

# The Neighborhood Learning Center



## The Director's Corner

Marcie Peterson, Director

Dear Parents,  
 For some people, the idea of planning comes naturally. The rest of us have to struggle to develop this skill. Many of us have learned a lot through our lack of planning, and have hopefully gotten better at it over the course of time. If we haven't learned to do a little bit of planning by the time we have kids, then it will most likely occur instantaneously. We will be forced to be forward thinking and learn-via the school of hard knocks-to do some planning in order to anticipate what needs to happen next when it comes to our children and family activities.  
 Many people find planning unnatural.

They believe that "it takes away from spontaneity" or that "it cramps their style." We'd all like to imagine our lives as light and carefree. But, if you are a parent, you know that you are never free from the care you need to provide for your child. Even when they grow up and get out on their own, there is this parental need to still care for them (and their children). The responsibility of



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## May HIGHLIGHTS

- May 1st - Picture Day
- May 10th - Mothers Day Tea  
 Kindergarten 1:30;  
 All other classes except school age 3 pm
- May 12th - Mother's Day
- May 13th - 17th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 18th - Parent's Night Out
- May 22nd - Cody and BJ Show 10:30 am
- May 23rd - National Penny Day - kick off Pennies for the Playground
- May 25th - No LCPS & NLC Memorial Day
- May 31st - Summer Kick-off Picnic 3:30 - 6 pm
- June 1st - Rummage Sale to benefit Playground Fund

Donations accepted May 27th - May 31st at church

## This month at school.....

In May the children will be studying amphibians, dinosaurs, reptiles and zoo animals. In the classrooms we have been watching the amazing transformation of caterpillars into butterflies. We will have a special interactive music show that will be educational

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## Staff Spotlight



My name is Rebecca Hultin. I am one of the original employees of The NLC as I started work on September 21, 2011. I live in Round Hill. I just love working with children. They all are very special to me and I love them all very much. I worked at a child care center in Chambersburg, PA for 4 1/2 years. I have been around children all my life. When I'm not at work, I love to

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## Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation comes in many forms. Parents can do much to show teacher support, encouragement and appreciation that can make a teacher feel appreciated or make a difference in the classroom. Let your teachers know that these efforts in the classroom have not gone unnoticed or unvalued. Teaching has been described in many ways; growing humans, the art of patience, shaping minds. But what matters is the contribution they make that makes your children different from any other species ....knowledge.

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parenting never seems to go away.

In the Old Testament, God, as the Father of His children, showed care for His people as He gave them a word of hope while they were exiled in a foreign country. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God's words of comfort came to His people in these words, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer. 29:11). Wow! It's good to know that God is one who plans. He had a plan all along to deliver His people back to their home country and give them a future, and most of all-hope! In the New Testament God's plans for our salvation were realized-the birth, life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus-hope fulfilled!

A humorous Christian bumper sticker reads: "If you ever want to make God laugh just tell Him your plans." How true that is! So often we think we know it all. If only it were up to us, all the problems of the world would be solved in a day. We want to

### **Summer Attendance**

We need your help in preparing for the summer program. If your child's schedule is going to change in any way, we need to know ASAP. If your child is going to be in our school age program, (completed kindergarten through 5th grade), we need a signed form letting us know the weeks they will be in attendance. We also ask that you let us know your summer vacation plans. Families are eligible for a one week half price vacation credit

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listen to music, hang out with friends, go to church, write and get on my computer. I also enjoy playing sports like softball, basketball and volleyball. I also love to draw and paint.

make all the plans ourselves so that we get just the intended result that we desire.

We can all hope that our own plans will come to be. Remembering that God has a plan for our lives, we converse with Him about His will for our lives as we dream big dreams. We should encourage our children to walk with God as they dream big dreams and plan and work to attain them. Listening to God's will through meditation and prayer, we then plan the work that needs to be done. Then, through God's grace and guidance and by doing the hard work necessary, dreams can become reality. We also need to know our limits and create healthy boundaries that keep us focused.

We may not be very good at planning, but it is reassuring to know that God is!

God Bless,  
Ms. Marcie

### **Picture Day at the NLC**

Forever Yours Portrait Studio will be at NLC on May 1st. Get ready for individual and class pictures to be taken. Siblings may also have their picture taken together. There is no obligation to purchase the pictures.

### **Teacher Appreciation (From Page 1)**

We will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 13th - May 17th. Watch for more details about how you can make this week special

### **This month at school (From Page 1)**

and fun presented by Cody & Bj. This month the classes will celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day. We will discover which things sink or float and we will plant seeds and flowers in our garden. We would also like to welcome all of our "special persons" that will join us for the Special Tea with Mom hosted by the children this month.

## **IMPORTANT**

### **NEW SIGN IN PROCEDURES**

**PLEASE USE THE LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR CELL PHONE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD IN USING THE TABLET ON THE FRONT DESK**

**PLEASE WATCH FOR OUR PARENT SURVEY OUT THIS MONTH - YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT TO US**



# The Chaplin's Corner

## Celebrating the Full 50!

Playing in God's Backyard – Picnic and VBS

I love what summer brings. Longer days and warmer temperatures invite us to play outside in God's big creation, God's very Big Backyard. There seems to come about special opportunities for fellowship, good eating (BBQ) and relationship building through reunions, trips and lots of picnics. Andy and I live in a wonderful neighborhood, where the summer draws us to start up impromptu backyard potlucks and for the kids to run a bit freer. It is a good time, after the cold of winter and jitters of spring, to get out and meet someone new or renew old relationships.

We are looking forward to what the summer may bring at St. Andrew, too. We greet summer with two biggies – our church picnic and Vacation Bible School to which we invite you to join us. The St. Andrew church picnic will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 to 6 pm. We have lots of plans coming together. For the kids, we hope to offer a bounce house and balloons. We will enjoy the obligatory hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. We will culminate our activities with volleyball. (Get ready v-ball players). We will close the night with Campfire Songs.

Our Vacation Bible School will pick up where our Picnic leaves us



– in God's Big Backyard. Our theme is called "Under the Stars in God's Big Backyard". Each evening, June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, we will explore the abundance of God's goodness out under the stars. Our Bible stories will feature God's people who discover God at night. Our focus will be serving our neighbors, friends and learning how to serve Jesus. We will enjoy a meal each evening starting at 5:15 pm and the program will go until 8 pm. The Adult Ministries Team is already shaping a great adult program for parents and members featuring lessons on how to carve out time in Sabbath and in God's creation. We will close the week with a Family Movie Night for VBS families and the community.



We invite you to join us in God's backyard this summer, where big things have the possibility to happen. In God's backyard this summer, we could grow in relationship with one another and grow deeper with God. In God's backyard this summer, we may discover the beauty of the earth that surrounds us and how God delights in our play. Come on out in the sun of the Picnic or out in the stars at VBS and see what God may do.

I bet we will have fun!

Ready to play!

*Pastor Jessica*



### Special Mother's Day Tea

Please plan to join us Friday, May 10th (special times listed under May Highlights), to celebrate this month, the special "person" in



### *Author of the Month*

Leo Lionni (May 5, 1910 - October 11, 1999) was an author and illustrator of children's books. Born in the Netherlands, he moved to Italy and lived there before moving to the United States in 1939, where he worked as an art director for several advertising agencies,



and then for Fortune magazine. He returned to Italy in 1962 and started writing and illustrating children's books. In 1962 his book *Inch by Inch* was awarded the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award. Leo Lionni used a variety of art materials in his work. He would usually draw pictures as he would tell stories to his grandchildren, however on that long train ride he had no drawing materials. Instead, he tore out circles of color from a magazine to help tell his story of little blue and little yellow using lots of splashes of color. This experience led him to create his first book for children.





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5	6	7	8	9	10 Tuition Due Mother's Day Tea	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17 Tuition Due	18 Parent's Night Out
← Teacher Appreciation Week →						
19	20	21	22 Cody and B.J. Show	23 National Penny Day	24 Tuition Due	25
26	27 Memorial Day LCPS and NLC CLOSED	28	29	30	31 Tuition Due	June 1 Rummage Sale
2	3	4	5	6 Last Day for LCPS	7 Tuition Due	8
9	10 Summer Camp Begins	11	12	13	14	15