

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Hello!

Welcome to September at the NLC—we are so excited about the beginning of our new school year! With the completion of our Basement Renovation project we have expanded our four year old program, our school age program, AND our infant program. Thank you for your support and patience throughout our growing season!

We are also excited about the addition of extracurricular programs at the NLC. These are classes that are held at the NLC but not taught by NLC staff. Please see the articles in this newsletter with details about the classes and how to sign up. In addition to extracurriculars, the NLC also has our own special classes. All of the NLC kids (infants—Pre-K) have Music and Movement with Ms. Rachel on Wednesday mornings, and the two-year olds through Pre-K will attend Chapel with Pastor Dave on Tuesdays beginning Sept 11.

We listened to our Spring Parent Surveys and will be having Class Picnics the last week in September. Parents wanted smaller classroom picnics to get to know one another so please look for more information coming soon.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



September Highlights

September 6

Read a Book Day

Wee Little Arts Demo Class for 3s and up—afternoon

September 9

Fall Sunday School Begins

Dedication of Basement Renovations

September 13, 20, 27

AcroKidz Bus 9:45 am
Registration Required—see article on page 3

September 14

Soccer Bugs Demo Class for 3s through school age—see page 3 for details

September 15

Parents' Night Out
5:30—9:00 pm

September 18

National Cheeseburger Day

September 20, 27

Wee Little Arts Classes
Registration Required—see article on page 3

September 21

World Gratitude Day

September 21, 28

Soccer Bugs Classes
Registration required—see page 3 for details

September 26

Johnny Appleseed Day

Week of September 24

Class Picnics—more info to come!

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

This Month at School...

During September we are learning all about going back to school—our classroom and rules, our teachers, sharing all about ourselves, and making new friends!

- **Music & Movement** classes with Ms. Rachel start up again this month. She visits each classroom on Wednesday mornings.
- **Chapel** with Pastor Dave also resumes this month. He meets with each class (2s and older) in the church sanctuary on Tuesday mornings.
- Please see the articles on page 3 regarding **AcroKidz**, **Wee Little Arts**, and **Soccer Bugs**. We are so excited to bring these fully optional extracurricular activities to your children.
- St. Andrew will be starting **Fall Sunday School** on the 9th, and will also **dedicate the new basement renovations**. We hope you can join us at 10 am!
- Don't forget to sign up for **Parents' Night Out**, which will be held on Saturday the 15th from 5:30—9:00.
- In response to feedback in last spring's Parent Survey, we are trying something new this year! Parents indicated that they wanted the opportunity to mingle and get to know the other parents in their child's class(es) during a smaller, more intimate gathering than the all-school Fall Picnic. So we will be holding some **Fall Class Picnics** the week of September 24th. We are still fleshing out the details, and more information will be provided as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!

The Thirty-One fundraiser was a HUGE success! The official winners of the classroom competition are....drumroll please....**Busy Bees and Hummingbirds!** They will be having a pizza party to celebrate in the near future. Each class that had sales will purchase items for their classroom with their portion of the sale proceeds.

THANK you to Ms. Megan Ensor for hosting this awesome opportunity!



Reminders...

- ♦ If you have not yet turned in your child's paperwork, please do so
- ♦ Ensure a change of seasonally appropriate clothes is in your child's cubby
- ♦ Don't leave cars running during drop-off if nobody is in the car
- ♦ Never leave a child unattended in your car
- ♦ **Label EVERYTHING!!**

Referral Credits

You can earn \$75 for every family you refer who enrolls their child(ren)! Also, if we missed providing a deserved referral credit—please let us know. We are very appreciative and would hate to overlook anyone!

OPTIONAL Extracurricular Classes

Soccer Bugs (Birds, Owls, & School Age)

We are more than just a ball and a great coach. We are a stepping stone in the growth of your child. Our program combines soccer with child development techniques as a catalyst to progress your child's fine & gross motor skills, cognitive thinking, and social skills.

Free demo classes for all Birds, Owls, and After School kids on Friday, September 14th.

If you decide to sign your child up, classes will be offered on Friday afternoons from September 21st through November 9th with final class times to be determined based on signups. The demo classes will be held:

Birds: 3:00 pm—3:30 pm

Owls: 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

K-5th Grades: 4:00 pm—4:30 pm

Cost of 8-week session: \$120

To learn more, visit mysoccerbugs.com. Additional information about how to register will be sent home on the 14th.

AcroKidz (Busy Bees, Hummingbirds, Birds, & Owls)

AcroKidz is a full-sized school bus converted into a safe and fun gymnasium. Our bus is padded and filled with fun equipment specifically designed for children ages 2-5. We will be coming to The Neighborhood Learning Center weekly on Thursdays to hold a 45-minute preschool age fitness and gymnastics class that includes fitness and basic gymnastics skill instruction.

**Thursdays from 9:45 am—10:30 am
September 13th through October 11th**

Cost of 5-week session: \$75

To register, visit <https://www.acrokidz.net/product-page/neighborhood-learning-center>

Wee Little Arts (Birds, Owls, and School Age)

We are pleased to offer this class to our three-year olds all the way up through school age! During this 8-week session, students are exposed to the basics of art education. Art history and children's literature will play a major role in introducing the simple, yet necessary, elements of line, shape, color, and texture. In Wee Little Arts, students are exposed to a variety of safe, high quality materials which foster their imagination to think "outside the box."

Free demo classes on Thursday, September 6th: Birds, Owls, and School Age

If you decide to sign your child up, classes will be offered on Thursdays from September 18th through November 6th

Birds & Owls: 2:45 pm—3:30 pm

K-5th Grades: 3:45 pm—4:30 pm

Cost of 8-week session: \$144

To register, visit www.weelittlearts.com

Who's new at the NLC?

Help us welcome our new staff members!

Kim – *Pre-K Teacher*

Kim has worked in the childcare field for over 20 years and her primary experience is with Pre-K programs, though she also has extensive experience with school-aged children. She has completed her Early Childhood Education coursework at both Lord Fairfax Community College and JMU. She is certified in CPR/First Aid, and has MAT (Medication Administration Training) Certification.



Amanda—*Afterschool Teacher*

Amanda completed her degree in Economics at University of Mary Washington and is now working on her Masters Degree. Throughout college she has been a leader in the University PEER Program, mentoring and guiding first-year students. She was also a part of class council and student government.

Scotty—*Afterschool Assistant Teacher*

Scotty recently graduated from Loudoun Valley High School and is looking forward to enlisting into the United States Air Force.



Danya—*Infant Assistant Teacher*

Danya's passion for education began while homeschooling her own children. She has educated children through cooperative teaching grades Pre-K through 8th grades, as well as tutoring reading and spelling, helping special needs children with their neurodevelopment exercises, and working in early education day care centers.

Ruth Romero—*Infant Assistant Teacher*

Ruth graduated from Clarke County High School. She has been a volunteer with her church's youth and children ministries for many years.



The Pastor's Epistle:

Amazing! Stupendous!

Have you heard? This is your invitation. This is your chance to join in on the party!

On Sunday, September 9th, we are having a celebration of the building renovations done over the summer. A LOT was done – and in a very short amount of time! It is all looking very beautiful. And the building is back in full use with the start of a new school year.

Headed up primarily by the Trustees and the Neighborhood Learning Center (NLC) Board and their leaders Josh Shields and Chris and Meagan Butkus, our downstairs has been transformed

into a wonderful space for Sunday School, the preschool and afterschool programs of the Neighborhood Learning Center and a great place for community groups and meetings of various kinds. In addition, upstairs, the choir now has a dedicated space and storage has been added to the Fellowship Hall. A new room has also been made for infants.

You did it! We did it!

Our wonderful Rev. Jo Anna Rich has observed that our young families have made the space into a place where their kids could grow through childhood into and through their youth years. Amen to that. And thanks to all who envisioned, planned, gave, lent, supervised, worked, and trusted to see this job through to completion.

Jesus talks about a woman who loses one of her ten coins. Upset, she cleans and sweeps her entire house until she finds it again – and then she invites all her neighbors and

friends over to have a party! Funny, the joy and thrill of celebrating was so important to her that I could imagine that she spent all of those ten coins for the celebration! But that's what our chief end is all about – to give thanks to God and enjoy God's goodness forever.



Make sure to be at worship on Sunday, September 9th to celebrate. This is also our first day of Fall Sunday School. Stay afterwards for tours and for cake!

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Dave

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.

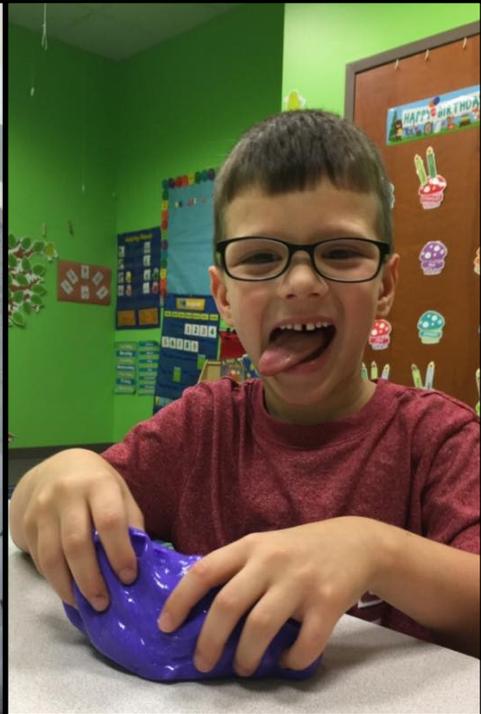
Ongoing Wednesdays—Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm—All are welcome, come sing with us!

Sunday, September 9th—Fall Sunday School Begins & Dedication of Newly Renovated Basement

Saturday, September 15th—Appetizer Social—6:00—9:00 pm—Get together with some congregation members who you don't always get a chance to chat with! Two to three hosts will open their houses for the evening. Meet at church at 6:00 pm and bring an appetizer. Draw a number and that's the house you will go to for the evening. Host houses will be only a few minutes drive from church. Sign up in the church entryway!

4 weeks, Starting Sunday, September 30th—Adult Sunday School—9:00—10:00 am—A 4-week discussion of Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. In response to the National Capitol Presbytery's call to the DC Metro congregations to "engage in edifying discussions so that we could dismantle racism as a part of our Christian commitment."

In August we had several weeks of Summer Camp fun before turning the page to the new school year!





September 2018 Theme: Back to School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fall Class Picnics – Join your child’s class families for a fun potluck picnic on the playground! Each class will meet on a different afternoon/evening. Details to be provided!						1
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Of Note...

- Wee Little Arts – 3-year old classes and older. Registration required.
- AcroKidz – 2-year old classes and older. Registration required.
- Soccer Bugs – 3-year old classes and older. Registration required.