

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Greetings Parents!

I hope you are enjoying the summer.

The NLC children have been very busy the past several weeks. We have had a Luau party, seen some amazing animals courtesy of Wildlife Ambassadors, and enjoyed class water days. So far this summer, our school agers have visited a farm, the DC Zoo, a water park, a pool, AND a bowling alley. Our Pre-K children have also visited several parks and have eaten fresh veggies from their very own garden. They've even been able to track the progress of "Finn," their very own monarch butterfly, who they have watched grow from a caterpillar, to the chrysalis stage, to a full butterfly! *If you have not yet had a chance, check out the photographs on our "NLC – The Neighborhood Learning Center" Facebook page and be sure to "Like" us so you can receive notice of future photos and announcements.* Lots more FUN activities have also been planned for July.

Renovation to the basement will begin on Monday, July 9. Construction of our new Infant room will begin on July 30 which I thought was appropriate since July 30 begins Block Party Week and it is all about building things! Our goal is to have everything ready before our Meet and Greet the Teachers on August 17. The NLC new school year will begin on August 20, three days before LCPS starts on August 23. Because of our expansion we will be adding both another Infant Teacher and Pre-K teacher to our staff in August. We are accepting resumes and interviewing in July—please let us know if you have anyone you would recommend.

We are looking forward to the upcoming school year with our Updated "Ark" playground, a new Pre-K suite downstairs, updated afterschool rooms downstairs, and an additional Infant room upstairs. It's been an exciting summer so far at the NLC, with lots more excitement to come—thank you for being a part of it!

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

July Highlights

July 4

NLC CLOSED for 4th of July

July 6

Giant Waterslide for older children

Collection of annual re-registration fee

July 13

Art Show displaying art created by older campers

July 20

Photo Show displaying photos taken by older campers

July 21

Parents' Night Out
5:30—9:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE:

August 17

NLC CLOSED for Teacher Workday

Teacher Meet & Greet
3:00—5:00 pm

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

Annual Re-Registration Fee

The annual re-registration fee of \$55 per child will be applied the week of July 6th.

This Month at School...

Over the summer we do things a little differently, with a theme every week rather than for the month. There are so many awesome things to explore over the summer that we just can't limit ourselves! Of note:

- The **NLC will be CLOSED** on Wednesday, July 4th. We wish everyone a safe and happy celebration!
- On Friday, July 6th (weather permitting), to wrap up our "Party in the USA week," we will have a **giant waterslide** for our older children to enjoy, and they are also invited to bring their bikes and scooters to ride in a marked off section of the parking lot.
- The week of the 8th is going to be a "Creative Frenzy," complete with a visiting artist who will lead workshops on several different days. Be sure to visit our **Art Show** on Friday the 13th, displaying all of the fun art projects the campers made during this week of creativity.
- A **Photography Show** on Friday the 20th will display the fun photos our campers took during this "Picture Perfect" week.
- Don't forget to sign up for **Parents' Night Out**, which will be held on Saturday the 21st from 5:30—9:00.
- Several field days for various ages will be held during the week of the 22nd, which is perfect for the theme of "Fitness/Sports." A yoga class and a Zumba class will also be on the rotation! Your child's teacher will provide details.

Pardon our Dust!

Renovations on the basement begin the first week of July, with construction continuing through the month. Later in the month there will be a week when the pre-K class will share the Fellowship Hall with the School Agers as we play "musical rooms" during the construction of the new Infant room upstairs. Ultimately the pre-K class AND the school agers will relocate to the newly renovated basement but in the meantime we ask for your patience. You'll also see construction vans, etc. in front of the building and ask your patience as we expand our program!

Renovation Donations

We are so excited and grateful that we achieved our \$75,000 fundraising goal so quickly! An additional \$20,000 in donations is needed to fully complete the renovation. We have a very generous donor who is willing to donate \$10,000 if we can raise matching funds. We currently have raised ~\$4,000 so truly **only need \$6,000 more!!** If you are able to help in this way in any amount we are very thankful. We are hoping to achieve our goal by July 15th. Please speak with Ms. Jo Anna or Ms. Lorie with questions or to make a donation.

Alternate School Bus Pickup/Dropoff Requests

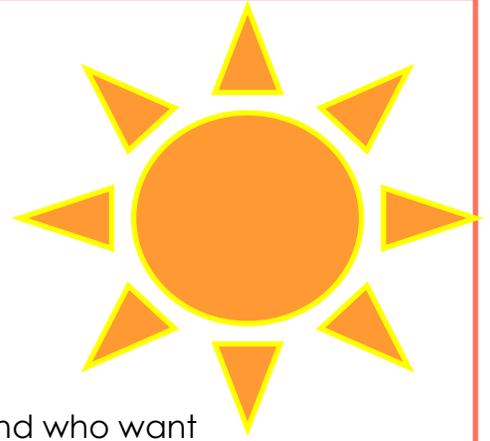
For our School Age Before/After School Care families, please see the following information from LCPS:

- ⇒ Between June 22nd and July 13th, parents or guardians can request alternate locations for the students to be picked up in the morning or dropped off in the afternoon by LCPS buses. Requests for alternative stops must be at a location within the attendance area of the student's school assignment.
- ⇒ To make this request, parents must use the Student Information menu in ParentVUE. After selecting "Edit Information," parents can enter the requested bus stop location and acknowledge the conditions in ParentVUE. If you have more than one student for whom you are seeking an alternative pick-up or drop-off point, you will have to make a ParentVUE request for each student. Requests are reviewed by Transportation Services staff on a case-by-case basis. Parents and the student's school will be notified by email regarding the status of the request.
- ⇒ Requests placed after July 13th will not be finalized until all routes have been adjusted following the start of school in early October. This is the time needed to adjust and finalize routes after school starts. If you have any questions regarding requesting alternate bus stops, please contact Transportation Services at <https://webinter.lcps.org/ConcernRegistry/>.

June brought warm weather and lots of smiles as we kicked the summer off in style!



COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM



Calling all high schoolers who **love kids** and who want to get some real-life **job experience**, all while **earning volunteer hours!**

- ◇ Come volunteer at The Neighborhood Learning Center to assist as a CIT in our school age Summer Camp which serves rising 1st – 5th graders!
- ◇ Each week you'll help chaperone field trips to fun places like the pool, local parks, and museums, AND you'll get to help assist at the Center with activities such as Arts & Crafts, Games, and even Science Experiments!
- ◇ You'll get a chance to shadow our experienced teachers, see what it's like to work in the childcare industry, earn some experience that will look great on your resume, and as you get older you'll be ready to step into a paid Camp Counselor role! Not to mention **have fun** with the kids!

When: Starting the week of June 18th through the week of August 13th. Sign up for one week, two weeks, or more! Camp hours are 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

Where: The Neighborhood Learning Center is located inside St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in scenic Purcellville, Virginia.

Who: If you're a rising 9th through 12th grader who loves kids and who wants to see what it's like working with them, give being a CIT a try! It's also a great program for earning volunteer hours.

Apply: Fill out a program application, which includes providing references, and submit it to Director Jo Anna Rich at joanna@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com. Once your application is received, we'll schedule an interview with our Director and Camp Leader to get to know you, and to give you some real-life experience in what it's like to go on a job interview. Pick up your application from Jo Anna.

What's Next: If you're chosen, you'll come to a training session at the start of the summer, so you'll be ready to jump right in!

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: _____

Vacation Bible School was a BLAST this year! Thanks to everyone who joined us!



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.

Sunday, July 22nd—All Church Picnic & Baseball Game—5:00 pm—We will be joining together with Holy & Whole Life Changing Ministries of Lansdowne for a fun time with lots of great food and fellowship! The picnic will be followed by the 7:00 pm Purcellville Cannons baseball game. Come join us at Fireman's Field!

Saturday, July 28th—Trustee Workday—Everyone is invited to lend a hand around the church. Many hands make light work! Time and details to come.

July 2018



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Party in the USA	1 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	2 PK * - Rust Sanctuary 9:30 JC & SC Fun Outdoors! Picnic & Games	3 JC & SC Berryville Pool 11:15	4 NLC CLOSED for 4th of July	5 JC & SC Oatlands 10:15	6 GIANT WATER SLIDE Bikes & Scooters out front	7
Creative Frenzy	8 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	9 PK * - Christianson Familyland Park 9:30	10 JC Skyline Caverns 9:00 Visiting Artist Class 3:00	11 SC Skyline Caverns 9:00 Visiting Artist Class 3:00	12 JC & SC Franklin Park Pool 11:45 Visiting Artist Class 3:00	13 ART SHOW displaying all School Age art from the week	14
Picture Perfect	15 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	16 PK - Cobb Theatre (Ferdinand) 9:00 (COST \$8 for Snack Pack)	17 JC & SC Cobb Theatre (Ferdinand) 9:00	18 JC Great Falls Park 11:00	19 SC Great Falls Park 11:00	20 PHOTO SHOW displaying all School Age photos from the week	21 Parents' Night Out 5:30 - 9:00
Fitness/Sports	22 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	23 PK - Bowling Winchester 11:15 JC & SC Yard Games - Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball Yoga Class	24 JC Sport Bounce 10:00	25 SC Sport Bounce 10:30	26 JC Bowling Winchester 11:15 SC FIELD DAY Zumba Class	27 SC Bowling Winchester 11:15 JC FIELD DAY	28
Block Party	29	30	31 JC & SC Udvar-Hazy 9:00	Annual registration fee will be collected on July 6th			

- **Field Trips:** JC - Junior Campers; SC - Senior Campers; PK - Pre-Kindergarten; * - Pack a Lunch for Field Trip; Times listed are departure times; See full camp schedule for details - **Field Trips SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
 - **SAVE THE DATE** - NLC will be **CLOSED Friday, August 17th** for a Teacher Workday, but we will be holding a **Meet & Greet Teachers from 3:00 - 5:00 pm** that day. **New School Year begins August 20th.**
 - **Basement Renovation begins the week of July 8th.**
 - **Construction of new Infant Room begins the week of July 29th. Opening Day for the new Infant Room will be August 20th**