

Nursery School News

Severna Park United Methodist Church Nursery School

February 2018

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**When you shop at Office Depot,
Please mention SPUMC Nursery School at
Checkout, and ask that the "Rewards For
Schools" points be applied to our school.
Thank you!**

**To be notified when AACPS has an
Inclement weather delay, cancellation,
or early dismissal,
sign up for alerts at
www.schoolsout.com**

**Help us prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child home if
he/she is sick. Keep the chart on the last page of this newsletter
handy, to refer to if you're in doubt. Thank you!!!**

Registration Reminder

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open to everyone.
Please pass the word and encourage your neighbors and friends who have preschool-age children to consider enrolling their children for the upcoming year. Word-of-mouth is the best advertising!

Help Wanted

Parents of 3-year-old students: We need a few volunteers to help with refreshments at the **End-of-year programs** for our 4-year-olds. We'd like at least two for each evening: Monday, May 21st and Tuesday, May 22nd. Please consider helping this year, so all parents of our 4-year-olds can relax and enjoy the program. Next year, someone will be volunteering to do the same for you! Contact Heidi Taflan or Shannon Pearson if you can help.

Parents of our 4-year-olds: We need at least two volunteers to chair the Field Day committee. You'll be responsible to organize volunteers so our field day, on Friday, May 18th is fun and memorable for our 4-year-old students. This is an entirely parent-run event, so be sure to volunteer!

Project Cutters: The Project Cutters will meet next on Tuesday, February 6th at 8:50 in room 114. Come in for some creativity and conversation, and help the school at the same time. Little ones are always welcome!



**Reminder:
No school on Monday
February 19th**



President's Day

**SCHOLASTIC ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2ND.**



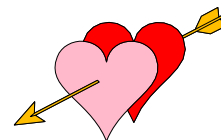
**Backpack
Buddies**

**Please remember to donate to
Backpack Buddies! In February,
we'll be collecting individual-size
heatable servings of spaghetti-o's/
ravioli-o's/ chef boy-ar-dee lunch
entrees.**

3-Year-Old News



February Studies



Our Students will be celebrating Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and the 100th day of school this month. Our unit of study is "Creative Me." Have fun at home building something with your student! Please continue to help your child learn to put on his/her own coat. Learning to be independent is an important part of school readiness, and it builds self-confidence.



Valentine's Day Parties for 3-year-olds

On **Tuesday, February 13th**, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day in the classroom and enjoy some special activities. Please check with your child's teacher to see if you signed up to bring party favors or paper products for Valentine's Day. During the party, the students will exchange Valentines.

How to prepare Valentines:

1. Have your students sign ONE Valentine card for **each** classmate.
2. **Do not** address the cards with classmates' names.
3. Put your child's Valentines in a sandwich bag with their name on it and hand them to your child's teacher when you drop your child off the day of the celebration.

After the party, take a moment to help your child read Valentines together, and ask your child to tell you about each classmate as you open their cards. This is a very special activity for the children.

Looking Ahead for 3-year-old students:

Lunch Bunch – Thursday, Feb. 1st (PM students), Tuesday, Feb. 27th (AM students)

Class pictures – Thursday, March 1st

Easter Party - Thursday, March 22nd

Easter break-School closed Monday, March 26th through Monday, April 2nd.
Classes resume on Tuesday, April 3rd.

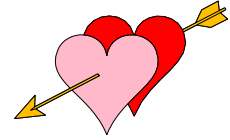
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Happy
Valentines
Day!



4-Year-Old News



February Studies

Our unit of study this month, “I Build! I Create!,” will provide many opportunities for our students to be creative and to explore construction with various materials. We’ll commemorate Presidents Day, welcome a special visitor who’ll teach about dental health, and we’ll celebrate Valentine’s Day and the 100th day of school. We will begin to work on telephone number recognition with the students. Please continue to foster independence in your children by helping them learn to put on their own coats, hats, and mittens. This is a key skill for Kindergarten readiness.

Valentine’s Day Parties for 4-year-olds

The 4-year-old Valentine’s Day party will be held on **Wednesday, February 14th**, and our students will celebrate in their classrooms with special activities and snacks. Please check with your child’s teacher to see if you signed up to bring party favors or paper products for.

How to do Valentines:

1. A list of your child’s classmates’ first names will be sent home the week before the party.
2. Using the list, help your child sign one Valentine card for each classmate and print a name on each card. Put the cards in a Ziploc bag with your child’s name on it.
3. On the day of the party, hand the bag of Valentines to your child’s teacher when you drop off your child. The children will distribute them during the party.

**Please take a moment to open the valentines together
when your child brings them home.**

**This is a good opportunity to ask your child to tell
you about the friends he or she has made in school.**

Lunch Bunch Update

We’ve decided to combine the 4-year-olds’ M/W/F Lunch Bunch sessions, so both AM and PM students in Mrs. Bishop’s class may register. We must have at least six students signed up to avoid canceling the session. Our next session is on February 7th. To sign up, please go to the following sign-up genius page:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044daba922a6ff2-late>

Looking Ahead for 4-year-old Students:

Class Pictures – Friday, February 28th

Easter Party – Friday, March 23rd

Easter Break – School closed Monday, March 26th through Monday, April 2nd

School reopens for Mrs. Mayer’s class on Tuesday, April 3rd.

School reopens for Mrs. Bishop’s, Mrs. Cronin’s, and Mrs. Wallace’s classes on Wednesday, April 4th.

Farewell Programs

Mrs. Bishop’s AM class and Mrs. Mayer’s class: Monday, May 21st at 6:45 PM

Mrs. Bishop’s PM class, Mrs. Wallace’s, and Mrs. Cronin’s classes: Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:45 PM

Parent Group News

Many Thanks

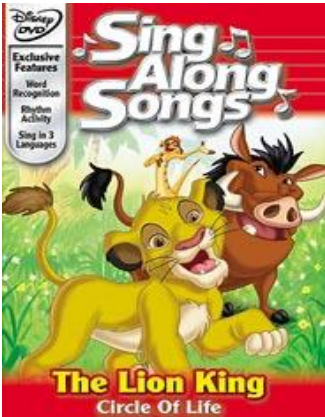
Thank you to Lucy Miner and Carey Stavrevski for delivering lunch to our amazing teachers during their conference days.

And thank you to all of the families who came out to support our school at our Ledo's fundraiser. We look forward to other events this spring.

Family Fun Night

We're doing something a little different this time, which should be a lot of fun! We're doing a **Sing Along Movie** on **Friday, February 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will show Disney's Sing Along Songs - The Lion King Circle of Life. Not only will the children have fun singing along to some of their favorite Disney songs, but this will also reinforce pre-reading skills and help encourage rhythm development. ☺

This Family Fun Night will be **FREE** and the Parent Group will provide treats & drinks. We will again do pre-ordered pizzas so you can enjoy dinner before the movie. Please feel free to bring blankets or camping chairs. Please remember to send in your RSVP by January 31st and we look forward to seeing you there!



USO Children's Book Drive This Month!

From the 5th to the 16th of February, we will be collecting **NEW** children's books for the USO's United Through Reading program at BWI airport. This program helps ease the stress of separation for local military families by having deployed parents or relatives read children's books aloud while being video-taped for their child to watch at home via DVD. You can help by purchasing **NEW** books (for any age group) to donate to this wonderful program. Consider adding to your Scholastic order to help this great cause! For more information or ideas for books please visit www.unitedthroughreading.org.

SPUMC Nursery School Chick-fil-A Day!

Thursday, February 8th

This is an ALL DAY EVENT!!!

Join us at the

Chick-fil-A in Severna Park

It is always a fun event and makes breakfast, lunch, or dinner easy, which is nice after work, sports or just running around! Plus, the children love seeing their teachers and friends.

Drive thru, carry out or dine in orders will be accepted!

You must tell your cashier that you're with the Nursery School Spirit Day in order for the Nursery School to get credit. Please text, email, and share on Facebook with friends, family, and neighbors. Spread the word for our School Fundraiser! We hope to see you there!

Save the Date

Get ready to party at our Spring Family Fun Night!! We are excited to let loose, dance and be entertained on Friday, April 6th 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. More details coming soon. Mark your calendars to join us for a fun evening!

Parents:

**Keep this chart handy to help determine
If your child should stay home or come
to school.**

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100° F or higher.	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and /or pus draining from eye.	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit.

I am ready to go back to school when I am...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil).	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.
