



### APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

March 30-31	<b>NO SCHOOL – Easter Holiday</b>
April 1-6	<b>NO SCHOOL – Easter Holiday</b>
7	<i>Return to school</i>
24	<b>FIELD TRIP – AM 4s 9:30-11:00</b> Buppert's Doran's Chance Farm
24	<i>Book Orders Due</i>
27	<b>FIELD TRIP - MT 2s &amp; Wed 2s</b> 10:00–11:00 Playtime Pastures
28	<b>Last Tuesday Lunch Bunch</b>
29	<b>FIELD TRIP – MTW 3s</b> 8:45-11:30 Sharps Farm
29	<b>Last Wednesday Lunch Bunch</b>

### MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6	<b>FIELD TRIP – Catoctin Zoo – ALL 3s &amp; ALL 4s – 8:30 – 2:00</b>
4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
11	Kindergarten Lunch Day – AM 4s 11:30-12:30 Fellowship Hall
12	<b>PICNIC – ALL 2s, 3s, 4s –</b> 11:00–2:00 Cooper Park
19	<b>Last Day – MT 2s</b>
20	<b>Last Day – Wed 2s &amp; MTW 3s</b>
22	<b>GRADUATION - AM 4s – 9:00</b>

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 7	Patrick G.	5
11	Cody D.	4
14	Kennedy K.	5
21	Uloaku O.	4
28	Josie S.	3

### APRIL PRAYERS

God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again. We will ask thy blessing, we will ask thy blessing. Amen, amen.

### FOR FOOD TO EAT

For food to eat to make us grow, thank you God, who planned it so. Amen

### "KIDS TO KIDS"

Our Lenten "Kids to Kids" project will end Friday, March 27. This year our goal is to purchase Baskets of Hope for Heifer International. The children are working hard at raising \$50.00 per basket. Thank you for your support!!

### WCPS PRIZE PALOOZA

The Prize Palooza is winding down. The prize donations provided by so many were outstanding, over \$9,000.00 worth. With your help, this is on track to be a great fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who purchased and sold tickets. You have until March 27th to get the ticket money in. We will announce the final total of sales next month. Drawings will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. Good Luck to all!

### PAJAMA DRIVE

During the month of April, we will be collecting new infant through 3T, one piece sleepers or onesies for Mount Washington Hospital. Please look for additional information to come home this month. Collection bins will be in the Preschool hallway.

### GRADUATION

Graduation for the AM 4s class will be on Friday, May 22. Families are invited to attend. Graduation is at the beginning of class time in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served after the program. Parents and children will be free to leave after refreshments. A separate letter will follow.

### TWO'S AND THREE'S CELEBRATIONS

The two's will celebrate their last day on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Families will be invited into their classroom for a short program. The three's will celebrate their last day on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Families are invited to the Narthex for their program. A separate letter will follow.

## FROM THE OFFICE...

### SAFETY REMINDERS -

- Remember to follow the Enter and Exit signs on the parking lot.
- Children should not be left unattended in the car. We are obligated to call the police.
- Please hold your child's hand while walking to and from the building.
- Car Seats - every child under 8 years old must ride in an appropriate child restraint, unless the child is 4' 9" or taller, or weighs more than 65 lbs. For more info visit [www.mdkiss.org](http://www.mdkiss.org).
- Playground - We invite you to use the playground during non-class time. Please keep in mind there are playground rules that the children abide by, and we ask you to enforce the same rules at all times.

We do not allow the children to climb on *top* of the climbers or climb the trees. The children may not remove sand from the sandbox, cover when leaving. Please be considerate and enjoy using the playground.

We want everyone to be safe.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Many of you have taken advantage of ordering books from Scholastic Books.

Each time you place an order, the preschool has the opportunity to order free books. Your children receive these free books at Christmas and as birthday gifts when they celebrate their birthday at school.

Orders can be placed online at, [scholastic.com/readingclub](http://scholastic.com/readingclub), using the code J3PYN. Orders for April are due on Friday, April 24.

### WARD'S CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS...

#### *EASTER SERVICES*

March 29 – Palm Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
Family Friendly Service with  
Easter Egg Hunt to follow

April 5 – Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.  
By the Cross in the cemetery  
Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

We welcome everyone to attend

### RECIPE FOR LEARNING

To children, the world of cooking is magical. We combine all kinds of ingredients, then stir, simmer, boil, or bake, and –presto!–something delicious is created. Being asked to help with cooking makes kids feel grown up and important. And when they cooperate with others to make a dish, they take great satisfaction in producing something for everyone to eat.

Cooking with children–pointing out key words on the recipe as we go along, having them measure, pour, and stir–is a time of learning as well. Reading, science, and math concepts abound in cooking experiences. Children learn to recognize numbers and words from recipes. They begin to use vocabulary related to cooking. And they observe how ingredients change when they are mixed together.

Kids also learn basic math concepts such as counting, measurement, and part-whole relationships. It will take years before young children fully understand concepts like numbers, weights, measurement, time, and temperature,

But repeated experiences with cooking promote the development of these concepts.

Cooking with young children does take more time than cooking alone. But the learning that accompanies cooking and the closeness fostered by the shared experience are worth the extra time.

...from-[Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs](#)

