

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

May 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon-Fri May 4-8:

Teacher Appreciation Week

Fri May 8:

EVERYONE wear your GROOVIEST '60S outfit!

Fri May 15 5-6:30pm

ALL-SCHOOL SPRING PICNIC!

Mon May 25:

NLC CLOSED

for Memorial Day

Fri May 29 4:30pm

Pre-K Graduation



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

Mon 5/4 - Fri 5/10

This is the perfect time to show our amazing teachers how groovy they are, and how much you appreciate the love & care they show your child every single day! If you would like some ideas about what your teacher enjoys, see the "Favorites" binder at the front desk or on our Facebook Active group.

Groovy

Staff Birthdays

May 3: Grandpa George

May 5: Ms Maddie

May 13: Ms Caitlin

May 16: Pastor Amanda

May 17: Ms Karen C

Spring Picnic Classroom Food Assignments:

- **Cubs & Bunnies:**
Dessert
- **Ducks & Frogs:** Fruit
- **Hummingbirds & Bees:**
Side Dish
- **Bird House & Bird Nest:**
Dessert
- **Owls, Turtles, & Lions:**
Side Dish
- **School Age:** Chips or Pretzels



You're Invited! ALL-SCHOOL Spring Picnic

Please join us on Friday, May 15, 5:00-6:30pm for our annual Spring Picnic!

After picking up your child from their classroom, come join the fun! Moon bounce, face painter, balloon twister, and lots of FOOD!! We provide the drinks, burgers, and hot dogs, and we ask you to bring a dish to share.

Please sign up outside your child's classroom so we know how many to expect for our burger & hot dog count.



St Andrew News

HOPE FOR CYNICS



Hope for Cynics: New Worship Series

In a world where it is easy to feel "pre-disappointed" by the news, our neighbors, or even ourselves, how do we find a path back to genuine hope? This week, we continue our new series inspired by the research in Jamil Zaki's Hope for Cynics. Throughout this series, we will explore how "hopeful skepticism" allows us to open ourselves to new data and approach our lives like a holy experiment. We can't wait to see what this faith-filled experiment reveals!

HELP WANTED: NLC BOARD MEMBER!

One more NLC parent needed to serve on the board! The term is one year and meetings are usually third thursdays at 6:30pm.

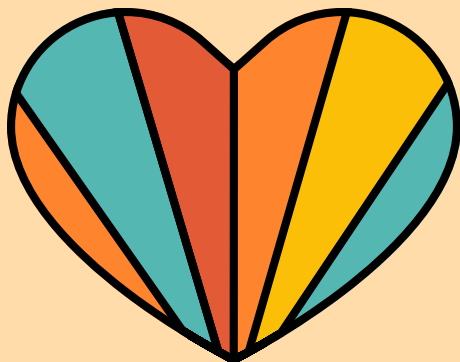
Contact Ms JoAnna if interested

Want to learn more about what it means to be part of the Saint Andrew community? Join us for one or all of the following sessions to connect with others and join the conversation, Sundays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

May 3 - Learning at St. Andrew (NLC and Spiritual Formation)

May 10 - Neighbors at St. Andrew (Outreach and Missions)

May 31 - Being Presbyterian at St. Andrew (Church Life and Leadership)



May 17th is Serve Sunday! That means we will not have worship in the Sanctuary. Instead, gather at 9:30 a.m. for a potluck breakfast followed by a sending prayer at 10:00 a.m.! You can sign up to go out into the community to participate in projects with our mission partners or stay on campus to participate. RSVP here.

Save the Date! VBS 2026

Join us for VBS July 6-10th this summer! Kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. VBS will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with dinner included at 5:30 p.m.



GROOVY

MAY



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<p>Sundays at St Andrew – all are welcome!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am: Sunday School for youth (MS/HS) 10am: Worship service, with Sunday School for younger children during the service 9am-noon: Childcare available for infant-age 3 The worship service is also streamed on YouTube 				<p>This year's Teacher Appreciation Week will take us back to the Groovy 1960s!</p>	<p>1 Mericer School of Dance</p>	<p>2 National Truffle Day</p>
<p>3 Worship Service 10am MS/HS Youth 6-8pm</p>	<p>4 STAR WARS DAY May the 4th be with YOU</p>	<p>5 Chapel 9:45am Soccer Stars</p>	<p>6 Grandpa George</p>	<p>7 Wee Little Arts</p>	<p>8 Mericer School of Dance Wear your GROOVIEST clothes today!</p>	<p>9 National Lost Sock Memorial Day</p>
<p>Teacher Appreciation Week! (A Teacher Favorites binder can be found at the front desk!)</p>						
<p>10 Mother's Day Worship Service 10am Minis (grades 4&5) meet during the service</p>	<p>11 End-of-Year Parent Surveys distributed</p>	<p>12 Chapel 9:45am</p>	<p>13 Grandpa George</p>	<p>14 Wee Little Arts NLC Board Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>15 Mericer School of Dance PARENTS MAY ATTEND! ALL-SCHOOL Spring Picnic 5-6:30pm</p>	<p>16 Armed Forces Day+</p>
<p>17 Worship Service 10am MS/HS Youth 6-8pm</p>	<p>18 National "No Dirty Dishes" Day</p>	<p>19 Chapel 9:45am</p>	<p>20 Grandpa George</p>	<p>21 Wee Little Arts</p>	<p>22 Mericer School of Dance</p>	<p>23 National Lucky Penny Day (but for how much longer??)</p>
<p>24 Worship Service 10am Food on the 4th – bring a canned food donation</p>	<p>25 NLC CLOSED In observance of Memorial Day+</p>	<p>26 Chapel 9:45am</p>	<p>27 Grandpa George</p>	<p>28 Parent Surveys Due</p>	<p>29 Mericer School of Dance Pre-K Graduation 4:30pm with Reception afterwards</p>	<p>30 National Creativity Day</p>
<p>31 Worship Service 10am</p>	<p>SPRING PICNIC - not to be missed! Please join us on <u>Friday, May 15</u> for our annual Spring Picnic! Drop in any time between 5:00pm and 6:30pm, pick up your child from their classroom, and then come join the fun! There will be a moon bounce, a face painter, a balloon twister, and LOTS OF FOOD! We provide the hamburgers & hotdogs (plus all the fixin's) and drinks, and we ask you to bring a dish to share. See page two for info on what each class will bring.</p>					
<p>Wee Little Arts Session 4: Three Dimensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-5 year-olds Thursdays until 5/21 Pre-K 10-10:40am 3s 10:45-11:25am \$175/session Register at weelittlearts.com 	<p>Soccer Stars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-5 year-olds Tuesdays until 5/5 \$195/session Email to register at greaterloudoun@soccerstars.com 	<p>Mercier School of Dance: Creative Dance & Ballet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-5 year-olds Fridays 9:50-10:20am \$68/month Sept-May Enrollment fee of \$25 Register at: mercierschoolofdance.com/registration 				

+NOTE++ On Armed Forces Day we celebrate the men & women currently serving in our armed forces. On Memorial Day we remember those who lost their lives in the service of our country. (To celebrate those who have served but are no longer military members, you have to wait until Veterans' Day on November 11th.)



April at the NLC



The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for May 2026

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 4-8	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	Bagels* [^] Cream Cheese [^] Water	Muffins* [^] Bananas Water	Belgian Waffle Sticks* [^] Berries Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]
	Lunch	Ham & Cheese* [^] WG Roll* [^] Green beans Pineapple Milk	Taco Salad* [^] Corn WG Roll* Peaches Milk	Chicken, bacon ranch on a WG wrap* [^] Baby carrots & Dip [^] (T)Diced Carrots Applesauce Milk	WG Fish Nuggets* [^] Peas Pears Milk	Grilled Cheese* [^] Tomato Soup* [^] Mixed Fruit Milk
	Snack	Crackers* Pepperoni* Sliced Cheese [^] Water	Fig Newtons* Yogurt [^] Water	WG Homemade Trail Mix* [^] Water	Veggie Straws* (T) Animal Crackers* [^] Raisins* Water	Goldfish Crackers* Ice Cream [^] Water
May 11 - 15	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	Yogurt [^] Granola* Water	WG Pancakes [^] Berries Milk	English Muffin* [^] Jelly & Fruit Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk
	Lunch	Chicken & Rice* [^] Broccoli Apricots Milk	Salisbury Steak* [^] Mashed Potatoes* [^] Peaches Milk	Beefaroni* [^] Green Beans Applesauce Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets* [^] Peas Pineapple Milk	Pizza Day! Salad w/dressing [^] (T)Cucumbers Pears Milk
	Snack	Apple Cinnamon Bar* [^] Fruit Cup Water	Pretzels* Dip [^] (T) Crackers* 100% Juice	Graham Crackers* [^] Bananas Water	Tortilla* [^] Apple Butter* [^] Cheese stick [^] Water	Ice Cream [^] Vanilla Wafers* [^] Water
May 18 - 22	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk	Turkey Sausage Patty* Biscuits* [^] Water	WG Waffles* [^] Berries Water	Bagel* [^] Cream Cheese [^] Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]
	Lunch	Sloppy Joe* [^] WG Roll* [^] Corn Pears Milk	BBQ Meatballs* Green Beans WG Roll* [^] Pineapple Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup* [^] Diced Carrots Peaches Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich on WG* [^] Salad w/dressing [^] (T)Cucumbers Mixed Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak* [^] Peas WG Roll* [^] Applesauce Milk
	Snack	Veggie Straws* (T)Animal Crackers* [^] Raisins* Water	Townhouse Crackers* Pepperoni* Sliced Cheese [^] Water	Fig Newtons* [^] Yogurt [^] Water	Mini Muffins Bananas Water	Ice Cream [^] Goldfish Crackers* Water
May 25 - 29	Morning Snack	THE NLC WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY!	Muffins* [^] Bananas Water	Yogurt [^] Granola* Water	Chip Beef Gravy* [^] Biscuits* [^] Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk
	Lunch		Beef Stew* [^] WG Roll* [^] Peas Pears Milk	Mac N Cheese* [^] Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	Chicken & Rice* [^] Broccoli Pineapple Milk	Bean & Cheese Burritos* [^] Salad w/ Dressing [^] (T) Cucumbers Fruit Cocktail Milk
	Snack		Tiger Bites* [^] Fruit Cup Water	States & Capital Crackers* [^] Strawberries Water	Homemade WG Trail Mix* [^] Water	Graham Crackers* [^] Ice Cream [^] 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