

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2—6

Thank you for supporting our NLC staff during this first week of May. Our theme this year was "Don't Stress, You're the Best!"

We set up a relaxation room complete with lounge chairs, massage mats, heated blankets, aromatherapy, spa water to drink, and even celebrity magazines. The staff was well-fed every day, enjoying a catered lunch from St. Andrew, several breakfasts and another lunch from parents, plus yummy snacks and drinks. Staff won prizes in some fun but competitive games, potted their own flower to enjoy at home, and received room service one afternoon!

Above all, however, staff enjoyed hearing that they make a difference in your child's life. As the vase of flowers grew daily in the entry, filling up with notes of appreciation, staff stopped to see what new messages had been added. Early childhood education is a challenging field, but it is also a vocation and is what most of our staff view as their life's work. Thank you for showing them that they are, indeed, making a difference.



This Month's Highlights

May 2
LCPS CLOSED—
School's Out Day
for School Ageds

May 2—6
Teacher
Appreciation
Week

May 6
Muffins with Mom
6:30—9:00 am

May 12
Spring Photos,
starts 8 am with
youngest students

May 20
Pre-K Graduation
4:30 pm

Spring Picnic—all
families! 5:00—
6:30 pm

May 30
NLC CLOSED in
observance of
Memorial Day

May Staff Birthdays

13 Caitlin Burnell
(Hummingbird
Nest)

17 Karen Collins
(Resource
Specialist)

This month at school!

- LCPS will be closed on Monday, May 2nd, so the NLC will hold a **School's Out Camp**.
- Friday the 6th we invite you to join us for **Muffins with Mom** from 6:30—9:00 am. Stop in to enjoy a muffin with your little one, some juice, coffee, and fruit. A Mother's Day photo booth will be available, also, so bring your cell phone for some photos!
- The wonderful Mr. Bruce will return for **Spring Photos** on Thursday the 12th. Photos start at 8:00 am with our youngest students, working up through pre-K. Sibling group photos will be taken if possible. After the event, you will receive an email with a link to view your child's photos and make any purchases.
- **World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day** is the 19th.
- Friday the 20th we will hold **Pre-K Graduation** at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. Bring your camera!
- Our **Spring Picnic** will be on Friday the 20th from 5:00—6:30 pm on the front playground. See details below. ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED!
- The **NLC will be CLOSED Monday the 30th in observance of Memorial Day**

Extracurricular Activities

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Mercier School of Dance—Register at

www.mercierschoolofdance/registration

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- ◆ *Zumba, Jr*: Mondays 3:30—4:00 pm, ages 3 1/2 through pre-K, \$65/month, monthly through May 2022

Wee Little Arts—Register at

www.weelittlearts.com

- ◆ *Session 4: 3-Dimensions*—session started April 7

Acrokidz Gymnastics—Register at

www.acrokidz.net/shop

- ◆ Tuesdays 2:30 & 3:15 pm started May 3rd for a 7-week session; Hummingbirds, Bird House, Bird Nest, Owls, Turtles, Lions; \$144

Spring Picnic!

*Friday, May 20: 5:00—
6:30 pm*



Pick up your child

from their classroom and join us on the front playground to celebrate Spring with a picnic, moon bounce, face painter, balloon twister, and fun!

The NLC will supply the burgers and hot dogs, and each class will be asked to bring a type of item to share. Watch for details from your child's teacher. We hope your family can join us!

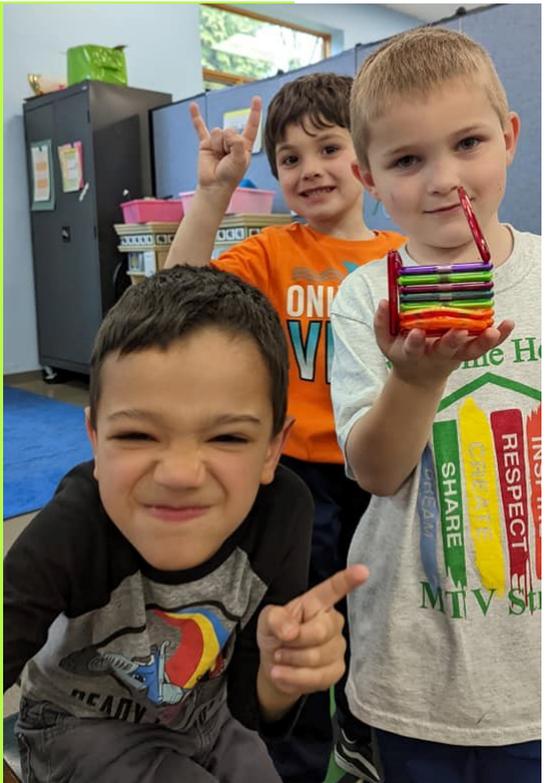
Muffins with Mom

Friday, May 6: 6:30—9:00 am

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Spring
has
sprung!
Flowers,
Easter,
and even
a day
with some
surprise
snow!



The Life of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church



Dear Friends:

Every Sunday is a resurrection celebration. I am aware that I tend to be a worst case scenario person, however. So even on the best days, I am often thinking about all the ways the world experiences death, loss, grief, sorrow, fear.... If I can get stuck in that kind of thinking, I can get pretty hopeless.

But, Jesus.

Jesus is alive. I know it is not a popular belief system. I know that we who actually believe in the bodily resurrection of a dead man from 2000 years ago are considered superstitious, and misguided (at best) and dangerous (at worst—because of the things often done in Jesus' name). Nevertheless, I am one of the absolutely convinced that this is true: Jesus, who was crucified, dead, and buried, is alive.

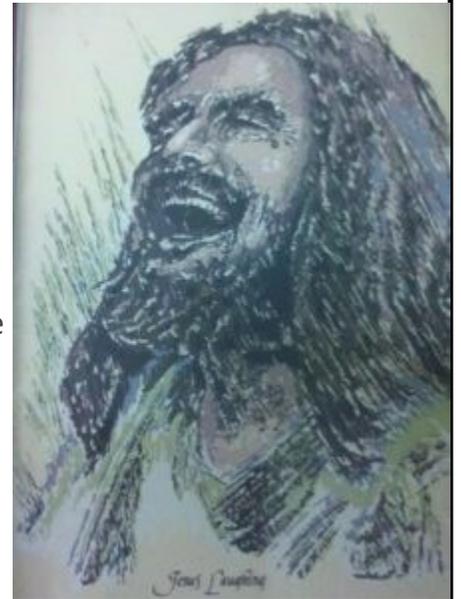
The difference it makes in my life is an ability to leave behind the nightmares of daily news in favor of the goodness that is greater than the life we live. A goodness that is always bringing new life from the ashes of death means, to me, that the evil we see, and even commit ourselves, and cannot fully avoid anywhere we are, will never have the last word.

War will not win against the peacemakers. Violence will not win against cooperation. Hatred will not win against love. If we choose to disbelieve this, what hope is there for anyone to enjoy a life of love and laughter.

Let's talk about it Sunday.

Peace,

Beverly



Nursery Care now available Sunday mornings during worship for infants through pre-K! Children Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School, which is held during the 10:00 am service. All are welcome!



To Register (choose one):

- Email your completed form to info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com
- Drop off (or mail) your completed form: 711 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
- Registration form MUST be accompanied with \$50 registration fee/child

2022 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!**

Space is limited. Registration will continue until each camp is full.

SUMMER CAMP RATES

- \$265 per week
- Non-refundable registration fee \$50
- Family discounts for multiple children
- *June 16 & 17 tuition is \$40/day for currently enrolled students; \$60/day not currently enrolled
- ** August 22 – 24 tuition is \$165. August 25th and 26th will be charged at prorated School-Age Program rates

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Summer Camp is for rising Kindergartners through rising 6th graders
- Summer Camp is from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm with no additional charge for Before or After Care. The NLC is open 6:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Weekly tuition includes all activity fees!

Select Your Camps (check)	Total Due
___ *June 16 & 17	\$ _____
___ June 21 – 24 (closed Monday for Juneteenth)	\$ _____
___ June 27 – July 1	\$ _____
___ July 5 – 8 (closed Monday for July 4 th)	\$ _____
___ July 11 – 15	\$ _____
___ July 18 – July 22	\$ _____
___ July 25 – 29	\$ _____
___ Aug 1 – 5	\$ _____
___ Aug 8 – 12	\$ _____
___ Aug 15 – 18 (closed Friday for Staff Workday)	\$ _____
___ **Aug 22 – 24 (school starts Thursday, 8/25/2022)	\$ _____

Non-refundable registration fee \$ 50.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

CHILD Name: _____ Grade Entering: _____ Birthdate: _____

One Summer Camp Shirt included! Shirt Size: (Circle) YXS YS YM YL AS AM AL

Parent Name: _____

E-mail(s): _____ Phone: _____

We accept checks, cash or weekly ACH Direct Debit for registration; weekly tuition will be paid by ACH Withdrawal only.

The \$50 registration fee must accompany this form to complete the registration process.

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: _____

Office Use Only: Date Form Received: _____ Time: _____

\$50 Registration Received: Cash / Check



The Neighborhood Learning Center 2022 Summer Camp

Register Now and GO WILD for Summer!

Senior Camp (SC) and Junior Camp (JC) will each take two field trips every week. We require registration for full weeks only. Campers will need to pack lunches on most of their field trip days.

NOTE: Field trips are subject to change.

June 16-17: Go Wild and Blast Off into Summer!

Who wants to ease into summer...let's *BLAST* our way in with a smorgasbord of activities! A preview of the summer fun ahead is in the works this week, so come ready to leap feet first into summer! SC will visit Camp Highroad for a day of teambuilding and a picnic.

June 21-24: Go Wild and say Aloha to the Islands!

We might not be on the Hawaiian Islands, but we can pretend! How about making leis, seashell crafts, and sand art? No island trip is complete without water and fun in the sun, so we kick off the week with a giant water slide and keep the energy going by having the kids squirt, splash, and spray while in-house all week long. Campers will travel to Volcano Island Water Park and another day will explore Cunningham Falls State Park in Thurmont.

June 27-July 1: Go Wild about the World of Animals!

We will start the week with a visit from our friends at Wildlife Ambassadors who will bring some of our local wildlife to educate and entertain. Campers will continue going crazy about animals by visiting with farm animal friends on a field trip to Great Country Farms one day and then playing on the dinosaur themed playground at Ashburn Park another day.

July 5-8: Go Wild about the USA!

Visiting Franklin Park Pool and enjoying a picnic is a fantastic way to cool off as we celebrate July 4th week! We will also tour the Purcellville Fire Station to visit some of our local heroes followed by a stop at Franklin Park's playground for a picnic and some summer fun. Ice cream, apple pie, and hot dogs will be on the menu this week – nothing more American than that!

July 11-15: Go Wild about the Arts!

We will go wild for different kinds of art including music, drama, painting, drawing, sculpting, and maybe even a little photography and videography! A One-Man Band will perform at the NLC – wow! Campers will travel to one of their favorite places for paint-your-own pottery, The Polka Dot Pot in Winchester, followed by a picnic in Jim Barnett Park. We will also observe the art of cinematography by taking a trip to the movies, enjoying a picnic at Douglas Park in Leesburg on the way back.

July 18-22: Go Wild for STEM!

Science + Technology + Engineering + Math = AWESOME Brainiacs will visit to bring Legos and cool experiments. Campers will travel to the Shenandoah Discovery Museum in Winchester with a stop at Berryville Park for a picnic on the way back. Also, this week, campers will explore the Children's Science Center in Fairfax with a picnic at Algonkian Park to follow.

July 25-29: Go Wild about Cooking in the Kitchen!

On Monday, Heritage Farm Museum will present "Grandma's Kitchen," teaching us about what kitchen tools were used a generation ago, and then the kids will try their hand at baking up some biscuits! Campers will visit JK Farms in Round Hill to learn about where our food comes from and to lend a hand on this working farm whose produce all goes to local food banks. The second field trip will be a visit to Vocelli's Pizza to tour the kitchen and make their own pizzas for lunch which they will enjoy eating at Hamilton Park.

Aug 1-5: Go Wild about Earth Science!

Master Gardeners will visit the NLC on Monday to teach us about seeds and plants and to get our hands dirty by helping us plant some ourselves. The campers will visit Blandy Farm to learn and explore the world around them, from insects and birds to trees and rocks! A trip to Clemyjontri Park in McLean for play and a picnic wraps up this wild week.

Aug 8-12: Go Wild about the World of Sports!

Amazing Athletes will visit on Monday to kick off this wild week with games and activities on our front field, and all sorts of games and sports will abound throughout the week! In addition to going bowling, JC will head to Monkey Joe's in Winchester for some climbing and bouncing, and SC will make their way to JayDee's Fun Zone in Inwood for some swimming.

Aug 15-18: Go Wild and End Summer with a Splash!

The giant water slide returns to end the summer with a splash, and campers will visit Volcano Island Water Park in Sterling for one last summertime swim. Popsicles, snow cones and water games all week long!

Aug 22-24: Go Wild about Last Lazy Days of Summer!

These last days before school starts means spending time with friends, relaxing while watching movies and munching popcorn, and revisiting some favorite activities from the weeks before.



The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for May 2022

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 2 - 6	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* Milk^	WG French Toast Sticks*^ Fruit Water	Turkey Sausage Patty* Biscuit*^ Water	WG Pancakes*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal* Milk^
	Lunch	Mac & Cheese*^ Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk LCPS Closed!	Chili* Cornbread*^ Bananas Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets*^ Corn Pineapple Milk	WG Rice, Black Beans & Chicken on a Tortilla*^ Peaches Milk Cinco De Mayo!	Pasta w/Meat Sauce* Salad w/ Dressing^ (T) Cucumbers Pears Milk
	Snack	Graham Crackers*^ Apple Slices (T) Applesauce Water	Pretzels* Hummus* (T)Crackers* Water	Animal Crackers*^ Yogurt^ Water	WG Nacho Chips* Salsa* (T) Crackers* Water	Ice Cream Friday*^ Goldfish*^ Water
May 9 - 13	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* Milk^	Waffles*^ Berries Water	Bagel*^ Cream Cheese^ Water	Muffins*^ Bananas Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk^
	Lunch	Turkey Meatballs^ Mashed Potatoes*^ Gravy* Pineapple Milk	Taco Salad*^ Corn WG Roll* Peaches Milk	Cheese Quesadillas*^ Green Beans Applesauce Milk	WG Fish Nuggets*^ Sliced Carrots Pears Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Carrots*^ Crackers* Mixed Fruit Milk
	Snack	Wheat Thins* Pepperoni & Sliced Cheese^ Water	Veggie Straws Raisins Water	WG Homemade Trail Mix*^ Water	Fig Newtons* Oranges Water	Ice Cream Friday^ Goldfish* Water
May 16 - 20	Morning Snack	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Turkey Sausage* Biscuit*^ Water	WG French Toast Sticks*^ Fruit Water	Pancakes*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal* Milk
	Lunch	Mac & Cheese*^ Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets*^ Corn Pineapple Milk	Beans & Franks* WG Roll* Bananas Milk	Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes*^ WG Roll* Peaches Milk	National Pizza Party Day! Salad w/Dressing^ (T) Cucumbers Applesauce Milk
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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

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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- ❖ **Spring Picnic** – All families are invited to join us on the front playground for a celebration of the end of spring, kickoff of summer, and Pre-K Graduation, all rolled into one! We will have a face painter, balloon twister, moon bounce, and of course lots of space to play! Your child’s teacher will invite you to bring a side or dessert (each class brings a different item); the NLC will supply hot dogs, burgers, water, and lemonade.

1 Worship 10 am	2 LCPS closed, NLC open for School's Out Camp	3 Acrokidz	4	5 Wee Little Arts	6 Muffins with Mom 6:30 – 9:00 am	7
8 Mother's Day Worship 10 am	9 Mercier School of Dance	10 Acrokidz	11	12 Spring Photos Start at 8 am Wee Little Arts	13	14
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29 Worship 10 am	30 NLC CLOSED for Memorial Day	31 Acrokidz	St. Andrew’s Worship – Join St. Andrew for in-person AND Facebook Live worship every Sunday morning at 10 am. Nursery care available. Sunday School during worship.			

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