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Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

A Fond Farewell to Our Ms. Lorie

Ms. Lorie, our Assistant Director, joined the NLC in 2012, right at the beginning of this exciting journey. In that time she has taught children, planned extraordinary events, kept all of the staff and administration on task with her gifts of planning and organization, managed a multitude of daily details, and—above all—has met every person walking through our doors with love and energy.

We wish Ms. Lorie happiness and joy in her retirement to her home in Maine at the end of August. She will be sorely missed here in Virginia. Ms. Lorie, you will always have a home here at the Neighborhood Learning Center. We will miss you!!

If you would like to send Ms. Lorie a note of good wishes and thanks, please send her an email at lorie@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com.

This Month's Highlights

August 21
NLC Closed for Staff Development Day

August 24
NLC Hours expand to 7 am—5 pm

Weekly themes:

- *August 3-7: Olympic Fun!*
- *August 10-14: Fun with Science!*
- *August 17-20: Water Week Fun!*
- *August 24-28: Water Week Fun!*
- *August 31-September 1: Summer Fun in Review!*

Online streaming Sunday worship every Sunday at 10:00 am

August Staff Birthdays

18 Elizabeth Smith (Frog Hollow)
19 Kat Delcid (Owls Nest)
18 Taylor Jenkins (Hummingbird Nest)
Diane Agbenyo (Church Secretary)

NLC Hours Expanding August 24 with Staggered Drop-offs & Pickups

The NLC has reopened in a very conscious, careful way. As we expand our hours to accommodate families' needs, we continue to do so with health and safety as our number one priority.

In order to safely manage drop-offs in the morning, we are asking parents to sign up for a scheduled drop off time window. This will stagger arrivals, enabling us to make sure LCPS students are in their seats in time for their first class meeting, parents are at work on time, our staffing levels are appropriate, and our "pods" of classrooms are maintained. In order to stagger pick-up times, we are implementing a "9-hour maximum," meaning each child can be at the NLC for a maximum of 9 hours each day. So if your drop-off window is 7:00-7:30, you must pick up no later than 4:00 pm. If your drop-off window is 7:30-8:00, you must pick up no later than 4:30 pm. If you drop off after 8:00 am, you must pick up no later than 5:00 pm (closing time).

To determine who will drop off at what time, we have sent a brief survey to all families asking them to choose their first, second, and third choices for a drop off window of time (7:00-7:30 am, 7:30-8:00 am, or after 8:00 am). We will make every effort to accommodate as many first choice time windows as possible.

Thank you for your patience as we take this next step back towards expanded service.

"Summer of Fun" is the perfect way to describe summer at the NLC!
Friday
Saturday
Joseph and the purple crayon

COVID-19 Illness Policy – *Updated 8/5/2020*

As we approach the season of allergies, colds, and flu, we find children are exhibiting symptoms that may or may not be related to COVID-19. While our priority is to protect the health and safety of our children and staff, we understand the difficulties imposed on our families when stringent health and safety policies are unilaterally applied across all children presenting symptoms.

To help us navigate this challenging time, we have consulted the Loudoun County Health Department to provide additional guidance. Based on their recommendations our COVID-19 illness policy has been updated as follows:

1. If your child or any person within your household shows any of the COVID-19-like symptoms listed below, your child will remain at home. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the COVID-19 virus and include:

   - Fever of 100.4 and above
   - Cough
   - Shortness of breath
   - Congestion or runny nose
   - Chills
   - New loss of taste or smell
   - Sore throat
   - Muscle or body aches
   - Excessive fatigue
   - Nausea or vomiting
   - Diarrhea
   - Headache

2. If your child shows any of the above symptoms while at the NLC, they will be separated from others, and you will be contacted immediately to collect them within 60 minutes.

When may your child return to the NLC?

With documentation from a healthcare provider – If your child or other household member is experiencing symptoms related to a non-COVID-19 diagnosis, your child may return to the NLC:

- Once a healthcare provider has determined either that your child or household member experiencing symptoms has a specific diagnosis (influenza, strep throat, etc.), or symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition.
- This documentation from the health provider must state your child is no longer/not contagious and must identify any other criteria to be met prior to your child returning to the NLC (e.g., fever free for 24 hours).

If your child or other household member has a COVID-19 test pending, the results must be received before your child can return to the NLC. Based on those results, your child may return to the NLC:

- If the test result is negative, and, if applicable, your child is fever free for at least 24 hours without medication, and other symptoms have improved.
- If the test result is positive, you must wait until ten (10) days have passed since the onset of symptoms (if asymptomatic, 10 days from positive test), your child is fever free for at least 24 hours without medication, and other symptoms have improved. (For more Info, please speak with your healthcare provider or the Loudoun County Health Department, or the CDC.)

Without documentation from a healthcare provider – Without documentation from a health care provider, the NLC must treat the illness as COVID-19 and your child may return to the NLC after these criteria are met: Ten (10) days have passed since the onset of symptoms, your child is fever free for least 24 hours without medication, and other symptoms have improved.

The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for August 2020

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 milk (T) = Toddler WG = Whole Grain**

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug. 3 - 7	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* Fruit Water	WG Bagel* Cream Cheese^ Water	WG Cereal* Milk	Pancakes Berries Water	WG Cereal* Fruit Water
	Lunch	Turkey Burger* Sliced Carrots Peaches Milk	Italian Sub* Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	WG Fish Nuggets* Peas Cucumbers & Dip^ Cantaloupe Milk	WG Chicken Patty*^ Mixed Veggies Banana Milk	Cheese Quesadilla*^ Corn Pineapple Milk
	Snack	Cheese Cubes^ Townhouse Crackers* Water	Animal Crackers^* Applesauce Water	Cheese Itz*^ 100% Apple Juice	Pudding Cup^ Banana Water	Ice Cream Friday^ Crackers* Water
Aug. 10 - 14	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* Fruit Water	Sausage Biscuit^* Water	WG Cereal* Milk	French Toast Sticks*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal* Fruit Water
	Lunch	Cheeseburger* Diced Carrots Pears Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets* Corn Applesauce Milk	Taco Salad^* Corn Peaches Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich^ Peas Pineapple Milk	Pizza Day!! Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
	Snack	Jell-O w/ Fruit Cheese Itz* Water	Veggie Straws* Raisins* Water	Yogurt^ Graham Crackers* Water	Breakfast Bar 100% Apple Juice	Ice Cream Friday^ Crackers* Water
Aug. 17 - 21	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* Fruit Water	Pancakes* Berries Water	WG Cereal* Milk	Turkey Sausage* Croissant* Water	**Closed For Staff Development Day!**
	Lunch	Turkey Burger* Sliced Carrots Peaches Milk	WG Fish Nuggets* Green Beans Pears Milk	Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes^ Cantaloupe Milk	WG Chicken Patty Sandwich*^ Mixed Veggies Banana Milk	
	Snack	Pudding^ Banana Water	Jell-O w/ Fruit Cheese Itz * Water	Animal Crackers* Applesauce 100% Apple Juice	WW Pita* w/ Ham Water	
Aug. 24 - 28	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* Fruit Water	Sausage Biscuit*^ Water	WG Cereal* Milk	French Toast Sticks*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal* Fruit Water
	Lunch	Cheeseburger* Diced Carrots Pears Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets* Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk	Spaghetti w/ Elbow Noodles & Red Sauce*^ Salad & Ranch Dressing ^ Peaches Milk	Grilled Cheese*^ Peas Pineapple Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich*^ Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
	Snack	Cheese Cubes^ WG Triscuits* (T) Townhouse Crackers* Water	Pretzels & Dip*^ Cheese Stick^ (T) Crackers* Water	Yogurt^ Graham Crackers^* Water	Veggie Straws* Raisins Water	Ice Cream Friday^ Crackers* Water

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Loudoun Hunger Relief Year-Round Food List (*Hand food donations to staff during drop off or pick up*): Dry beans, Whole grain pasta, Rice, Fresh fruits & vegetables, Cereal, Canned meats (tuna or chicken), Mac & cheese, Peanut butter, Hearty soups, Cooking oil						1
2 Online Worship 10 am	3	4	5	6	7 Ice Cream Friday!	8
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Olympic Fun!

Fun with Science!

Water Week Fun!

Last Lazy Days of Summer!

St. Andrew's Online Worship – Join St. Andrew for online worship every Sunday morning at 10 am! Visit www.standrew-pres.org or join them on their Facebook page where they will be streaming live.