

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

February 2025

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## Dates to Know

**FEBRUARY IS**

**NATIONAL DENTAL MONTH!**

**Feb 7**

Jersey Day! Wear your favorite team shirt or colors

**Feb 14**

Valentine's Day  
Class Parties

**Feb 17**

**NLC CLOSED** for Presidents' Day and NLC Staff Development

**Feb 21**

Summer Camp info released!

**Feb 24**

Summer Camp registration open for enrolled families



Summer Camp (for rising rising 1st grade through rising 6th grade) information will be released February 21st!

- Current NLC families can register starting Monday, February 24
- Registration opens to the public March 3

**EACH WEEK HAS A DIFFERENT THEME  
AND 2-3 FIELD TRIPS!  
SPOTS FILL UP FAST!**

**NOTE:**  
If your child is sent home in NLC clothing, please remember to wash it and bring it back so we can return it to our stash.

*thank you*



## Staff Birthdays

**Feb 5:**

**Ms Maryann**

**Feb 26:**

**Ms Michelle**

**Feb 27:**

**Ms Danyelle**

**soccerstars**

**Soccer Stars is back! The nine-week session costs \$195 and runs from March 25 to May 20.**

**There will be a free Demo Day on Tuesday, March 18 starting at 2:30pm. Watch for a link to sign up!**

# 2025 BEST OF LOUDOUN

Loudoun Times-Mirror

IT'S TIME TO  
VOTE FOR YOUR  
NLC AGAIN!



## ABOUT THE CONTEST

The Loudoun Times-Mirror has been holding its Best of Loudoun contest for over 25 years. It is the biggest contest of its kind in Loudoun County, with hundreds of thousands of votes cast annually. The BOL contest has become local readers' choice recognition for local businesses and organizations because it is conducted transparently and without special favor to advertisers or incumbents. Every nominee is treated exactly the same - and readers are the ones who decide.

## HOW THE CONTEST WORKS

The contest is conducted in three phases:

1. **Nomination Phase:** Readers propose business organizations and names for all of the categories. The NLC has already been nominated for Best Preschool and Best Daycare AGAIN!
2. **First Voting Round:** Think of this like a primary in an election. Readers vote to winnow the big list of nominees down to just the Top Five in each category. **THIS PHASE STARTS FEBRUARY 21ST!**
3. **Final Voting Round:** Readers vote on the Top Five to determine the winner and two finalists in each category.

## You're invited...Lenten Bible Study

Lent is a season of spiritual discipline and preparation. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us.

***During the 40 days of Lent, you are invited to join a small group within St. Andrew's congregation to gather weekly for up to one hour to share and learn with other disciples of Christ. This six-week commitment between March 5 and April 20 is a powerful opportunity for participants to grow their faith while fellowshiping with and learning alongside others.***

**"everything [in] between: Meeting God in the midst of extremes"**

**A Lenten series in Luke's gospel**

Our theme, "Everything In Between," invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. You will see that each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like "faith & works" or "rest & growth," or "grief & hope." We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between.

Questions? Contact Pastor Amanda [amanda.kemery@standrew-pres.org](mailto:amanda.kemery@standrew-pres.org)  
or Ally Fetch [ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com](mailto:ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com)

Available Study Times:

- Wednesdays 9 am @ Doppio Bunny in Purcellville, led by Pastor Amanda
- Sundays 9 am in Fellowship Hall, led by Ally Fetch
- An evening day and time TBA







# Snow Days!



**Staying inside  
learning about  
hibernation**





# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>^Sundays at St Andrew - All are welcome!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am: Sunday School for youth (MS/HS) &amp; adults</li> <li>10am: Worship service, with Sunday School for younger kids during the service</li> <li>9am-noon: Childcare available for infant to age 3</li> <li>The worship service is also streamed on YouTube</li> </ul>						1 <i>National Ice Cream For Breakfast Day</i>
2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> Worship <sup>^</sup> service 10am <i>MS/HS Youth 6-8pm</i>	3	4 Chapel 9:45am	5 <i>Wee Little Arts~</i>	6 <b>National Optimist Day</b>	7 Mercier School of Dance' <b>Wear a Jersey or Team Colors to School!</b>	8 <i>Global Movie Day</i>
9 Worship <sup>^</sup> service 10am <i>Minis (grades 4&amp;5) after the service, plus committee meetings</i> <b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (moved from 1/26)</b>	10 National Football 🏈 Hangover Day	11 Chapel 9:45am	12 <i>Wee Little Arts~</i>	13 National Pancake Day	14 Mercier School of Dance' <b>Valentine's Day Class Parties</b>	15
16 Worship <sup>^</sup> service 10am <i>Session mtg after the service</i> <i>MS/HS Youth 6-8pm</i>	17 <b>NLC CLOSED</b> in observance of Presidents' Day Staff Training Day	18 Chapel 9:45am	19 <i>Wee Little Arts~</i>	20 NLC Board Mtg 6:30pm	21 Mercier School of Dance' <b>Summer Camp Info Released!</b>	22
23 Worship <sup>^</sup> service 10am <i>Food on the 4th - bring a food donation</i>	24 <b>Summer Camp enrollment begins for enrolled families!</b>	25 Chapel 9:45am	26 <i>Wee Little Arts~</i>	27 National Polar Bear Day	28 Mercier School of Dance' NATIONAL TOOTH FAIRY DAY	

**Vote for the NLC in the Best of Loudoun Top Five 2/21 - 3/4**

~Wee Little Arts Session 2:  
Wednesdays Jan 8 - Mar 5, 2025,  
pre-K 2:30-3:15pm, 3-yr-olds 3:15-4pm, \$160.  
Register at <http://weelittlearts.com>

\*Mercier School of Dance  
Creative Dance & Ballet, Fridays 9:50-10:20am, 2.5-6yrs, \$68/mo  
Sep-May, enrollment fee of \$25.  
Register at: [www.mercierschoolofdance.com/registration](http://www.mercierschoolofdance.com/registration).

\*Soccer Stars - Demo Day coming on 3/18 at 2:30pm! Classes on Tuesdays at 2:30pm, 3/25-5/20, 3-5yrs, \$195.  
Email to register at [greaterloudoun@soccerstars.com](mailto:greaterloudoun@soccerstars.com)

### COMING UP RIGHT AWAY IN MARCH:

- Return of Grandpa George, Lenten Pancake Supper, and Ash Wednesday service
- St Andrew Lenten Small Groups: [Contact Ally at ally.fetch@tnlcenter](mailto:ally.fetch@tnlcenter) to learn more and sign up.



# The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for February 2025

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 3 - 7	Morning Snack	WG Cereal*^ Milk^	Yogurt^ Granola* Water	Muffins*^ Bananas Water	WG Pancakes*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk^
	Lunch	WG Chicken Nuggets*^ Mixed Veggies Pineapple Milk	Cheese Ravioli*^ Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	Chicken and Rice*^ Broccoli WG Roll*^ Pears Milk	Tuna Noodle Casserole*^ Carrots & Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	Goulash*^ Green Beans Peaches Milk
	Snack	Corn Chips* Salsa* (T) Crackers* Water	Animal Crackers*^ Applesauce Water	Raisins* Fig Bars* Water	Tiger Bites*^ Cheese Stick^ Water	Graham Crackers*^ Cream Cheese^ Water
Feb. 10 - 14	Morning Snack	WG Cereal*^ Milk	WG Blueberry Waffles*^ Berries Water	Chip Beef Gravy*^ Biscuits*^ Water	WG Pancakes*^ Fruit Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk
	Lunch	Meat Loaf*^ WG Roll*^ Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	Taco Salad*^ Corn WG Roll*^ Peaches Milk	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce*^ Salad w/ dressing^ (T) Cucumbers Mixed Fruit Milk	Chili*^ Cornbread*^ Bananas Milk	WG Fish Nuggets*^ Diced Carrots Pears Milk
	Snack	Crackers*^ Pepperoni* Sliced Cheese^ Water	Rice Cakes*^ Sliced Apples (T) Applesauce Water	WG Homemade Trail Mix*^ Water	Fig Newtons*^ Go-gurt^ Water	<b>Valentine Class Parties!</b> Water
Feb. 17 - 21	Morning Snack	<b>NLC CLOSED for President's Day &amp; Staff Development Day!</b>	Apple Cinnamon Muffins*^ Fruit Water	Yogurt^ Granola* Water	WG Waffles*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk
	Lunch		Meatballs on a WG Slider Roll*^ Green Beans Pears Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup*^ Diced Carrots Crackers* Pineapple Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets*^ Peas Peaches Milk	Pizza day! Salad w/ Dressing^ (T) Cucumbers Fruit Cocktail Milk
	Snack		Graham Crackers*^ Cream Cheese^ Water	Blueberry Nutrition Bar*^ Fruit Water	Wheat Thins* (T) Crackers*^ Bananas Water	Vanilla Goldfish*^ Sliced Apples (T) Applesauce Water
Feb. 24 - 28	Morning Snack	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Sausage Breakfast Pizza*^ Water	Sausage Gravy*^ Biscuits*^ Milk	WG French Toast Sticks*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk
	Lunch	Mac N Cheese *^ Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	Beans & Franks*^ WG Roll*^ Pears Milk	BBQ Pulled Chicken on a WG Roll*^ Baby carrots w/ Dip^ (T) Diced Carrots Peaches Milk	Salisbury Steak* Green Beans Applesauce Milk	WG Fish Nuggets*^ Corn Mixed Fruit Milk
	Snack	Corn Chips* Salsa* (T) Crackers*^ Water	Bagels*^ Cream Cheese^ Water	Crackers* Sun Butter* Water	Ice Cream^ Bananas Water	Vanilla Wafers*^ Vanilla Pudding^ Water

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)=Toddlers WG = Whole Grain