



Director's Corner

Field Trip to Children's Theatre, April 17

The entire pre-school/pre-k, including T, W, Tr and 1/2 day children, will be attending the Winston Salem Children's Theatre's production of the *Jungle Book* at noon on Fri., April 17.

We will eat a large snack at 10:00 a.m. and then load vans to depart by 11:00 a.m. All of the children's and staff's tickets have been purchased.

Parents who plan to attend need to purchase their own ticket by calling the children's theatre in advance. If we arrive together, we will be able to sit together. We do have to arrive between 11:00-11:15 to get the best seating.

Once the play is

over, we will either find a grassy area at the theatre or a nearby park to eat lunch. Lunch will be provided to school day and full day children as well as staff. Parents and half day children may either bring a lunch or order a lunch through the school.

We will return to school by 2:00 p.m. Half day children will not be charged ext. care fees if picked up by 2:00 p.m. Nap will be extended to 3:30. We apologize for the changes in our schedule.

We do need parent drivers for this field trip due to having only one van available this day. Please let Mrs. Lovejoy know if you plan on driving, how many children

you can transport, and if you and/or your child will be ordering a school lunch.

Please remember to have your child wear their St. John's t-shirt and to drop off your child's car/booster seat. We look forward to this fun adventure!!



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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Easter Parties/egg hunt on Thursday, April 9.
- ☉ Field trip to Winston Salem Children's Theatre to see *Jungle Book* on April 17, noon.
- ☉ Donuts for Dad on April 21, 8:00-9:00.
- ☉ Ages & Stages, Giselle Kindergarten Readiness, and Speech screenings this month.

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Easter Parties & Egg Hunts, April 9



This Thursday, April 9, both classes will be having an exciting day of celebration with Easter parties in their classrooms and egg hunts on the play-

grounds.

The egg hunts will begin at 9:30 am with Easter parties in classrooms at 10:00 a.m.

We need a few parent volunteers to arrive at 9:00 to hide the eggs. Mrs. Reynolds' class will have their egg hunt on the small

playground. Mrs. Bane/Ms. Herron's class will have their egg hunt on the big playground.

Please bring 12 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy or trinkets by Wednesday. Every child needs an Easter basket on Thursday.

Library Volunteers Needed for Pre-k



St. John's Preschool loves Parent Involvement!! Volunteer to read to your child's class!

We need parent volunteers to read to our pre-k children for the month of April during our library time. The dates are April 9, 16, 23, and 30. Library time is from 10:45-11:15. Please e-mail or call Mrs. Lovejoy if you are available to volunteer on any of the above dates.

Any preschool parents who would like to read to our 3 and 4 year olds, please talk to Mrs. Reynolds to set a time to volunteer.

Camp Falcon Registration Open

Registration is now open for summer camp. 12 preschoolers have already registered. There are only 25 spots per day. Register soon so that you can be guaranteed the dates you need/desire for your child to participate in our exciting and fun summer.



Preschool/Pre-k Parents Provide Wonderful Wednesdays in April

Did you know that once a month, teachers receive special recognition for their service to children here at St. John's? Each grade is assigned a month where parents organize a teacher appreciation feast in the teacher workroom.

April is Preschool/Pre-k's month to treat the teachers. Because our group is so large, we are going to

show our teacher appreciation for three Wednesdays in a row!!

This week, on April 8, Mrs. Reynolds class will be bringing in food. Mrs. Bane's group, headed by Kim Stone (James' mom) will provide food for next Wed., April 15, and Ms. Herron's group will provide food for April 22.

Parents will contact you on what to bring. Food can be dropped off

in the teacher workroom. Please provide serving utensils for dish if needed.

Thank you for your appreciation!

Preschool Parents show teacher appreciation through Wonderful Wednesdays!

Donuts for Dad, April 21

On April 21, your child's class will celebrate an early Father's Day with donuts, fruit, coffee, and juice as well as free play in the classroom. Each child will have a special gift for his or her dad. The breakfast will be drop-



Dads, come out for a time of food and fun with your son or daughter on April 21!

in from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in your child's classroom. Children are welcome to bring a grandpa, uncle, or family friend if dad is unavailable. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have further questions.



Preschool/Pre-k and St. John's school will be closed this Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 for the Easter holiday. No childcare will be provided. We pray that everyone has a glorious weekend celebrating the resurrection of our Lord!!

Dance, Bike & Trike, Music, and Other Fun Activities

Our last week of Dance was before Spring Break. We traditionally end our Dance with Spring Break so that we can devote more time to end of the year activities in April and May. We treated Miss Lauren to a beautiful potted flower to show our appreciation for her time with us.

Bike and Trike will be on Wednesday, April 29 this month. Please park bikes behind the building under the awning. Please remember to bring a helmet and to label your child's items. Don't forget to pick up your child's bike/trike at the end of the day.

Mrs. Prescott will be leading the children in music on Wed., April 15. We appreciate Mrs. Prescott using her lunch break and her musical talents with us each month.

Both classes will also participate in a cooking project on April 22. Our Bible themes for the month are the Easter story, Missions (Go into all the world), and Fruits of the Spirit.

Children will continue to participate in the Book It Beginners reading program in their classrooms. Each class adds a picture to their Book It poster in the classroom when

the class reads a book together. At the end of March and April each child receives a coupon for a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. We love to read!!



Thank you, Mrs. Prescott for teaching us how to use music to praise God!

Winston Salem DASH (formerly Warthogs) Reading Program



Winston Salem's local baseball team, the DASH, has an exciting reading incentive program for area

schools. St. John's DASH program begins this week with a school wide pep rally on Tuesday (unfortunately the pep rally is during nap time at 2:00 p.m.).

This will be a home reading program. Preschool/Pre-k children's goal is to

read 10 books in two weeks with their parents. Each time a reading goal is met, the children move to a different base on the DASH poster that will be located outside your child's classroom. Children may read more than 10 books to be one of the top 5 readers in the preschool. The program will last 8 weeks. Teachers will send home forms and more info. this week.

At each base, children earn a McDonald's coupon. Home base this year is a happy meal and Dewey's cake square. The

top five readers from each grade will win a day at the park on July 2 with fun games and prizes. A top reader will be drawn from the 50 top readers in the school. The top reader will win four tickets to a DASH game that includes a hat and meal.

St. John's has reserved discounted tickets for the May 30 game at 7p.m. Tickets include a hat and meal and can be purchased through the school office. Students, employees, and family members may purchase the discounted tickets.

Ages & Stages, Giselle Kindergarten Readiness, Speech Screening

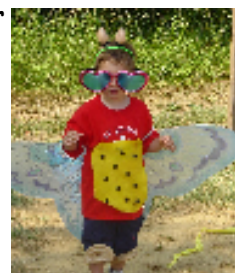
April will be a month observing our preschool children in key developmental areas. All of our pre-k children who will be attending St. John's for Kindergarten are required to participate in the Giselle Kindergarten Readiness Assessment with our first grade teacher, Mrs. Judy Meisinger.

The Giselle lasts 30 minutes and consists of questions and games that Mrs. Meisinger facilitates. Children should be relaxed and comfortable when participating in this assessment.

Mrs. Lovejoy will schedule the assessment times. 1/2 day children will be scheduled during the day, and School Day and Full Day children will be scheduled after 3:00 p.m. Parents must pay a \$40 fee to Mrs. Meisinger for the assessment prior to your child's scheduled time. You will receive a letter this week with more information.

All other children age 5 and under will participate in Ages & Stages—the observation tool we used in the fall prior to parent teacher conferences. Ages & Stages have specific and objective tasks in domains that include language development, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, emotional/social development, and communication.

Finally, Mrs. Lovejoy is arranging for a speech specialist from the Speech Center to offer a voluntary speech screening for all of our preschool/pre-k children in April. This screening is free and is optional. Parents will complete a consent form if they would like their child to participate. More details to come.



Upcoming Dates

- * **April 7**—Sixth Grader, Alex Patton is Principal for the day for bringing in the most raffle tickets in a prior fundraiser.
- * **April 7**—DASH kick-off pep rally at 2:00 p.m.
- * **April 7**—School Advisory Committee meeting.
- * **April 8**—Mrs. Reynolds' class provides Wonderful Wednesday.
- * **April 8**—Mrs. Lovejoy out 11:00-1:00.
- * **April 8**—Faculty meeting 3:30-4:30
- * **April 9**—Easter egg hunt and parties. Festivities begin at 9:30.
- * **April 9**—Ms. Herron off at noon, Mrs. Chancey to sub.
- * **April 10-13**—School closed for Easter Break—The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!
- * **April 13**—Preschool staff to clean all toys, 9:00 a.m.
- * **April 15**—Mrs. Bane's small group providing Wonderful Wednesday.
- * **April 15**—Mrs. Prescott leads music class.
- * **April 17**—Field Trip to W-S Children's Theatre for the *Jungle Book*, depart at 10:45, return by 2:00.
- * **April 17**—Parent's Night Out with kid's activities in the Family Life Center for minimal fee.
- * **April 21**—Donuts for Dad, 8:00-9:00 a.m. in your child's classroom.
- * **April 22**—Ms. Herron's small group provides Wonderful Wednesday.
- * **April 22**—Faculty Meeting 3:30-4:30.
- * **April 25 & 26**—Middle School Musical in Family Life Center: *Alice in Wonderland*.
- * **April 27**—Middle School Musical performance for the school in FLC at 9:00 a.m.
- * **April 28**—**Preschool Open House, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Childcare provided. Tours from 6:30-7:00, Speaker from Imprints with topic, "Your Child's 5 Love Languages." Preschool Director Q & A from 7:45-8:00. Please invite anyone who might be interested!
- * **April 29**—Bike and Trike Day!!
- * **April 30**—Internet Safety Seminar for Parents in the Lunchroom.
- * **All of April**—Ages & Stages and Giselle Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.
- * **May** will be an exciting month with a pancake breakfast, school/church variety show, end of the year party and program, DASH baseball game, and elementary school musicals.

