



Director's Corner

Field Trips Next Week: May 19, May 21

On Tuesday, May 19, the Pre-k class (Ms. Herron and Mrs. Bane) will pick strawberries at Hedgecock Farm between Kernersville and High Point, off of Hwy. 109. No need for parent drivers since we will have both vans, but parents are more than welcome to join us.

Children will eat an early snack at 9:30 and depart for the Strawberry Farm at 10:00. The class will return by noon in time for lunch. Children need to bring their car/booster seat and wear their red St. John's t-shirt.

On Thursday, May 21, the Pre-S class (Mrs.

Reynolds and Mrs. Jones) will visit Sam Drouillard's Farm off of Reynolda Rd. The class will eat an early snack here at 9:30 and depart for Ms. Sam's at 10:00. Children will eat a picnic lunch at the farm.

Half day children and parents may order a school bag lunch for \$2.90 or bring their own lunch. A bag lunch will be provided for school day and full day children and staff. The class will return by 1:00 with no charges for half day children who are picked up by 1:00.

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t-shirt.

There are no additional costs for these field trips. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be joining the field trip.



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Field trips next week.
- ☺ End of the Year Party @ Triad Park, K'ville, June 3, 9:00-1:00.
- ☺ End of the Year Program: "Jesus, Our Superhero", June 2, 6:00 p.m.
- ☺ Water Day, May 27
- ☺ Saturday, May 30—DASH baseball game. Tickets available in school office next week.

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End of Year Program & Party, June 2 & 3



All parents, relatives and friends are invited to our End of the Year Program on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00

p.m. Our theme is "Jesus, Our Superhero." The event will be in the lunchroom.

Children will perform songs, quote memory verses, and receive gifts/certificates from their teachers. A covered dish dinner will follow. Invitations with food assignments will go home soon.

On Wednesday, June 3 from 9:00-1:00 the entire preschool will travel to Triad Park for our end of the year party. Teachers will coordinate food and activities with parents assigned to this party. We will need some drivers. Please let Mrs. Lovejoy know if you plan to come.

Important Billing Info.: Students who have accrued lunch and/or hourly fees for April, May, and 1st week of June will be billed through a Smart Tuition letter mid-June. The final payment for these fees will be due June 30. Curriculum/Activity fees for 2009-2010 are due June 1 to Smart Tuition. Tuition for next school year will begin August 1.



Library Volunteers Needed for Pre-k on May 14, 21, 28 and June 4. Let Mrs. Lovejoy know if you are available.

Register Now for Camp Falcon to Hold Your Spot!



Camp Falcon Preschool is filling up quickly! To register, please visit our website at www.stjohns.org/school and click on the camp falcon links. All forms, calendars, and info. are now on the website.

You must complete the registration form, the YWCA swim lessons form, and a Camp Falcon Smart Tuition enrollment form (not on web, see Mrs. Lovejoy). Turn all forms in with a \$90/child check payable to Smart Tuition. If you are signing up by the day, please print off the Weekly Enrollment Form to select your days.

We have had close to 25 children register for preschool camp and we only accept 25/day. Don't miss out on this exciting summer experience!!

DASH Reading Program Update

The children are moving quickly around the bases as they participate in our spring reading program. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child each night! The program ends May 29. The top five readers from the entire preschool will win a day at the park on July 12:30. St. John's counted tickets to the dog, and a drink. tickets from the 15. We hope to there!!



will win a day at 2nd from 10:00-11:00. has ordered dinner for the May 30 Five dollars earns a hat, a hot You may purchase school after May see everyone

Last Day of School Friday June 5

The last day of school is Friday, June 5. The day begins with our final Chapel and an awards ceremony (no awards will be given to preschoolers). The preschool will participate in Chapel and will stay briefly for the ceremony. The ceremony ends around 10:30 a.m. at which time all K-8th graders are dismissed. The preschool and school age extended care programs will remain open until 6:00 p.m. Preschoolers will spend most of the day in free play activities. Some of our summer staff will assist including Jeremy Bryant, Diane Dalton, and Brendyn Gronewoller.

Water Day, May 27



As tradition in our preschool, we will be having a water play day before the end

of the year. We set up a sprinkler and water buckets and tables in our back parking lot. Children should come to school dressed in swim suit with a cover up and water shoes and already lathered in sunscreen. Please pack a complete change of clothes, tennis shoes and socks, plastic bag, and towel.

Developmental Observations & Enrollment Update

During April and May, the teachers have been working one-on-one with children to complete developmental observations. Our goal is to complete these observations in the next week. Parents of children who did not complete the Giselle Kindergarten Assessment will receive their child's Ages and Stages report by the first week of June.

Thank you to those parents whose children participated in the Speech Screening with the Speech Center. The day went well and reports were sent home that afternoon. Reports are only given to parents. We hope all parents were pleased with the results.

Our three year old class for next year is almost full with 8 enrolled and two others planning to enroll. Our pre-k class is up to 17 with others considering enrollment. At this pace, I anticipate a three year old class with 10-12 students, an older 3's/young 4's class with 14-15 students and an older 4's class with 14-15 students. Both 4 year old classes would prepare children for Kindergarten.

More information about next school year and paperwork packets will be sent home this summer.

Praise God for His provision! The preschool is filling up quickly for next year. Plans are moving forward to add a preschool class. More details to come this summer!

Family MATTERS

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Going Home . . .

Summer is a time when the idea of home plays a big part in family activities. How might you and your family experience the idea of home in the months ahead? Will you . . .

- ▶ Head home with your family to see friends and extended family in the community where you grew up? Even though we may have a current home and family, the idea of the place we were raised can always feel like home.
- ▶ Head to a lake home or beach house and take up temporary residence there? What a refreshing opportunity some of us have to enjoy a home away from home.
- ▶ Just stay home for the summer months, saving on fuel, and other costs? The term “staycation” has recently been coined to describe the at-home-vacation experience.
- ▶ Look forward to coming home after some time away in other places? To finally be home after a completed trip can be a very satisfying feeling for us as a family.

Home, sweet home, who doesn't want to be there?

Some time after Jesus had returned to heaven, an important man who served as treasurer of the Queen of Ethiopia had come to Jerusalem to worship. On his way home, riding in his chariot, he was reading the book of Isaiah. The disciple Philip approached him and asked him if he understood what he was reading. The man wasn't sure, so Philip jumped up and sat with him and interpreted the passages for him. He read about what would happen to Jesus from the prophet Isaiah, and Philip shared with him the good news of what Jesus had done to save the world from sin through His own death and resurrection.

Upon hearing this good news, the man asked to be baptized! So, they had the chariot pull over to where

there was some water, and Philip baptized this Ethiopian man. After this was done, Philip was taken away, and the man went on his way rejoicing. We are not told anymore about this man, but we hope he went home and told others about Jesus.

The idea of being baptized and having a sense of belonging to Jesus went beyond just going home for this man, for we know that when he eventually died, there was another home-going for him—to his heavenly home. Baptism gave him that promise that he would be united with Jesus in his earthly walk and united with Jesus in heaven forever.

Baptism gives us that promise today, and this story urges us to be like Philip, to share the good news of Jesus, lead people to be baptized so that they join us with Jesus forever.

Home, sweet, HEAVENLY home, who doesn't want to go there?



Upcoming Dates: ★ = Preschool ★ = Whole School and/or staff

- * **May 14**—Red and White Night & Spaghetti Dinner (Sports' Recognition)
- * **May 14**—Mrs. Bane out, Mrs. Chancey to sub
- * **May 15**—Middle School Spring Dance in the Lunchroom
- * **May 16**—Pancake Breakfast & Car Wash @ St. John's 8:00-Noon—Middle School Fundraiser
- * **May 18-29**—Purchase \$5 tickets in the school office for DASH Baseball game on May 30
- * **May 19**—Pre-k to Hedgecock Farm, 10:00-Noon
- * **May 21**—Pre-S to Ms. Sam's Farm, 10:00-1:00
- * **May 20-22**—6th and 7th grade to Atlanta
- * **May 23**—Church and School Variety Show in the Family Life Center 6:00-10:00 p.m.—Middle School Fundraiser
- * **May 25**—Memorial Day, School Closed



School Closed May 25 for Memorial Day!

- * **May 27**—Water Day, wear suit, cover up, water shoes. Bring change of clothes, socks and tennis shoes, towel, and plastic grocery bag
- * **May 28**—LIT (middle school summer camp) orientation for parents and students, 6 p.m.
- * **May 28, 29**—Mrs. Chancey out, Diane Dalton to sub
- * **May 30**—Camp Staff Orientation 8-5
- * **May 30**—DASH Baseball game @ Ernie Shore, 7 p.m.
- * **June 1**—\$100 activity fee for Pre-S/Pre-K & \$250 activity fee for K due to Smart Tuition

- * **June 1**—5th-8th Field Day at Miller Park (Mrs. Bane out, Mrs. Chancey to sub)
- * **June 2**—K-4th Field Day at Miller Park (Mrs. Bane out, Mrs. Chancey to sub)
- * **June 2**—Preschool End of the Year Program, lunchroom, 6 p.m., covered dish dinner
- * **June 3**—Entire Preschool End of the Year Party at Triad Park, Kernersville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- * **June 5**—Last day of school, K-8th dismissed at 10:30 a.m. Preschool and extended care open until 6:00 p.m. Teachers work on toy cleaning. Jeremy Bryant, Brendyn Gronwoller, and Diane Dalton (camp staff) to assist
- * **June 6**—All day camp prep day
- * **June 8**—First day of Camp Falcon!!

