

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

This Month's Highlights

- April 1**
LCPS Closed, NLC OPEN
- April 8**
Picture Day—Starts at 8 am with infants
- April 13**
Parents' Night Out 5:30—9:00
- April 15—18**
LCPS Closed—Spring Break Camp for School Ageds
- April 18**
Easter Class Parties
- April 19**
NLC CLOSED for Good Friday
- April 21**
EASTER—9:45 Pancake Breakfast; 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt; Worship 9:00 & 11:00
- April 22**
Visitors from Mac Brownell Adult Day Center to Owls
- April 28—May 3 & May 5**
Scholastic Book Fair
- Sunday worship and Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 am*

The Director's Corner

Greetings!

April showers bring May flowers, and summer is not far behind! **Summer camp registration for rising kindergartners through rising 6th graders is NOW OPEN.** Every week will follow a different theme ranging from "Brain Games" to "STEM Squad," and even "Game Changer." In-house activities and weekly field trips keep campers active and their minds working. Oh, and did I mention they'll be having a ton of **FUN**? Please visit our website for more details and to print a registration form, or stop by the Front Desk. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon. Bring a friend!

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich



Extracurriculars

(optional classes for extra fee)

Mondays in April
Mercier School of Dance

Tuesdays in April
Brainiacs

Thursdays in April
Wee Little Arts
AcroKidz

April Staff Birthday
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This Month at School...

April showers bring May flowers, and a time to explore our Amazing Earth!

- **LCPS is closed** on Monday, April 1st, but the NLC will be open. School age parents—sign up for a school's day out camp day!
- Mark your calendar for Monday, April 8th—it's **Picture Day!** We kick off at 8:00 am with the infants, working up through the classes by age. Sibling photos will be taken if possible. Afterwards, we will provide you with an online code to view your child's photos and purchase any you might want.
- **Parents' Night Out** is on Saturday the 13th from 5:30—9:00 pm—sign up at the Front Desk.
- School age parents—sign up for **Spring Break Camp** from the 15th through the 18th—LCPS might be closed but the NLC is open! Ms. Karen has a week of FUN field trips and activities planned!
- The **NLC will be CLOSED** on Friday, April 19th, in observance of Good Friday.
- The Owls class will receive their monthly **visit from the Mac Brownell Adult Day Center** on the 22nd.
- **Family Nights** will be on Wednesdays, April 3rd and 10th, with the 10th being a pizza party night to conclude the winter session of gatherings. Come join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by activities and programming for all ages, children through adults, with events concluding by 7:15pm. Family members of all ages are welcome for this free fellowship event sponsored by St. Andrew.

Extracurricular Activities (optional, available for an additional fee)

- ♦ **Wee Little Arts** will continue classes every Thursday for the Birds, Owls, and School Agers. Visit weelittlearts.com to register.
- ♦ The **Acrokidz Bus** will continue visits on Thursdays for our preschoolers 2s and older. Visit www.acrokidz.net to register.
- ♦ The **Mercier School of Dance** will continue their Creative Movement and Ballet & Tap Classes on Mondays. Visit mercierschoolofdance.com to register.
- ♦ **Brainiacs STEM Center** will start their Spring Into STEM series this month, available to Birds, Owls, and School Agers on Tuesday afternoons. Visit www.brainiacs-stem.com for information about Brainiacs.

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, April 29th—Friday, May 3rd, and Sunday morning May 5th

- The Book Fair will be open during NLC hours, and on Sunday morning before and after worship.
- Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.
- An online fair will also be available so you can shop from the comfort of your computer!
- Classroom wish lists will be available if you'd like to purchase a book or two for your child's class.

Stock up for summer reading!

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!

Easter at St. Andrew! April 21st

9:45 Pancake Breakfast

10:15 Easter Egg Hunt

Worship at 9:00 & 11:00

All are welcome to join us and celebrate—He is risen!

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated a day late at the NLC, but there was lots of wearing o' the green, among lots of other fun goings on around the NLC!



The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for April 2019

Whole milk is served to children under 2 and 2% milk is served to all others. Menus are subject to change.

*May contain eggs **May contain wheat ^May contain milk ^^May contain soy

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	Blueberry Muffin^^/**/*/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Yogurt^ Blueberries Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	Spaghetti^^/**/*/^ Salad^/* Fruit Milk LCPS CLOSED!!	Chicken Quesadilla^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk	Pork BBQ^^/**/*/^ Chips^^/** Fruit Milk	Beans^^/** Hot Dogs^^/** Fruit Milk	Meatballs^^/**/*/^ Gravy^^/** Mashed Potatoes^/^^/**/* Fruit Milk
	Snack	Goldfish^^/**/*/ Raisins^^/** Water	<u>Toddlers</u> Crackers^^/**/*/^ Cheese Sticks^ <u>2s & Up</u> Sliced Apples Cheese Sticks^ Water	Vanilla Pudding^^/**/*/ Vanilla Wafers^^/**/*/^ Water	Graham Crackers^^/**/*/^ Water	Veggie Straws^^/**/*/ Water
WEEK 2	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	English Muffin^^/**/*/ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Yogurt^ Granola^^/**/*/ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	Ham & Cheese Wrap^^/**/*/^ Sun Chips^^/** Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwich^^/**/*/ Tomato Soup^^/** Fruit Milk	Chicken Noodle Casserole^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk	Variety Lunch^^/**/*/^ Veggie^^/** Fruit Milk	Lasagna^^/**/*/ Salad^ Fruit Milk
	Snack	Animal Cookies^^/**/*/ Cheese Sticks^ Water	Graham Crackers**/**/*/^ Bananas Water	Veggie Straws^^/** Water	Pepperoni^^/**/*/ Cheese^ Crackers^^/**/*/^ Water	Fig Newtons^^/**/*/ Applesauce Cups Water
WEEK 3	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	Apple Cinnamon Bars^^/**/*/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Waffles^^/**/*/^ Milk	NLC
	Lunch	Pizza Party Day! Salad^ Fruit Milk LOUDOUN COUNTY	Chicken Nuggets^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk PUBLIC SCHOOLS	BBQ Chicken^^/**/*/^ Chips^^/** Fruit Milk SPRING	Mac N Cheese^^/**/*/^ Green Beans Fruit Milk BREAK!!	CLOSED FOR
	Snack	Vanilla Pudding^ Vanilla Wafers^^/**/*/ Water	Cheese^ Crackers^^/** Water	<u>Toddlers</u> Graham Crackers^^/**/*/^ <u>2s & Up</u> Chex Mix^^/**/*/ Water	Fig Newtons^^/**/*/ Yogurt^ Water	GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 4	Breakfast	Cereal^^/** Milk	English Muffin^^/**/*/ Jelly^^/** Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk	Waffles^^/**/*/^ Milk	Cereal^^/** Milk
	Lunch	Fish^^/**/*/^ Corn Fruit Milk	Open Face Chicken^^/**/*/^ Mashed Potatoes^^/**/*/ Fruit Milk	Cheese Ravioli Bake^^/**/*/^ Salad^ Fruit Milk	Meatball Sandwich^^/**/*/^ Chips^^/** Fruit Milk	Chicken Pot Pie^^/**/*/^ Fruit Milk
	Snack	Vanilla Yogurt^ Graham Crackers^^/**/*/^ Water	Vanilla Pudding^/^^/** Vanilla Wafers^^/**/*/ Water	Jell-O^^/**/*/ Pretzels^^/** Water	Elf Crackers^^/**/*/^ Water	Saltine Crackers^^/**/*/^ Cheese^ Water

The Pastor's Epistle **The Triumphant Parade of Holy Week**

Rick Warren opened his famous book On the Purpose Driven Life with the line, "It's not about you." It was the best line of the whole book. It was a way to get away from both ego and anxiety. Instead, he invited us to find our purpose as coming to us from God.

Warren was not the first to make this point. Biblical scholar Chris Beker summarized how the apostle Paul viewed the good news of Christ, that it was about the Triumph of God in Life and Thought. Beker imagined the joy and satisfaction God had when Jesus rose from the dead.

God had been there at creation, spinning a magnificent canopy in the endless stars strewn across the universe. But also with care not just about the big stuff, but wonder permeating every blade of grass, leaf on a tree, structure of an atom, the love shared between mother and child.

God was also in the liberation movement that gave enslaved Hebrews freedom from under the whip of the oppressor, with a gift of governing themselves using a law that had loving God and one's neighbor at its core.

But evil and death still lingered as enemies, corrupting God's purposes. So Jesus Christ came, making a new world, leading a triumphant parade of liberty and love. Jesus' death exposed the sin-defined ends of our power-trips and mistrust of one another. His trust in God and humility signaled a new beginning and a new kind of community going forward into our future.

I want us to meet God in our worship this year during Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday. The Gospel reading for the day ends with John 3:16, which says who God is – the one who so loves the world that Jesus is given. When I imagine who God is, love is at the core. Let's come looking to find that God in our Palm Sunday worship.

As Holy Week continues, we have opportunities to consider the breadth and depth of that love. The community birthed at the Last Supper tells us that it is as

intimate as it is communal. Jesus will tell his disciples that they aren't to consider themselves to be God's servants, but to be God's friends. Their bonds of affection invite the very love of God to be realized in their relationships. I hope that our shared meal might also embody the rich intimacy of friendships with a vision of a loving community promised.

At the Good Friday service held jointly with Catocin Presbyterian Church in Waterford, we revisit the sorrow of human brokenness and grief. We remember the beauty and holiness of Jesus' passion for us, poignantly recalling the tenderness of his cruel death. It asks us to let go of our own mean-spiritedness and selfishness because we can do better – with God's partnership and welcome.

On Easter we can come as early as 6:30 in the morning, or at 9:00 or 11:00. The women followers of Jesus were the first to find him alive, the grave empty, and death broken. In our excitement about this resurrection, there is also a temptation to make light of God's mighty deed. We continue to have the tendency to make this about us. "If Jesus is alive, then I am assured of heaven, right?" Yes! But it's not like Jesus has become our magic ticket or has removed the same day-to-day challenges that we face, as does our world. In her excitement, Mary Magdalene wants to hold onto Jesus for dear life, but he asks her not to cling to him. In other words, to let him be free to lead us into a the kind of freedom that lets others be themselves, as we become that person who we are at our most honest and deepest.

Come worship Holy Week. Invite a family member or friend to join you. Ready yourself to find God among us – full of grace and truth, filled with life and purpose to give.

Yours in Christ,

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.

SAVE THE DATE—May 31-June 2—All Church Retreat at Camp Highroad

Saturday, April 27—Music with a Cause Presents the Loudoun Chorale—7:00-9:00 pm—Tickets \$20 at the door, under age 17 free.



April 21st

**9:45 – Pancake
Breakfast**

**10:15 – Easter Egg
Hunt**

Services 9:00 & 11:00

April

April 2019

Theme: Amazing Earth



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	1 LCPS CLOSED, NLC Open	2	3 Music & Movement Family Night	4 AcroKidz** Wee Little Arts**	5 National Dandelion Day	6
7 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	8 Picture Day – Starts at 8 am with Infants Mercier School of Dance**	9 Chapel Brainiacs**	10 Music & Movement Family Night – Pizza Party	11 AcroKidz** Wee Little Arts**	12	13 Parents Night Out 5:30 – 9:00
14 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	15 World Art Day Mercier School of Dance**	16 Chapel Brainiacs**	17 Music & Movement	18 Easter Class Parties AcroKidz** Wee Little Arts**	19 NLC CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY	20
← Spring Break Camp for School Aged! →						
21 EASTER - see below for details	22 Earth Day Mercier School of Dance** Visitors from Mac Brownell Adult Day Center to Owls	23 Chapel Brainiacs**	24 Music & Movement	25 AcroKidz** Wee Little Arts**	26 Arbor Day	27 Music with a Cause 7 pm
28 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	29 Mercier School of Dance**	30 Chapel Brainiacs**	<p>9:45 – Pancake Breakfast 10:15 – Easter Egg Hunt Services 9:00 & 11:00</p>			
← Scholastic Book Fair – through Friday 5/3 & Sunday 5/5 →						

OF NOTE... ** Designates Registration Required Classes

- AcroKidz** - 2s and Older 9:45 am
- Wee Little Arts** – Birds & Owls 2:45 – 3:30 K – 5th Grade 3:45 – 4:30
- Mercier School of Dance** – 2s & 3s Creative Movement 3:00 – 3:30
3s and older Ballet & Tap 3:30 – 4:00
- Brainiacs** – Birds & Owls 3:00 – 4:00 K – 5th Grade 4:00 – 5:00
- Family Night – Dinner at 6 pm. Activities for children and adults 6:30 – 7:15 pm. OPEN TO EVERYONE!