

October, 2019

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

The Director's Corner

Greetings!

The name "The Neighborhood Learning Center" was no accident. We are called to be neighbors in this world, and we strive to love others as ourselves. During September we got to know our neighbors a little better...

- ◆ Family Class Picnics—THANK you to everyone who turned out to make them so much fun!
- ◆ Monthly visits from the Mac Brownell Senior Day Center resumed to our Owls class. The seniors and pre-K children enjoy making new friends!
- ◆ Each class made "Thank You For Being Our Neighbor" cards which several of our Owls helped hand deliver to some of our neighboring businesses along with some delicious donuts on National Good Neighbor Day. The neighbors were pleasantly surprised to be thought of!

Coming up we hope you join our neighbors from the NLC, St. Andrew, and the surrounding community at Trunk-or-Treat on the 30th (see page 2 for details) for an evening of costumes, food, treats, and FUN!

Blessings,
Jo Anna Rich

This Month's Highlights

- October 2**
St. Andrew Family Nights Kickoff Picnic! 6:00 pm
- October 9**
Fire Prevention Day
Visit from Purcellville Fire Department 10 am
- October 11**
Last Day of 31 Gifts Fundraiser
- October 14**
NLC CLOSED in observance of Columbus Day
- October 16**
Wear ORANGE Day
- October 19**
Parents' Night Out 5:30—9:00
- October 21**
Visit from Mac Brownell Adult Day Center to Owls Class
- October 25**
Pre-K Field Trip to Great Country Farms
- October 28**
LCPS Closed, NLC Open—School's Out Drop In Day for School Ageds
- October 30**
Trunk-or-Treat 5:30—7:00
Sunday worship and Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 am



October Staff Birthdays
None! Can you believe it?!

This Month at School...

October is time of change and transition, a time when we celebrate autumn and the harvest!

- Everyone is invited to **St. Andrew's Family Nights**, which kick off the fall session on Wednesday the 2nd with a family potluck picnic on the Front Playground at 6:00 pm. Family nights are every Wednesday evening starting with dinner at 6:00 pm and fellowship 6:30—7:15 for all ages!
- What better way to mark Fire Prevention Day than with a **visit from the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department**? Wednesday the 9th at 10 am the children will enjoy learning about firefighters and fire safety – and of course visiting the fire truck!
- The **NLC will be CLOSED** Monday the 14th in observance of Columbus Day.
- To get into the fall spirit, Wednesday the 16th is **Wear Orange Day**.
- **Parents' Night Out** is Saturday the 19th from 5:30—9:00 pm—sign up at the Front Desk.
- Monthly visits with our friends from the **Mac Brownell Adult Day Center** to the Owls class will continue Monday the 21st.
- The Owls Pre-K Class will enjoy their fall **field trip to Great Country Farms** on Friday the 25th.
- LCPS is closed on Monday the 28th but the NLC is open. Parents of school agers—sign up for a **School's Out Drop In Day** with your child's teacher.
- **Trunk-or-Treat** is Wednesday the 30th!

31 Gifts Fundraiser

Through Friday, October 11th

Back by popular demand, one of our amazing parents, Megan Ensor, is bringing a 31 Gifts Fundraiser back to us for a second year! With your participation, you can help YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER purchase items for their classroom. Last year some teachers used their class-raised money towards organizational items, others towards new toys and games, and even a new carpet in one room!

- ☼ 25% of all sales go toward your child's individual classroom—Megan is taking NO profit from this sale—ALL PROFITS go to the classrooms!
- ☼ All sales are tax free!
- ☼ The classroom with the most sales will earn a pizza party courtesy of our friendly Thirty-One Consultant!
- ☼ Anyone who books and hosts their own party based on this fundraiser will ALSO have all of the proceeds go to the school!

Be sure to stop by the samples table to check out the amazing quality and style of Thirty-One Gifts!

Trunk-or-Treat

**Wednesday, October 30,
5:30—7:00 pm**

Wear your costume, bring your treat bag, and trick-or-treat at the decorated trunks in our parking lot!

- Moon bounce, face painter, balloon twister, hot dogs, apple cider, popcorn, and more!
- Prizes for the best trunks and costumes
- Sign up to decorate a trunk or just come join the fun!
- Consider donating nut-free candy, non-candy treats, Ring Pops, or pony water bottles



The NLC is at capacity with a wait list for most classes. If you're planning on adding a child to our program please let us know as soon as possible to see if and when we can accommodate.



How do you choose only a few photos to show how **AMAZING** September was?! **Class Family Picnics**, **extracurriculars**, and the **WONDER** of nature!



The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for October 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 milk (T) = Toddler WG = Whole Grain

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 7 – 11	Breakfast	WG Cereal Fruit Milk	Turkey Sausage Croissant ^{^*} Fruit Milk	WG Cereal Fruit Milk	Blueberry Mini-Muffin [*] Banana Milk	WG Cereal Fruit Milk
	Lunch	Breaded Chicken Nuggets Corn Pineapple Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup with Carrots Multi-Grain Club Crackers Orange Wedges Milk	Cheese Ravioli Bake [^] Salad and Cucumbers with Dressing ^{^*} Pears Milk	Beef Stroganoff [^] Peas Peaches Milk	Turkey Meatball Subs ^{^*} Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk
	Snack	Graham Crackers Sun Butter Water	Hummus Whole Wheat Pita 100% Apple Juice Water	Applesauce Animal Crackers Water	Sliced Cheese [^] WG Wheat Thins / Ritz (T) Water	Veggie Straws Raisins Water
Oct 14 – 18	Breakfast	CLOSED in Observance of Columbus Day	Waffles ^{^*} Fruit Milk	Orange Day WG Cereal Orange Wedges Milk	Bagels Cream Cheese [^] Fruit Milk	WG Cereal Fruit Milk
	Lunch		WG Breaded Fish Nuggets [^] Green Beans Pears Milk	Pumpkin Soup Grilled Cheese [^] with Whole Wheat Bread Carrots Milk	Goulash Salad and Cucumbers with Dressing ^{^*} Peaches Milk	Chicken Noodle Bake [^] Buttered Broccoli [^] Pineapple Milk
	Snack		Yogurt Cup [^] WG Goldfish [^] Water	Variety ^{^*} Water	Cheese Cubes [^] WG Triscuits Water	Pudding [^] Banana Water
Oct 21 – 25	Breakfast	WG Cereal Fruit Milk	Pancakes ^{^*} Strawberries Milk	WG Cereal Fruit Milk	Breakfast Bar [^] Fruit Milk	WG Cereal Fruit Milk
	Lunch	Ham and Cheese Wraps [^] Sweet Potato Fries Pineapple Rings Milk	Taco Salad [^] Corn WG Crackers Mixed Fruit Milk	Chili Cornbread ^{^*} Peaches Milk	Chicken Alfredo [^] Peas Pears Milk	Open Face Chicken Sandwich [^] Mashed Potatoes Orange Wedges Milk
	Snack	Cheese Itz [^] Sliced Apples/ Applesauce (T) Water	Graham Crackers Bananas Water	Ham Roll Up 100% Apple Juice Water	Cucumbers Whole Wheat Pita Ranch Dip Water	Cheese Sticks [^] Pretzels/Saltines (T) Water
Oct 28 – Nov 1	Breakfast	WG Cereal Fruit Milk	Yogurt [^] Granola Blueberries Milk	WG Cereal Fruit Milk	HALLOWEEN WG Oatmeal Banana Milk	Variety: Grain Fruit Milk
	Lunch	Pizza [^] Salad and Cucumbers with Dressing ^{^*} Pineapple Milk	WG Chicken Patty on a Bun [^] Broccoli w/ Cheese [^] Pears Milk	Shepherd's Pie (Chicken, Corn, Mashed Potatoes) [^] Peaches Milk	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese [^] with Whole Wheat Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	Variety: Meat/Meat Alternate ^{^*} Fruit, Vegetable, and Grain Milk
	Snack	Applesauce Graham Crackers Water	Pepperoni Cheese [^] Ritz Crackers Water	Bagels and Cream Cheese [^] Orange Wedges Water	Grapes Cheese Itz [^] Water	Mandarin Oranges WG Goldfish Water

The Pastor's Epistle A Blessing For Your Pets

Our pets are so much a part of our homes. In his book called *The Grace of Dogs*, Andrew Root tells the story of his son's prayer at the occasion of their black lab, Kirby's, passing. Kirby had been a pup, just before Owen was born. Kirby had stood guard over Owen's crib, let him pull his tail and grab his fur. And always had loved this boy. Owen assured Kirby that he would see him in heaven.

A professor of theology, Root was asked that question that children ask and haunts the rest of us:

"Do you *really* believe that Owen will see Kirby again?" Root

answered in response: "I know in my soul -- like Owen on the floor of the vet's office ... that the love of a dog is strong enough to last both in this world and in the next. No one knows for sure, but my answer is yes. The grace of God is echoed by the grace of dogs. And grace is eternal."

Affirming this sense of grace, we are inviting our church members and friends to bring their pet(s) for a blessing. We are going to do this on **Sunday morning, October 13th at 9:00 am** at the entry steps to the church. I will bless your dog, cat, parakeet, chicken, goat, even your pet snake.

And we also want a picture of you and your beloved

– which we will show in the 10:00 am service to follow. After the 9:00 am blessing, please return your pet home and then come back for our worship service.

The children will be invited to tell us their pet's names and their favorite thing about him or her.

For those who cannot bring their horse or cat or emu to church, we would love a picture to put up for our prayer time. If you are still grieving a beloved pet

who is with Kirby in heaven, then send that picture in to our office (secretary@standrew-pres.org). We will put your pet's picture up on the screen during our prayer time, remembering their special meaning to you.



Just in case you might be looking for a new pet, the Loudoun County SPCA will be bringing a few pets up for adoption following the service. Blue Ridge Veterinarian Associates will also be contributing some goodie bags.

Come join us for Bless the Animals Sunday!

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.

Thursday, October 10, 6:00—9:00 pm—St. Andrew will host candidates seeking the Office of Sheriff,

Commissioner of Revenue, Treasurer, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Soil and Water Conservation Director. Reception starts at 6 pm and Candidate Forum is at 7 pm.

Sunday, October 13—Blessing of the Animals—9:00 am—See Pastor Dave's article for details!

Sunday, October 27—Music with a Cause— "Clazzical Project" with Brian Ganz—4:00 pm— Tickets are \$20 at the door and can be purchased online at Eventbrite (search for Music with a Cause). Proceeds to benefit CCH (Community Coalition of Haiti).

October 2019

Theme: Harvest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chapel	2 Family Night Fall Kickoff! Potluck Picnic on the Front Playground 6:00	3 **Wee Little Arts	4 **Loudoun Soccer	5
6 Worship & Sunday School 10 am	7 **Mercier School of Dance	8 Chapel	9 Fire Prevention Day Visit from Purcellville Fire Department 10 am Family Night	10 **AcroKids **Wee Little Arts	11 **Loudoun Soccer Last Day of 31 Gifts Fundraiser	12
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Of Note...

- Family Night (sponsored by St. Andrew) – Dinner at 6:00 pm, fellowship and activities 6:30 – 7:15 pm. All are welcome!
- Trunk-or-Treat (joint event with St. Andrew) – **NOT TO BE MISSED!!** Wear your costume, bring your treat bag, and trick-or-treat at the decorated trunks in our parking lot! Moon bounce, face painter, balloon twister, hot dogs, apple cider, popcorn, and more! Prizes for the best trunks and costumes. Sign up to decorate a trunk or just come join the fun!

**** Designates Registration Required Class (Details & Registration Info at Front Desk)**

- ****Mercier School of Dance** – Enrollment is ongoing. Ages 2 and up.
- ****Wee Little Arts** - Visit www.weelittlearts.com to register for the fall session which started Thursday, September 12. Thursday afternoons.
- ****AcroKidz** –8-week session started September 12, Thursdays **at 9:00 am** for 2s through pre-K. Visit www.acrokidz.net to register.
- ****Loudoun Soccer** – 6-week session started September 13, Fridays at 3:00 pm for Birds, 3:45 pm for Owls. Visit www.loudounsoccer.com to register.