

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Hi!

We have been busy at the NLC this past month—just look at all the wonderful pictures in the Newsletter! The Back to School Picnic was a lot of fun, and last Saturday St. Andrew hosted a family fishing trip and invited all of the NLC families. Last Wednesday night was our WAC (Wednesday Afterschool Café) Open House and Dinner where we had a great turnout and are looking forward to beginning our WAC program October 4th. October 4th's menu is Taco Wednesday.

We are excited about October activities with the Fire Truck visiting the NLC, the Pre-K field trip to pick pumpkins and enjoy fall fun, the start of WAC, and the Trunk-or-Treat which will be October 27th from 5:30-7:30. See the article on page 2 for details and how you can help!

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the annual Parent Survey. The results have been compiled and we have received feedback that is truly so important. We love to hear what you're thinking so that we can do our best to improve on the things we could be doing better, and so we can keep doing the things we excel at!

Every comment is thoroughly read and every rating evaluated, and some changes are already being put in place. For example, we heard that parents don't always feel like they know what's going on around the NLC, so we put out a "Get Plugged In" flyer listing all of the ways we communicate (it's also posted on our website at tnlcenter.com if you missed it!). You will also notice "Save the Date" highlights for the following month so you can mark your calendars accordingly. We also heard how much the love and care our staff have for your children is appreciated, and that truly warms our hearts and lets us know that we are doing our job well!

The Neighborhood Learning Center has a few openings for toddlers and two-year olds. Contact Jo Anna or Lorie if you know someone who might be interested.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



October Highlights

October 5:

Wear Orange Day

October 9:

NLC CLOSED for Columbus Day

October 12:

Wacky Hair Day

October 16:

Fire Department Visit

October 17:

Pre-K Fall Field Trip

October 19:

Wear Wacky Clothes Day

October 21:

Parents' Night Out

October 27:

Trunk-or-Treat
5:30-7:30

SAVE THE DATE:

November 21:

Thanksgiving Family Feast—11:30am

November 29:

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

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

This Month at School...

October is a month where we enjoy changing leaf colors, chilly breezes, and all of the unique tastes, scents, and sounds that come with autumn. A perfect month to explore the theme of Fall Fun!

Of special note this month:

- **WAC (Wednesday Afterschool Café) kicks off on the 4th.** All of our school agers participate in this fun, faith-building program. If you missed the WAC Dinner in September, pick up a flyer or talk to Ms. Jo Anna for details!
- Several **silly days** are included on the calendar this month, from wearing orange one day, to a wacky hair day, to a wacky clothes day...keep an eye out for reminder signs, and check your calendar!
- The NLC will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 9th in honor of Columbus Day.
- On October 15th, the **Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department will pay a visit** to talk about fire safety, of course complete with an engine for the children to explore!
- Tuesday the 17th is the annual **Fall Field Trip for the Pre-K Owls** class! Pumpkin picking, a hay ride, and good fall, farm fun await! Details will be sent home closer to the event.
- **Parents' Night Out** is Saturday the 21st from 5:30-9:00pm. Sign up at the Front Desk and take advantage of an evening out!
- St. Andrew is hosting a **Holiday Festival** from October 27th –29th, and we are helping them to kick it off with our **Trunk-or-Treat** event on the evening of the 27th. See the article below for more info!

Tutor Available

Jen French is a graduate of San Diego State University. In 1997, she was hired by READ RIGHT Systems, Inc. where she developed a systematic approach to teaching people how to read. She has taught English in high school and has many years of experience working in various school districts. She has recently moved to Purcellville and will be tutoring various subjects at the Neighborhood Learning Center on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30. Her rate is \$20 every half hour. If you would like to schedule a tutoring session, please call her directly at 757-358-0978.

Trunk-or-Treat!

Friday, Oct 27th, 5:30-7:30pm

This event is open to the entire community! We will provide a moon bounce, face painter, balloon twister, hot dogs, and hot cider. Kids (and adults!) are (of course!) invited to wear a costume.

We need your help!! We need as many folks as possible to sign up to set up in the parking lot by 5:30pm with their car trunks decorated, and with candy/treats/prizes to hand out to trick-or-treaters who go from car to car. There will be FIERCE competition for prizes awarded for Best Decorated Trunk, Funniest Trunk, etc.

Please avoid any scary or gory costumes or decorations.

Please no candy or treats with nuts—the NLC is a nut-free facility and we want to keep our little goblins safe!

Elijah Thomas Baker

Born on September 18th, 2017

Weight: 7 lbs

Length: 20 inches

Congratulations to Ms. Laura of our Busy Bees class, and her husband and family!!



The Pastor's Epistle:

Thanks, NLC Parents!

I was overwhelmed with gratitude and joy when I saw the banquet table full of donations for the needy mom who called me a couple of weeks ago saying that her baby girl is due the second week of October and that she didn't have a thing for her to start her new life. Wow! You NLC Parents know how to put together a baby shower. Your generosity to someone you haven't and may never meet fills my heart. Thank you.



Our goal at St. Andrew is to be a church that extends itself to others to make a difference in their lives. We find ways to give support to our local food pantry, the abused women's shelter, Boulder Crest which helps with veterans needing rest and recuperation from being on battle lines, and much more. One of our church's founders said that "the church exists by mission like a fire

exists by burning." It is our delight to have the families and staff of the NLC participate in that burning – and you have done so well.

It's is a good season of connection between the Neighborhood Learning Center and St. Andrew. I am

having so much fun doing Tuesday chapels with the Owls, Birds' Nest, Bird House, the Busy Bees, and the Hummingbirds. I look forward to the fun stuff that Ms. Jo

Anna, Ms. Karen, and Ms. Martha will be doing with our St. Andrew volunteers at Wednesday Afterschool Café. As a church, we want all parents and families to know what a delight it is to have you join us for dinner.

Take a night off of cooking and eat with us. This coming Wednesday is Taco (not Tuesday but) Wednesday!

And of course, it was so good to see NLC and church kids enjoying our Fishin' Day held on September 24th. NLC Board President and Men's Group leader Chris Butkus did a fantastic job organizing us for the event at church member, Charlie Trickey's house and pond. Jeff Kauffman, our WAC cook, made us delicious food. And there is simply no more profound delight than to see a child catch his or her very own first fish!!!!

Blessings on the NLC. Please know that you are always welcome to join in any and all of our activities at St. Andrew.

Yours in Christ's love,

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.

October 28th-29th—Times TBA—St. Andrew Holiday Festival: Ten Thousand Villages is coming to you! Get your holiday shopping done early at this pop-up sale hosted by St. Andrew. You will find a variety of handmade fair trade items, as well as items from local crafters.

October 29th—4:00-6:00pm—Music with a Cause featuring the Alan Saucedo Trio and Pianist Brian Ganz: All funds raised will benefit a local charity. Tickets \$20.

September at the NLC...





October 2017

Monthly Theme: Fall Fun

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship & Sunday School 10am	2	3 Chapel	4 First Day of Wednesday Afterschool Café (WAC)	5 Wear Orange Day	6 Music & Movement	7
8 Worship & Sunday School 10am	9 NLC CLOSED for Columbus Day	10 Chapel	11 WAC Music	12 Wacky Hair Day	13 Music & Movement	14
15 Worship & Sunday School 10am	16 Visit from Purcellville Volunteer Fire Dept. Truck 10:00am	17 Chapel Pre-K Fall Pumpkin Field Trip	18 WAC	19 Wear Wacky Clothes Day	20 Music & Movement	21 Parents' Night Out 5:30-9:00pm
22 Worship & Sunday School 10am	23 LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN	24 Chapel	25 WAC	26	27 Music & Movement Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30pm	28
29 Worship & Sunday School 10am	30	31 Chapel				

October 27th - Trunk or Treat - Come enjoy face painting, balloon twisting, a moon bounce, and (of course!) family friendly trick-or-treat in our parking lot. Free, and open to all!

October 27th-29th - 10,000 Villages Sale & Craft Show - Enjoy some early Christmas shopping while supporting artisans from around the world, and your own backyard! Times TBD.