

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

We had a *fabulous* Spring Break Camp for our school agers with a trip to the pool, a trip to a park for a picnic, Easter Egg party and Egg Hunt, crafts, yummy food, and games. As summer quickly approaches, registration has begun for our Summer Camps for school agers, and our Summer School Age Camp Staff has begun planning some amazing experiences for your kids. Don't forget to register soon to save a spot!

The Acrokidz Bus was such a hit, we are inviting them to come back in the Fall to offer more classes. We will notify parents about the classes in late summer.

I also want to highlight the last week of April (23rd-27th). It will be busy with a Scholastic Book Fair, a Spring Concert by our Preschool children, and a fun Spring Picnic with food and lots of fun for all. We look forward to sharing these events with the families of the NLC!

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



April Highlights

April 1
Easter!

April 2
LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN

April 3 & 10
Extracurricular AcroKidz—Optional—Class is full and starts promptly at 9:00 am

April 5
National Dandelion Day

April 9
LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN

April 14
Parents' Night Out
5:30—9:00 pm

April 16
Picture Day—starts at 8:00 am with infants

April 22-27
Scholastic Book Fair
Sunday: 9:30—11:30 am
Monday-Friday: 6:30 am—6:30 pm

April 27
Arbor Day
Spring Concert 4:30 pm (preschool)
Spring Picnic 5:00—6:30 pm (all families)

April 28-29
All Church Retreat

Save the Date
May 7-11—Teacher Appreciation Week

June 24-28—Vacation Bible School (VBS) 5:45—8:15 pm

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

This Month at School...

During April, with Earth Day as our inspiration, we will focus on the theme “Amazing Earth,” with special attention to flowers, trees, the Earth, recycling, and how we can care for our planet.

- **LCPS will be closed** on both April 2nd and 9th, but the NLC is open for business as usual! If you’re the parent of a School Ager, be sure to sign your child up for School’s Out Camp if they will be joining us.
- The children who are signed up for the extracurricular, 5-week session on the **AcroKidz** bus will continue to meet on both April 3rd and 10th. Be sure to let us know how you like this activity so we can decide whether to offer it again next fall!
- **Picture Day** will be Monday, April 16th, starting at 8:00 am with the infants, and moving up through the classes by age. All children will have pictures taken, with the photos being made available online in the week or so following for any purchases. Sibling photos will be taken (if all siblings agree to cooperate!), as will class photos. There is **NO OBLIGATION** to purchase photos.
- We are **SUPER** excited to have our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** this month! Look below for more details.
- Spring will be welcomed in with song and fun times on the 27th with our **Spring Concert and Picnic**. Please see below for details.

Spring Concert & Picnic—Friday, April 27th

Spring has sprung, and we want to **CELEBRATE!** Preschool families are invited to join us for a sweet concert at 4:30 pm. ALL students and families are invited to join us for a Spring Picnic on the playground from 5:00-6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather). Be sure to sign up outside your child’s classroom door to bring a potluck item to share, and come ready to have **FUN** with your child! Please note, children are only allowed to attend the picnic in the company of their parent/guardian, so pick them up in their room to bring them outside. In addition to yummy food, we will have a moon bounce and other entertainment for the kiddos. See you then!

Scholastic Book Fair

Sunday, April 22nd from 9:30—11:30 am

Monday—Friday, April 23rd—27th during school hours

A Scholastic Book Fair gives the school Scholastic Dollars to spend on books, Read-Along Books with audio CDs, STEM materials, technology and equipment, furniture, and so much more! The more we sell, the higher the percentage we receive in Scholastic Dollars.

- You can **shop the Fair ONLINE** from **April 18 through May 1st ONLY!** All orders placed before the Fair begins, through the first day of the in-school Fair, will be shipped during Book Fair week. All orders placed from the second day of the in-school Fair, through the end of the online shopping period, will be delivered after the Online Fair concludes.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/neighborhoodlearningcenter>

- Be sure to locate the **“Classroom Wish List Board”** where you have the opportunity to purchase books right off the teachers’ wish lists!
- **Parent Volunteers are needed** in the late afternoons/early evenings to help with sales, and to help set up and tear down. Please visit the school’s Book Fair link (above) to sign up!

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 1st through 5th 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
- Email your completed form to 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 5th, 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 23rd and 24th 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 5th***, 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: _____

St. Patrick's Day fun abounded at the NLC this year! If you haven't yet viewed it, you MUST visit the Facebook page and watch the video of our Bird's Nest class discovering that a leprechaun had worked some mischief in their classroom!



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 or call me at 703-999-2276.

Thank you!

Before:

After:



The Pastor's Epistle: Finding Our Place at the Table

I wish every meal shared at a table could be a good one. The truth be told, in many households, families may rarely eat at a table at all! Too many distractions and busy schedules have led us on a detour so that we have lost the healthy practices of eating together while sharing stories about our day as we build and nurture bonds that will sustain us throughout our lives.

In the story I will tell on Easter Sunday, the risen Jesus joins two disciples walking away from Jerusalem to a place called Emmaus. The two disciples are weighed down under the burden of their loss so they didn't even recognize the stranger who joined them on their journey. Nevertheless, his questions and talk about God's promises so touched and challenged them that they invited him to supper when they arrived at their village.

So, they sat down to eat. And that's when Jesus took the bread and blessed it, and broke it, giving it to them. The action, familiar from the Passover meal and from the Last Supper, led to their eyes being opened. And at the meal, at the table, they recognized him.

This being my 33rd year as a pastor, I'm not sure why I get so excited to be a part of the repeated Easter drama. If you don't know by now, because my three kids all went to the University of Michigan, I'm a big Wolverine fan. Excited because Michigan will actually be playing in the Final Four of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, our oldest son, who lives in Austin, invited me to abandon Easter services to join him for the Saturday night game. He thought that would present me with a tough choice. I said, "It's no choice at all, but I am free on Monday if they

win and go to the championship game!"

As is true every year, I am glad to be among those whose eyes are open and who see that the risen Jesus is among us. And it's not by accident this revelation happens at a table. The resurrection is meant not just to be a miracle, but it began a movement that is numbered by those who sit at the table with Jesus and one another. In some practical way, we don't know the resurrection of Jesus unless we eat and drink with those who witness the news of that new life in their experiences.

Throughout the Season of Easter, we will be talking about "Finding Our Place at the Table." My sermons will recall other stories in the Bible about shared meals, and we will have plenty of opportunities to experience table fellowship. On Saturday, April 14th, we have an appetizers mixer that will take us to one another's homes. The weekend of April 28th and 29th, we have a chance to get to know one another better through a Serve Saturday opportunity followed by our All Church Retreat with its theme: "Rooted in Love and Growing Together." With lots of time for games and walks and meals together we will conclude our weekend with 10:30 am worship and a meal. For those who wish only to come to the Sunday worship, our two busses will be ready to take you to Camp Highroad (near Aldie) at 10:00 am.

A blessed Easter to you. Walk with Jesus. Find him opening your eyes to his presence and purpose as you join in.

Yours with an appetite,



Pastor Dave Milam

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.

April 1st—Easter—Worship at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, & 11:00 am. Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast 10—11 am.

April 22nd—Music with a Cause Concert—International Blues Recording Artist Daryl Davis—7:00 pm—Daryl Davis has worked with Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, Chuck Berry, The Legendary Blues Band, Percy Sledge, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Coasters, The Platters, The Drifters, and many

others. Proceeds to go to NAACP Loudoun Education Fund. Tickets \$20. Kids 17 and under are free.

April 14th—Potluck Appetizer Event—6:00 pm—Come One, Come All to the Church Appetizer Social! Bring an appetizer and meet at the Church @ 6:00 pm. We will split up into groups and go to various member's houses for an evening of socializing. Sign up at the front table, or contact Leslie Dragon.

April 28-29th—All Church Spring Retreat—Join us at Camp Highroad for a fun-filled retreat that will focus on building the inter-personal foundations of our growing congregation! Registration fees include activities & meals on Saturday and Sunday and a retreat t-shirt! The low challenge/team building course is available for Grades 6-12 on Saturday for an additional fee. Register at the front table in the main entry.

April 2018

Monthly Theme: Amazing Earth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER! (See Notes section for details on services & events)	2 LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN	3 Extracurricular – AcroKidz at 9 am	4	5 National Dandelion Day	6 Music & Movement	7
8 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	9 LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN	10 National Library Workers' Day Chapel Extracurricular – AcroKidz at 9 am	11	12	13 Music & Movement	14 Parents' Night Out 5:30 - 9:00
15 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	16 Picture Day 8:00 am, starts with infants	17 Visit from Loudoun County Master Gardeners	18	19	20 Music & Movement	21
22 Earth Day Worship & Sunday School 10 am Scholastic Book Fair 9:30-11:30	23	24 Chapel	25	26	27 Arbor Day Music & Movement Spring Concert & Picnic*	28 Serve Saturday & All Church Retreat at Camp Highroad**
29 All Church Retreat at Camp Highroad**	30					

← Scholastic Book Fair! →

April 1st - EASTER - Sunday, April 1st - Easter! Services at Sunrise (7 am), 9 am, & 11 am;
EASTER EGG HUNT & Pancake Breakfast 10-11 am
 *April 27th - Spring Concert at 4:30 pm for preschool only; Picnic 5:00-6:30 pm for all students & families
 **April 28th-29th - All Church Retreat at Camp Highroad! See registration form in front entry. On Sunday, NLC buses will transport anyone who wants to attend Sunday the morning worship service.
 Save the Date! Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 7th through the 11th!