

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

Fall Festival Celebration! Friday, October 29th

In lieu of our annual Trunk or Treat (which we hope will return in 2022!), we will hold a Fall Festival for our children, complete with games and activities, and lots of Fall Fun! Children will stay in their classroom pods and move around the grounds and building to different game stations during the morning school hours. If your child is not scheduled to attend this day, they are welcome to come to the festival!

If your child would like to wear their costume to school on Friday the 29th please ensure:

1. No scary or gory costumes, including weapons, fake blood, etc.
2. Costumes should be put on at home and should be comfortable enough to stay in all day. Make sure your child has appropriate clothing under their costume or to change into if they decide they do want to put their costume away for the day.
3. Send them in sneakers, even if they're not exactly what Thor or Elsa would wear. Safety first!
4. Please no candy or treats to share. We have a fun Halloween snack planned for the afternoon.

Volunteers are needed to help with game and activity stations. Please contact Ms. Jo Anna if you would like to sign up!

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This Month's Highlights

October 11
NLC CLOSED in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 13
Wear ORANGE to school!

October 29
Fall Festival!
Wear your Halloween costume to school! (No scary or gory costumes, please, and keep ease of removal in mind if your child is in diapers or potty training. Please send in a full change of clothes.)
Contact Ms. Jo Anna if you would like to volunteer!
LCPS closed, NLC OPEN for a School's Out Day

This month at school!

- The **NLC will be CLOSED** on Monday, October 11th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Wednesday the 13th is **Wear Orange to School Day!**
- LCPS is closed on Friday, October 29th, so School Age parents, be sure to sign your child up for a super fun Camp Day!
- We will celebrate Halloween with a **Fall Festival** on Friday, October 29th. See the info on Page 1, and please sign up to volunteer if you are available!



ANNUAL PAPERWORK PAST DUE!!

If you have not yet completed your child's annual paperwork, please do so as soon as possible! Please email Ms. Ally if you have any questions about what is needed or if you need additional copies. ally@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com

Thank you!

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Wee Little Arts

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Session 1 – The Elements of Art! Thursdays Sept 23 – Nov 18, 3:00 – 3:45 pm, ages 3 – 5, \$150

Fall Reminders!

The weather is cooling off, so now is the time to make sure your little one is dressed for cool mornings and warm afternoons.

- Please LABEL everything you send to school with your child.
- Layers are best! Don't forget a sweatshirt or jacket for morning playground time.
- Send in a new set of spare, fall appropriate clothing in case a wardrobe change is needed during the school day.





Art & scientific exploration—
sometimes it's hard to
tell the difference!



Report from the Interim Pastor Search Committee

When Pastor Dave announced his intention to retire at the end of August, the Session set to work to find an interim pastor to fill the pulpit for the time, which could be up to two years, to find a permanent replacement for St Andrew. The first step was to appoint an Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC), whose job is to find a suitable candidate to lead the church during the transition.

Five committee members were approved by Session in May: Stacy N, Davis W, and Kate G, with co-chairs Clark S and Jason M. National Capital Area Presbytery (NCP) appointed Michael Volpe as the Transitions Liaison.

The committee then met to discuss the characteristics of an interim pastor for St. Andrew and drafted job descriptions for both local and nationwide candidates, which were approved by Session in June.

These job descriptions were posted in the appropriate places at the beginning of July and the committee began to receive resumes to review. A total of 52 resumes, both matched by the committee and self-referred, were received. Of those 52, the committee agreed to contact 12. Only five candidates were actually interviewed via Zoom. The others had already accepted other openings or were in the process of accepting. Three of the five candidates were invited for a second round of interviews and the top candidate was invited to Purcellville for in-depth, face-to-face contact with the committee members and to see the church and the community.

The committee contacted all six of the top candidate's references and got glowing recommendations. They met with the candidate in various settings and affirmed time and time again that this was the right fit for St. Andrew.

Introducing Reverend Beverly Friedlander!

She is compassionate and empathetic. Her thoughtfulness and the ease with which she communicates not only her thoughts but also invites dialogue and discussion impressed the committee.

Her ability to balance that high care with high process is wonderfully reassuring. She is crisp, effective and organized, having shown time and again her willingness to roll up her sleeves and work with a church to systematically take on challenges, needs and opportunities.

Examples of that balance came up time and again as she described how she has worked with various Sessions during times of Interim Ministry. The committee believes that she will be phenomenal interacting with the St. Andrew Session. She communicates and coordinates beautifully in that space. She is a facilitator who recognizes the roles and responsibilities of all of us—the church—during these transitional times. She also understands the value of every day we work together. One of her remarks that stuck was that the day that she arrives and starts working with St. Andrew is the day that she will also begin leaving. There is much to be done in the relative short time she will be with us.

She is innovative and creative. That was shown in her different sermon series and their impact. It was also seen as she shared ideas and asked questions. She is bold and courageous while also pragmatic and process-oriented.

She has extensive experience in multiple ministry setting—big churches, small churches, associate pastor, interim pastor, head of staff, non-profit leadership. Most recently, she was a grief counselor within a healthcare system in Atlanta.

One of the things that stood out on her resume was her extensive experience and learning. The committee felt that her resume stood out from the beginning, but knew that they had to continue a fair process with other candidates, even though everyone liked her from the beginning and she was the first candidate interviewed!

The committee feels that the process was God-led, for Rev. Beverly and for St. Andrew. This match is bigger than any of us; it's right for this moment and this time.

Rev. Beverly is coming to us from the Greater Atlanta Presbytery. She comes with 26 plus years of ministry experience and leadership. She is moving to Purcellville with her wife, Martha, who is also an ordained PC(USA) minister, and is expecting frequent visits from her grown children and six-year-old granddaughter.

Her first Sunday will be October 24th.

A big thank you to the committee, the Session and the congregation for entrusting the committee with this task.



The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for October 2021

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. 4 - 8	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water	Variety Snack*^ Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Yogurt^ Granola* Berries Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water
	Lunch	WG Fish Nuggets* Sliced Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	Taco Salad*^ Corn WG Roll* Peaches Milk	Chili* Cornbread^/* Mixed Fruit Milk	Stroganoff*/^ Salad w/Dressing^ Pears Milk	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla*^ Green Beans Pineapple Milk
	Snack	Wheat Thins* Sliced Cheese^ (T) Ritz Crackers Water	Pepperoni & Cheese*^ Crackers Water	Pretzels & Cheese Sticks*^ (T) Saltine Crackers* Water	Peaches Townhouse Crackers* Water	Nacho Chips* Salsa (T) Crackers 100% Apple Juice
Oct. 11 - 15	Breakfast	NLC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDIGINOUS PEOPLES' DAY	Pancakes*^ Banana Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Milk	Turkey Sausage* Croissant*^ Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Milk
	Lunch		WG Chicken Nuggets* Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	BBQ Chicken on a WG bun*^ Green Beans Applesauce Milk	Meatloaf* Mashed Potatoes^ WG Roll* Peaches Milk	Chicken Alfredo*/^ Peas Pineapple Milk
	Snack		Animal Cookies*^ Cheese Stick^ 100% Apple Juice	Pretzels*^ Sliced Cheese (T) Crackers*^ Water	Homemade Trail Mix*^ Water	Variety Snack*^ Water
Oct. 18 - 22	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Pancakes*^ Berries Milk	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Sausage Biscuit*^ Fruit Milk	WG Cereal*^ Milk
	Lunch	Cheese Ravioli Bake^ Salad w/Dressing^ Applesauce Milk	Sloppy Joe* Sliced Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	Chicken Teriyaki* WG Slider Roll* Broccoli & Cheese^ Pineapple Milk	Turkey Sandwich on a WG Bun*^ Green Beans Peaches Milk	Mini Corn Dogs*^ Corn Pears Milk
	Snack	Fruit Cup Cheese Itz*^ Water	Cheese Stick^ Graham Crackers* Water	Harvest Sun Chips* Sliced Apples (T)Applesauce (T)Veggie Straws Water	WG Mini Bagel*^ Cream Cheese^ Water	Breakfast Bar 100% Apple Juice
Oct. 25 - 29	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water	Blueberry Muffin*^ Banana Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk	French Toast Sticks*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water
	Lunch	Hamburger on a WG Bun*^ Baked Beans* Mixed Fruit Milk	Beans & Franks* WG Roll* Peaches Milk	Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Veggies*^ Crackers* Mixed Fruit Milk	Turkey Meatballs w/ Gravy*^ Mashed Potatoes^ Pineapple Wheat Roll* Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets*^ Green Beans Pears Milk
	Snack	Diced Pears Vanilla Wafers*^ Water	Yogurt^ Granola* Water	Pepperoni & Cheese^ Ritz Crackers* Water	WG Goldfish*^ Cheese Sticks^ 100% Apple Juice	Halloween Snack*^ Water

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Andrew's Worship – Join St. Andrew for in-person and online Facebook Live worship every Sunday morning at 10 am! In-person worship will observe social distancing and mask wearing.					1 Loudoun Soccer	2
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Loudoun Soccer - Register at www.loudounsoccer.com [click here for a registration guide](#)

- Fridays, September 17th through October 22nd, \$120 includes jersey and end-of-season medal
- **Ages 3 & 4** – 3:00 – 3:45 pm
- **Ages 5 & 6** – 3:45 – 4:30 pm

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