information about what's going on this month.

We hope that our families have time to enjoy the summer. Don't forget to let us know when your little ones or big ones will be out. We do call if we are missing your child and we have not heard from you by 10 am.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



### Special Child Pickup Friday, July 5

- ⇒ **PRESCHOOL PARENTS**—If possible, please pick up before 3 pm or after 5 pm.
- ⇒ **SCHOOL AGE PARENTS**—Pickup from Franklin Park between 3 and 5 (rain location Bush Tabernacle). Normal pickup after 5 pm at the NLC.

## This Month's Highlights

**July 1**

Visit from Police Officers for ages 2 and older 10 am

**July 4**

NLC CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

**July 5**

Wedding at St. Andrew—  
Please see pick up information on this page

**July 9**

Teddy Bear Picnic Day—  
Preschoolers, bring your favorite teddy!

**July 15**

Brainiacs Visit Campers & Pre-K 9 am

**July 20**

Parents' Night Out 5:30—9:00

**July 22**

Visit from Ginger the Cow for the Entire School 10 am

**July 29**

Visit from a One Man Band for the Entire School 3:30 pm

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

### July Staff Birthday

13 Bri Pfeiffer (Busy Bee Hive)

## This Month at School...

During July and August we celebrate different weekly themes rather than monthly as we do the rest of the year. During July we will explore: Community Helpers, Going Green, Brain Games, Food for Thought, and Mind Blowing Tricks!

- To kick off Community Helpers week, our 2s and older will enjoy a **visit from some police officers** on Monday the 1st at 10 am.
- During Going Green week, the school will enjoy fresh blueberries to celebrate National Blueberry Day on Monday the 8th. Mmmm...blueberries!
- Tuesday the 9th is **Teddy Bear Picnic Day**, and we invite all of our preschoolers to bring their favorite teddy to school with them!
- For Brain Games week, **Brainiacs** will visit the pre-K and our campers at 9 am on Monday the 15th.
- **Ginger the Cow** will visit the entire school on Monday the 22nd to help teach us about milk and dairy—what a great way to start Food for Thought Week!
- We will be visited by an amazing **One Man Band** on Monday the 29th so he can show us his incredible talents for Mind Blowing Tricks week.
- **Parents' Night Out** is on Saturday the 20th from 5:30—9:00 pm—sign up at the Front Desk.

### Extracurricular Activities (optional, available for an additional fee)

- ◆ **Wee Little Arts, Brainiacs, and Acrokidz** will return to us in the fall!
- ◆ The **Mercier School of Dance** will offer a "Fancy Dancing" class for ages 2 and up on Mondays throughout July. Visit [mercierschoolofdance.com](http://mercierschoolofdance.com) to register.

## New Staff to Child Ratios

Per the Virginia Department of Social Services, the ratio of staff to children has been adjusted, lowering the number of children per staff and creating new age groups.

The new ratios are:

- 1 staff to 4 children ages 0 to 16 months
- 1 staff to 5 children ages 16 months to 24 months
- 1 staff to 8 children ages 24 months to 36 months
- 1 staff to 10 children ages 36 months to 5 years
- 1 staff to 20 children ages 5 to 9 years
- 1 staff to 25 children ages 9 to 12 years

## Tuition Reminders...

- ⚙ Summer camp families—Please notify us of any attendance changes one week prior to the week for which your child is registered in order to avoid being charged.
- ⚙ The **annual re-registration fee of \$60 per child** will be collected the tuition cycle of July 19th.
- ⚙ Please see the new tuition rate schedule effective August 26.

### RATE SHEET 2019-20 (effective 8/19/19)

#### REGISTRATION FEES:

New enrollment - \$80; \$60 each additional child  
Annual re-registration - \$60 for each child

#### TUITION DISCOUNTS:

10% discount on additional family members (off the lesser tuition); 5% Military discount

#### INFANTS

\$155 – 2 days/week  
\$215 – 3 days/week  
\$315 – 5 days **\$1365 monthly**

#### TODDLERS

\$150 – 2 days/week  
\$210 – 3 days/week  
\$305 – 5 days **\$1322 monthly**

#### PRESCHOOL TWOS

\$145 – 2 days/week  
\$205 – 3 days/week  
\$295 – 5 days **\$1279 monthly**

#### PRESCHOOL THREES

\$140 - 2 days/week  
\$195 – 3 days/week  
\$285 – 5 days **\$1235 monthly**

#### PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOURS

\$140 – 2 days/week  
\$195 – 3 days/week  
\$280 – 5 days **\$1213 monthly**

#### SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Daily Rate - \$30  
School's Out Drop-In Fees - \$40 (enrolled students who attend weekly); \$60 (non-enrolled students)  
\$60 – 2 days/week  
\$85 – 3 days/week  
\$120 – 5 days **\$520 monthly**  
\$195 – 5 days Before AND After School Care **\$845 monthly**

#### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

**Breakfast/Transportation on NLC Bus**  
\$75 – 5 days **\$325 monthly**  
\$15 – daily/drop-in with After School Care  
\$25 – daily/drop-in Before School Care Only

Summer is in full swing at the NLC! Our Junior and Senior Campers enjoy field trips every week, and lots of fun in-house, too. But they're not the only ones having a good time!



# The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for July 2019

Whole milk is served to children under 2 and 2% milk is served to all others. Menus are subject to change.

\*May contain eggs \*\*May contain wheat ^May contain milk ^^May contain soy

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 1-5	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	Variety^^/**/**/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	<b>NLC CLOSED in observance of Independence Day</b>	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	Beefaroni^^/**/**/^ Salad^ Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese^^/**/**/^ Tomato Soup^^/**/^ Fruit Milk	Chicken Bake^^/**/**/^ Green Beans Fruit Milk		Hot Dogs^^/**/**/^ Chips^^/** Fruit Milk
	Snack	<u>Toddlers</u> Fig Bars^^/**/**/^ <u>2s &amp; Older</u> Nacho Chips^^/** Salsa^^/** Water	Graham Crackers^^/**/**/^ Bananas Water	Goldfish Crackers^^/** Water		<u>Toddlers</u> Veggie Straws^^/** <u>2s and Older</u> Pretzels^^/** Dip^ Water
July 8-12	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	Yogurt^ Granola^^/** Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Apple Cinnamon Bar^^/**/**/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	Chicken Potpie^^/**/**/^ Fresh Blueberries Milk <b>National Blueberry Day!</b>	Salisbury Steak^^/**/**/ Mashed Potatoes^ Fruit Milk	Sausage Chili^^/**/**/ Cornbread^^/**/**/^ Fruit Milk	Corn Dogs^^/**/**/^ Green Beans Fruit Milk	Goulash^^/** Salad^ Fruit Milk
	Snack	Animal Cookies^^/** Applesauce Water	Pepperoni^^/** Sliced Cheese^ Crackers^^/**/**/ Water	Veggie Straws^^/** Water	Yogurt^ Granola^^/** Water	Goldfish Crackers^^/** Raisins^^/** Water
July 22-26	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	Pancake Wrapped Sausage^^/**/**/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Waffles^^/**/**/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	Shepherd's Pie^^/**/**/^ Fruit Milk	Deli Sandwich^^/**/**/^ Chips^^/** Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets^^/**/**/ Peas Fruit Milk	Fish Sticks^^/** Mixed Veggies Fruit Milk	Taco Salad^^/**/**/^ Corn Fruit Milk
	Snack	Vanilla Pudding^ Vanilla Wafers^^/**/**/^ Water	Vanilla Ice Cream^ Water <b>National Vanilla Ice Cream Day!</b>	<u>Toddlers</u> Graham Crackers^^/**/**/^ <u>2s and Older</u> Chex Mix^^/**/**/ Water	Fig Bars^^/**/**/^ Water Water	Bagels^^/**/**/ Cream Cheese^ Water
July 29 – Aug 2	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	Pancakes^^/**/**/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Apple Cinnamon Bars^^/**/**/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	BBQ Chicken Sandwich^^/** Chips^^/** Fruit Milk	Spaghetti^^/**/**/^ Salad^ Fruit Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup^^/** Crackers^^/** Fruit Milk	Meatball Subs^^/**/**/^ Chips^^/** Fruit Milk	Hot Dogs^^/**/**/ Beans^^/** Fruit Milk
	Snack	Pepperoni^^/** Sliced Cheese^ Crackers^^/**/**/ Water	<u>Toddlers</u> Crackers^^/**/**/ Cheese^ <u>2s and Older</u> Pretzel Stick Log Cabins^^/** Dip^ Water	Veggie Straws^^/** <u>Pre-K &amp; Campers</u> Smores^^/**/**/^ Applesauce Water	Ritz Crackers^^/** Sun Butter^^/** Water	<u>Toddlers</u> Cheese Itz^^/** <u>2s and Older</u> Make Your Own Snack Mix ^^/**/**/^

## **The Pastor's Epistle** **Israel Anyone?**

Bonnie and I were in Israel five years ago – and I've been wanting to take members and friends of St. Andrew ever since. *Wanna go???*

Please join me for an eleven day trip right around a year from now. I'm shooting for the first part of July. *(Yes, it will be summer, but this way we get to include teachers and students off for the summer.)* The cost will be around \$4500 per person including airfare and all costs in Israel. AND there may well be an opportunity to stop for a day in Istanbul on the way home!

So, let me tell you what you stand to gain. Well, first of all, this is the land of the Bible. You've heard about it. You know the people who walked its streets and hiked its mountains.

You were baptized with water that embodied the Jordan River. But now you're in it. Instead knowing the story, you become a part of the story when you visit Israel.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, the Holy Land is home. At once you will recognize it but also find it strangely, invitingly new. The Jews and Muslims populate the place making Christians quite a minority. But then again, the Christians you meet there will help put you in the frame of mind that the church, Jesus, our faith, don't just belong to us. As such, you will begin to perceive how much grander and more complex are both the church and how Jesus unifies that which is much more multifaceted than we know.

And then there are the places you'll go. You can kiss the rock on which Jesus was crucified. You can stoop and enter the tomb where he lay to say a prayer, noticing that he is not there. You can see the fields where the shepherds kept their flock by night. You can ride a boat in the Sea of Galilee where Jesus and his disciples fished. You can wade into the Jordan River waters, where many keep getting baptized. You can see



what remains of the Jerusalem Temple Court that was torn down in 70 AD.

Israel is also a place of religious diversity and the tension that can go with it. Jerusalem is of the highest order of sacred sites to Jews, Christians and Muslims. All three faiths still flourish there and while tension can be felt almost palpably on Jerusalem's streets, there are also people there who seek to find the ways of peace. Our trip will introduce us to some of these people. And since this trip is in its developing stages, we might just be able to arrange it so that we go as an interfaith group – Jews, Christians and Muslims exploring this compelling land together.

I've been in touch with Group Travel Directors who specialize in trips to Israel/Palestine. They came highly recommended to me as those who help visitors immerse themselves into the biblical history of this holy place, while also learning

about the contemporary dynamics and fractures of this land that is often in the news. Visiting Israel/Palestine is life changing.

*Our hope is to have between 15-20 pilgrims. Drop me a note or share your interest with me at church. Please feel free to invite family members, neighbors and friends to join our group.*

Know also that I will do my best to keep our itinerary manageable so that we can take in the Spirit while we see the sites. I hope also that you will get engaged in how we can pray for understanding and bringing out the best of our faiths as Jews, Christians and Muslims. But I would add this word of caution. Your words in describing all that you see, when you return, will pale to the experience of seeing it. It will be a word made flesh – and stone and sand and river and ...

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*

## **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.

**Save the Date! Sunday, August 25—Annual Church Picnic—12:00 pm—**Come join us for an afternoon of games, food, fellowship, and fun!

# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Theme: Community Helpers</b>						
	<b>1</b> Visit from Police Officer for ages 2 and Older 10 am <b>Mercier School of Dance**</b>	<b>2</b> ^JC – Fire Dept. Tour with Picnic Lunch 9:45 am	<b>3</b> ^SC – Fire Dept. Tour with Picnic Lunch 9:45 am	<b>4</b> NLC CLOSED in observance of Independence Day	<b>5</b> ^JC & ^SC – Sport Bounce with Picnic Lunch 10:30 am <b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Theme: Going Green</b>						
<b>8</b> Worship & Sunday School 10 am	<b>9</b> National Blueberry Day <b>Mercier School of Dance**</b>	<b>10</b> Teddy Bear Picnic Day ^JC Landfill Tour with Picnic Lunch 10:30 am	<b>11</b> SC – Franklin Park Pool 11:40 am	<b>12</b> JC – Franklin Park Pool 11:40 am	<b>13</b> ^SC – Landfill Tour with Picnic Lunch 10:30 am	
<b>Theme: Brain Games</b>						
<b>15</b> Worship & Sunday School 10 am	<b>16</b> Brainiacs visits Campers & Pre-K 9 am <b>Mercier School of Dance**</b>	<b>17</b> ^JC – Cobb Theatre with Picnic Lunch 9:00 am	<b>18</b> ASC – Cobb Theatre with Picnic Lunch 9:00 am	<b>19</b> JC – Franklin Park Pool 11:40 am	<b>20</b> SC – Berryville Pool 11:15 am	<b>21</b> Parents Night Out 5:30 – 9:00
<b>Theme: Food for Thought</b>						
<b>22</b> Worship & Sunday School 10 am	<b>23</b> Visit from Ginger the Cow for Entire School 10 am <b>Mercier School of Dance**</b>	<b>24</b> Vanilla Ice Cream Day JC – Domino's Pizza Tour with Park Visit Afterwards 9 am	<b>25</b> Amelia Earhart Day SC – Domino's Pizza Tour with Park Visit Afterwards 9 am	<b>26</b> ^JC – Monster Mini Golf 10:30 am	<b>27</b> ^SC – Monster Mini Golf 10:30 am	
<b>Theme: Mind Blowing Tricks</b>						
<b>29</b> Worship & Sunday School 10 am	<b>30</b> Visit from One Man Band for Entire School 3:30 pm <b>Mercier School of Dance**</b>	<b>31</b> ^JC – Discovery Museum with Picnic Lunch 10:30 am	<b>32</b> ^SC – Atomic Trampoline with Picnic Lunch 10:15 am	<b>33</b> There will be a wedding at the church this afternoon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PRESCHOOL PARENTS</b> – if possible, please pick up before 3 pm or after 5 pm.</li> <li><b>SCHOOL AGE PARENTS</b> – pickup from Franklin Park between 3 and 5 (rain location Bush Tabernacle). Normal pickup after 5 pm at the NLC.</li> </ul>		

## OF NOTE...

- Field Trips - ^Designates bring a brown bag lunch; SC – Senior Campers JC – Junior Campers  
Please ensure children wear their CAMP T-SHIRTS on Field Trip Days that are not swimming trips. Swim shirts will stay at the NLC where we will launder them after each use.

## \*\* Designates Registration Required Class (Details & Registration Info at Front Desk)

- Mercier School of Dance\*\*** – Fancy Dancing 3:00 Ages 2 and up