

# Neighborhood News

*The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter*

## The Director's Corner

Greetings!

We want to thank the families and staff who attended St. Andrew's NLC Sunday on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. The NLC Choir sang, the WAC Children's Choir sang, and several of our NLC school agers helped lead worship. It was a *great* day of celebration and child friendly worship and again, thank you to all who were able to participate.

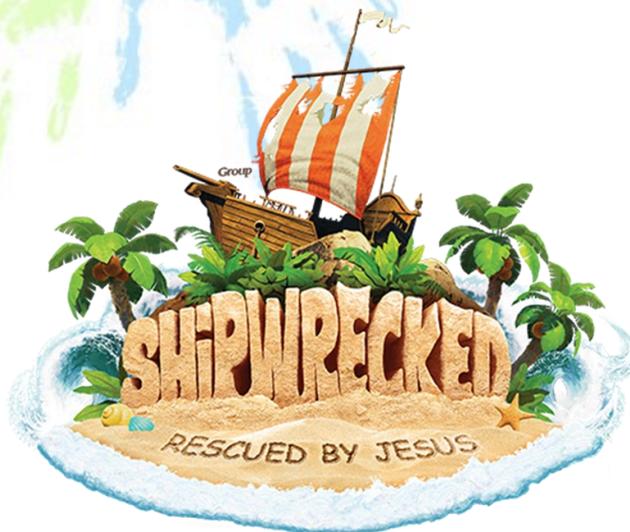
March is going to be a fun and busy month at the NLC! We will celebrate the craziness of Dr. Seuss on March 5<sup>th</sup> by dressing silly and enjoying some fun snacks for the day, and will enjoy St Patrick's Day a little early with a performance by the McGrath Irish Dance School at 4 pm on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The AcroKidz Bus is returning on March 13<sup>th</sup> for a 5-week fitness class on Tuesdays for those students who register. The preschool classes will be having Easter parties on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The school agers will enjoy Spring Break Camp with two field trips planned, and WAC will have their end of the year party on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with a trip to the Bush Tabernacle Skating Rink.

Summer is quickly approaching and we will be opening registration for our school age summer camps to the public. We will continue registration until each of the weeks reaches capacity. Please take a moment to decide which weeks you would like to attend. We are very excited about our Summer Camp program and hope you will choose to be a part of it.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

**SAVE the DATE!** St. Andrew will be hosting *Vacation Bible School* in the **evenings from June 24-28** starting with a family dinner each night. Children aged 3 years—5th grade are invited to attend. The theme will be Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus!



## March Highlights

**March 5**

Dr. Seuss Day—Wear Something **CRAZY!**

**March 12**

Visit from a Pilot at 10:00 am

**March 16**

Wear **GREEN!**  
Visit from McGrath Irish Dance at 4:00 pm

**March 17**

Parents' Night Out  
5:30—9:00 pm

**March 21**

Last Day of WAC—  
Celebration at Bush Tabernacle!

**March 26-29**

Spring Break Camp for School Agers—*Sign up!*

**March 29**

Class Easter Parties ~ 3:00 pm

**March 30**

**NLC CLOSED** for Good Friday

**March 13, 20, & 27**

Extracurricular AcroKidz—  
Optional—Additional Fee & Sign Up Required  
9:00 am

**Save the Date**

**April 1**—Easter; Services at Sunrise, 9 am & 11 am;  
**EASTER EGG HUNT & Pancake Breakfast** 10-11 am

**April 2**—LCPS Closed, NLC Open

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

## This Month at School...

March is a time to talk about Going Places! Of special note this month:

- Dr. Seuss Day is a great way to kick off the month, so **wear something CRAZY** on Monday the 5th!
- We are super excited to welcome Mr. Josh Shields, a **commercial airline pilot** and St. Andrew member on Monday the 12th at 10:00 am to talk about what it's like being a pilot. Talk about going places!
- **McGrath Academy of Irish Dance** will pay us a visit on Friday the 16th at 4:00 pm, just in time for St. Patrick's Day. We are especially glad that our school agers will get to see their fun and toe-tapping performance. Don't forget to **wear green!**
- Wednesday the 21st is our **last day of WAC** (Wednesday Afterschool Café) and we want to end the year with a **celebration off-site at Bush Tabernacle!** School agers will travel on our NLC buses to the Tabernacle after homework time for a skating and pizza party. Please be sure to sign the waiver forms so that your child can participate. Copies will be sent home several weeks prior to the party.
- We ask **preschool families** to indicate on the sign up outside their child's classroom whether their child will be **here during the week of Spring Break** so we can plan our staffing accordingly.
- Spring Break for LCPS will be the week of the 26th, and that means **Spring Break Camp for School Agers!** Running from the 26th through the 29th, plan on having your child join us for field trips to the Ida Lee Indoor Pool, and a Park & Picnic, as well as LOTS of in-house fun! Please sign up with your child's teacher.
- Class **Easter Parties** will be on the 29th around 3:00 pm. See the sign-ups outside the classrooms.
- The NLC will be **CLOSED** on Friday, March 30th, in observance of Good Friday.
- The children who visited the **AcroKidz** bus during February had a *blast!* If you would like to sign your child up for their optional, extracurricular, 5-week session, please see the article on page 5. (The NLC receives no benefit from your signup other than making a fun and healthy activity available to your child during their day with us.)

### Spring Break Camp for School Agers

Spring Break is literally right around the corner, and we have already planned great activities and field trips for our school agers! We will take a trip to the Ida Lee Indoor Pool, and will head to a local park for playground time and a picnic (weather permitting—bowling if it's not) as the temperatures start to warm and we look forward to more time outdoors!

In addition to field trips, in-house activities such as Easter and spring crafts, indoor and outdoor games and activities, making fudge and mixing up play-doh are all on the schedule!

**Sign up with your child's teacher!**

### WAC End-of-Year Celebration

Wednesday Afterschool Café comes to a close on the 21st and we want to mark the occasion—celebrating the friendships they've made and the faith that has grown! After homework time at the church, we will transport the kids via NLC bus to the Bush Tabernacle where they will be able to skate (quad skates and roller blades) and enjoy a pizza party! Pickup will be at the Bush Tabernacle. Additional details and waiver forms will be provided in the coming weeks.



# The Neighborhood Learning Center 2018 Summer Camp

## Register Now!

Every week a new theme encourages campers to explore and learn, all while having FUN! The kids stay active, whether going on the regular field trips or staying in-house enjoying activities and games led by our awesome Staff! Summer Camp is for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**June 18-22: SURF'S UP!** Get ready for a luau! Inspired by a Hawaiian beach party, this week we will dive into summer at both Volcano Island Water Park and the Franklin Park Pool. Our week of ocean-themed fun and exploration might lead us to explore questions like why the ocean tastes salty, or what lives on the ocean floor? This is the week we jump with both feet into these questions and more during our fun explorations, all topped off with – of course – an actual luau!

**June 25-29: ANIMAL PLANET!** Ever wonder why chameleons change colors, what materials birds use to build their nests, or why giraffes have purple tongues? We will find answers to these questions and more! We will visit the National Zoo in D.C., a local farm, and may even bring a petting zoo to us!

**July 02-06: PARTY IN THE USA!** As we celebrate our country's independence, we visit "For the Kids, By George" Children's Museum, inspired by the life of the young George Washington. Lots of patriotic activities including a cookout at a local park with our friends, a dip in the pool, and ice cream and apple pie fill the days. We will also hold a patriotic bike and scooter parade in the parking lot, followed by water play and popsicles!

**July 09-13: CREATIVE FRENZY!** From painting to sculpting to drawing and more, campers are encouraged to express their inner artists and let their imaginations soar all week long. To explore the beautiful world around us and let our creative juices flow we will take a trip to Skyline Caverns – truly God's canvas! –and will visit with a local artist. Cooling off in the pool might not be artistic, but it sure is a great way to enjoy the summer! Art show at the end of the week!

**July 16-20: PICTURE PERFECT!** Campers will explore the tools necessary to capture great photos and videos, as well as composition and attention to detail. Visiting Great Falls will be a great place for photos, and going to a movie will allow us to observe cinematography in action! We will add some of our photo projects to the art show we started the prior week.

**July 23-27: MEGA SPORTS!** This week we focus on fitness fun and experiencing a variety of different sports and games, both indoor and out. Campers can play familiar favorites like freeze tag and soccer, and can try some new sports and games, too (Quidditch, anyone?). Field trips to a bowling center and Sport Bounce of Loudoun are also on tap!

**July 30-Aug 03: BLOCK PARTY!** Dream it. Build it. Wreck it. Repeat! Campers will construct simple and elaborate objects, structures, and vehicles, using different materials. We'll build using items like Lego blocks, but also unusual materials such as paper and string, or even food items, all while exploring fundamental principles of engineering and physics. Field trips include a trip to Udvar-Hazy to learn about airplane engineering, and the National Building Museum in D.C.

**Aug 06-10: MAD SCIENTIST!** Get out your goggles, magnifying glasses, and microscopes! We will create fun experiments like building our own volcanoes, collecting items to grow in petri dishes and then checking them out under a microscope, and making our own crystals. Our scientific minds will be working overtime this week! Field trips include the Children's Science Center and walking the nature trail at Franklin Park to explore the local flora and fauna. And every mad scientist must experiment with what floats and what sinks by visiting a water park!

**Aug 13-16: OUR WACKY AND WET SUMMER!** Water, water everywhere, and everyone will get wet! Towels and swimsuits are a must every day this week as we have fun cooling off with water, both in house and out and about. We will head to the AV Symington Aquatic Center and Jay Dee's Family Fun Center's water park for our outings, and will enjoy fun water-themed games and activities in-house all week long.

**Aug 20-22: LAST LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER!** With 3 days of summer left before school starts, we will relax at the NLC and take one final trip to the local pool. Chalking up the sidewalks, having a bubble blowing frenzy, signing each other's summer camp tees, scrapbooking our summer adventures, making ice cream or getting comfy while we watch a movie or read a good book, this week will be the perfect end to an amazing summer! Rising Kindergartners will join the summer camp fun this week!



**To Register:**

- Complete your registration online at [www.tnlcenter.com](http://www.tnlcenter.com)
- Email your completed form to [info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com](mailto:info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com)
- Drop off (or mail) your completed form at our Center:  
711 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132

## 2018 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

**ATTEND 4 OR MORE FULL WEEKS AND RECEIVE \$10 OFF EACH WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP TUITION  
AND YOU MAY PAY THE CAMP RATE EACH WEEK OF THE CAMP ATTENDED!**

*Attend fewer than 4 full weeks and payment for all camps must be received in full on or before June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018*  
Space is limited. Registration will continue until each camp is full.

**SUMMER CAMP RATES**

- Full week (4 or 5 days) = \$235 per week
- Daily = \$60 per day (No Discounts for Daily Drop Ins)
- Non-refundable registration fee \$50 (Includes 2 shirts)
- Family discounts for multiple children
- \*Week of Aug 20 – 22 Summer Camp tuition is \$150. August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be charged at prorated School-Age Program rates

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Summer Camp is from 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- *Center Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.* Extended care available at no additional cost!
- Weekly tuition includes all activity fees!
- For some field trips, campers will need to pack a sack lunch. Parents will be notified in advance.

Select Your Camps	Circle Your Requested Days Per Week						Total Due
___ June 18 – 22	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ June 25 – 29	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 02 – 06	M	T	CLOSED	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 09 – 13	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 16 – 20	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 23 – 27	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ July 30 – Aug 03	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ Aug 06 – 10	M	T	W	TH	F		\$ _____
___ Aug 13 – 16	M	T	W	TH	CLOSED		\$ _____
___ *Aug 20 – 22	M	T	W	School Starts 8/23/18			\$ _____
<i>Non-refundable registration fee (includes two shirts)</i>						+	\$ 50.00

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

CHILD Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: (Circle) YXS YS YM YL AS

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***We accept checks, cash or weekly ACH Direct Debit for Summer Camp payments.***

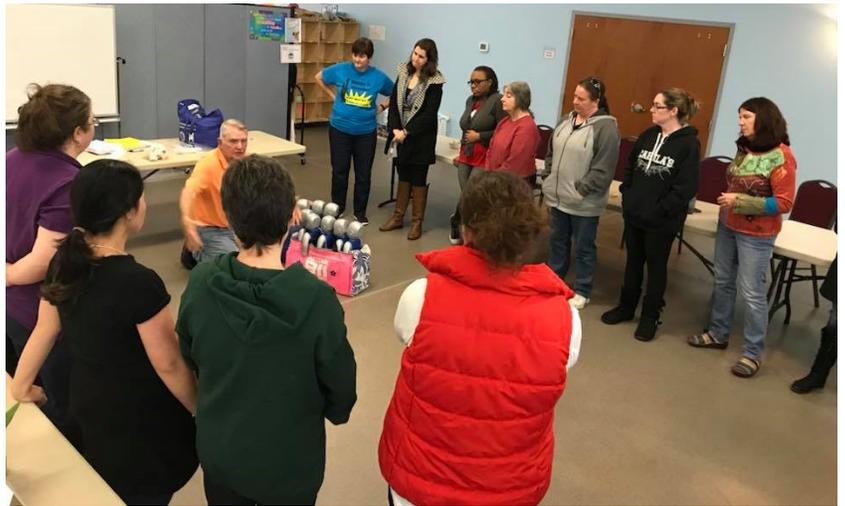
The \$50 registration fee must accompany this form to complete the registration process. Payment for ALL CAMPS must be received ***in full on or before June 5<sup>th</sup>***, unless your child is attending 4 or more full weeks and you wish to use the weekly payment option.

**CANCELLATION RESPONSIBILITIES:** YOU MUST CANCEL IN WRITING BY THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE WEEK YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE WEEK. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Thank you for your cooperation!

***I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above stated cancellation policy.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**While everyone else had the day off for President's Day, our amazing and dedicated staff came in for a Staff Development Day, including CPR/First Aid recertification.**



**Thank you to Purcellville Pediatric Dentistry for teaching us about caring for our teeth!**



**The Visit from the AcroKidz bus was FUN!**



## *AcroKidz*

AcroKidz is a full-sized school bus converted into a fun and safe gymnasium. It's padded and filled with fun equipment specifically designed for children ages 2-5. They will be bringing their bus to the NLC, weekly on Tuesdays to hold a 45-minute preschool age fitness and gymnastics class that includes fitness and basic gymnastics skill instruction. Sign your child up today, to ensure your spot!

**Visit [www.AcroKidz.net](http://www.AcroKidz.net) to register  
\$75 per 5-week session  
Starting March 13th at 9:00 am**



# Hello Parents of the Neighborhood Learning Center!



My name is Malloch Henderson and I am currently a Life Scout and a member of Boy Scout Troop 969. I have been an active member of St. Andrew Church for many years, so I felt it was only right to dedicate my Eagle Scout project to the Church.

I spoke with Session and the NLC Director about project ideas and they tasked me with finding a solution to help prevent children from tripping over the exposed tree roots in the playground. These exposed roots have caused many accidents like cuts and bruises on kid's arms and legs. My plan for the NLC playground (shown below) is to redo the current mulch area to make a larger play area for the kids. With that, I will also be constructing a wooden ark -shaped playground set for the kids to play on. There is an additional benefit to this project in that if you have been to the Church while it was raining, you know about the run-off and erosion problem that happens in the playground. With the proposed new mulch and ark playground area, I will be able to install a French drainage system underneath the mulch that will transport the water without eroding the land.

## I need YOUR help!

This project will make a big difference for your children and the NLC, however, I can't do it without you. The fundraising for this project is very important. The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$7,500.00. I really need monetary donations but donations of materials as any help fundraising would also be welcomed as well. I am grateful for any assistance I can get and I bet your kids will be, too!

If you would like to discuss a personal donation, or need a letter to submit for a corporate sponsorship, please let me know. You may contact me by email at: [mallochh900@yahoo.com](mailto:mallochh900@yahoo.com) or call me at 703-999-2276.

Thank you!

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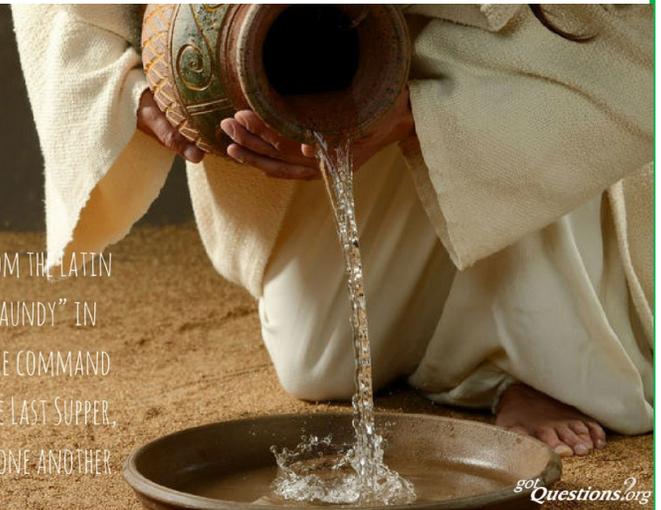


*Please join us during Holy Week*

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.

What is Maundy Thursday?

THE WORD MAUNDY IS DERIVED FROM THE LATIN WORD FOR "COMMAND." THE "MAUNDY" IN "MAUNDY THURSDAY" REFERS TO THE COMMAND JESUS GAVE TO THE DISCIPLES AT THE LAST SUPPER, THAT THEY SHOULD LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER.



On this Good Friday may we never forget the true meaning of Easter - For when He was on the cross, I was on His mind.



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ESTER SUNDAY - 1 APRIL 2018

## 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.

**March 18th—Music with a Cause Concert—Pianist Marianna Prjevalskaya—4:00 pm**—Praised by critics as “a grand pianist” (Il Cittadino, Italy) and a “master of piano” (Music Magazine ‘Auditorium’, Korea), Marianna Prjevalskaya performs as a recitalist and concerto soloist, and captivates audiences with emotional intensity, maturity, richness and beauty of tone. Proceeds to benefit Mobile Hope. Tickets \$20. Kids under 12 are free.

**March 25th—Palm Sunday—10:00 am Worship**

**March 29th—Maundy Thursday Family Worship Service—6:30-8:30 pm**—Join us for an intergenerational family service. Childcare will be provided for 0-3 year olds.

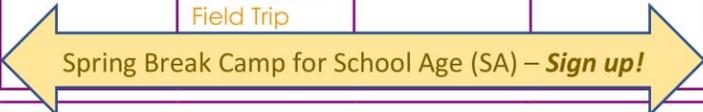
**March 30th—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Catoctin Presbyterian—7:00 pm**—Join us for a combined worship service with Catoctin Presbyterian Church at 15565 High St, Waterford.

**April 1st—Easter**

- **Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am**
- **Easter Service 9:00 am**
- **Pancake Breakfast 9:45 am**
- **Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am** (BYOB—Bring your own basket!)
- **Easter Service 11:00 am**

# March 2018

Monthly Theme: *Going Places*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>**Extracurricular AcroKidz – Available for 2s through pre-K, this optional class is available for additional fee, payable to AcroKidz. Ask for details!</b></p>				1	2 Music & Movement Dr. Seuss Day – Wear Something <b>CRAZY!</b>	3
4 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	5	6 Chapel	7 WAC Dinner: Inside Picnic Night at 5:45	8 Popcorn Lover's Day	9 Music & Movement	10
11 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	12 Visit from a Pilot at 10 am	13 Chapel Extracurricular – AcroKidz at 9 am	14 WAC Dinner: Leftover Smorgasbord at 5:45	15	16 Music & Movement Wear GREEN Day Visit from McGrath Irish Dance at 4 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Parents' Night Out 5:30 - 9:00
18 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	19	20 Chapel Extracurricular – AcroKidz at 9 am	21 Last Day of WAC – Celebration at Bush Tabernacle!	22	23 Music & Movement National Puppy Day	24
25 Palm Sunday Worship & Sunday School 10 am	26	27 Chapel Extracurricular – AcroKidz at 9 am SA – Ida Lee Indoor Pool Field Trip	28 SA – Park & Picnic Field Trip	29 Easter Class Parties ~ 3 pm	30 <b>NLC CLOSED Good Friday</b>	31
						

## Save the Dates!

- Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter! Services at Sunrise, 9 am, & 11 am; EASTER EGG HUNT & Pancake Breakfast 10-11 am
- Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – LCPS Closed, NLC Open
- Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day
- Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, & Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair