



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	1	Pick-up Super Bowl Subs 10-12
	3	NO SCHOOL – Conference Day by appointment
	4	NO SCHOOL – State Special Election
	11	Valentine's Party – MT 2s, AM MT 3s
	12	"Kids to Kids" Valentines Due
	12	Valentine's Party – W 2s, PM MTW 3s, PM 4s
	13	Deliver Valentines to Chapel Hill Nursing Home - 1:45 (after Lunch Bunch)
	14	Valentine Party – TF 2s, WTF 3s, AM 4s
	17	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
	21	Book Orders Due – order online
	26	ALL 4s FIELD TRIP – Walter's Art Museum – 9:00 – 12:00
	26	Ash Wednesday – Kids to Kids Lent project begins
March	4	ALL 3s FIELD TRIP – Goucher College – 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
	6	Wards Chapel UMC Mission's Auction
	13	NO SCHOOL – Staff Planning Day
	14	Pi Day
	17	Speech, Language & Audiology Assessments – WTF 3s
	18	Speech, Language & Audiology Assessments – MT 3s, AM 4s, PM 4s
	20	QUARTER AUCTION – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
	23	NO SCHOOL – Staff Retreat Day
	25	ALL 4s FIELD TRIP – Maryland Science Center – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
April	8-14	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb.	9	Amarachi U.	3
	11	Cooper D.	4
	12	Marshall W.	3
	16	Wyatt A.	4
	18	Camden R.	4
	24	Brendan W.	5
	28	JP C.	5

JULY UNBIRTHDAYS

July	3	Kaylee G.	5½
	6	Lydia L.	4½
	6	Harlyn D.	3½
	11	Charlie W.	2½
	24	Blake R.	2½
	26	Logan D.	4½
	27	Michael C.	3½
	28	Chimaobi N.	3½

FEBRUARY PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let this food to us be blessed. Amen.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the sub sale, 158 subs were sold.

A huge thank you to Courtney Ackerman, Gina Brown, Karen Crumb, Kerry Deming, Sarah Sproul, Jessica Stroup, Ms. Terry, Ms. Gabriella, Ms. Caroline and Ms. Penny for their hard work putting the subs together!

"KIDS TO KIDS" OUTREACH

February's outreach - the children will decorate paper hearts at home with their families. We will deliver the Valentines to Chapel Hill Nursing Center on Thursday, February 13 at 1:45, after Lunch Bunch. If you would like to go, please see Bridget.

For Lent, we will be collecting money in the classroom jars for the Heifer project. We will purchase Promise Baskets at a cost of \$85.00 each. The Basket contains ducks, geese, chickens and rabbits. Lent begins February 26. For more information, go to www.heifer.org.

THANK YOU...

- ◆ To the Michelle Barnes, Kristen Freedman, and Bill Whitty for helping make Stone Soup with the children.
- ◆ To all who contribute to the "Kids to Kids" projects
- ◆ To Mo's Café for providing the sub supplies

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Ms. Terry on the birth of her grandson, Brantley. He was born January 19. Ms. Terry's daughter, Carrie, and her boyfriend, Chris are the proud parents.

PARENT CONFERENCES

We encourage you to meet with your child's teacher about his/her progress. Conferences are held on Monday, February 3.

Each teacher has provided a sign-up sheet for conferences.

Classes are not in session, but the children may come with you and stay in the classroom to be supervised by the teaching assistants. This will allow you to speak with the teacher without distractions.

Each conference is scheduled to be 15 minutes. Please keep this in mind.

Remember...

****** Being late is discourteous to not only for the teacher, but the other parents as well.

****** Plan to arrive at least 5 minutes early for your conference.

****** Have your questions and comments ready prior to your conference. We suggest writing them down. This will allow the teacher to stay on schedule and allot the same amount of time for each parent.

FROM THE OFFICE...

• 2020-2021 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is in progress. If you have not returned papers or money, please do so as soon as possible. Registration is now open to the public.



• INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We follow the Baltimore County and/or Carroll County Public School closings.

- If either, or both, Baltimore or Carroll Counties are closed, we will be closed.
- If they are two hours late, we will implement our alternative schedule. The 2s will meet 10:00–11:45. The

morning classes will meet 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. The afternoon classes will meet 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

- Check www.bcps.org or www.carrollk12.org for closing information.
- Please alert your child's other caregivers to this policy, especially if they have your children in the morning.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - PATIENCE

The virtue of the month is Patience. Young children develop patience gradually. Perhaps waiting in line at the grocery store triggers crying and complaining. Use this time to tell your child a story, count the groceries in the cart, or sing a song. Tell your child that sometimes we have to wait for things and that we can do other things while we are waiting. When a parent exhibits patience with their children, the children then adopt those traits.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Have you ever thought about how much time you and your child spend in the car each day? With a little planning, your journeys can become shared moments of fun and learning.

Before you go to the store, for example, involve your child in making a shopping list. You can ask your child to check the cereal boxes to see if any are almost empty. A 4- or 5-year-old also can check on the supply of milk, extra rolls of toilet tissue, and other items. Later, you can consult this list together as you shop.

As you proceed on your errands, read signs around you. Take along paper and pencil for mapping out your stops. Help orient your child by pointing out stores and streets you pass along the way.

After a busy day at school, your child may need a break from the hustle of the schedule. Bring along a light snack or something cool to drink for the trip home. (Some items such as lollipops are not safe in the car or on the bus; choose snacks with care.) Usually it's a good idea to take a little quiet break before you begin discussing the day's events or focusing on the next stop.

On days when neither of you feels like talking, a couple of sing-along or storybook tapes, kept in an activity bag or backpack, will come in handy. Drawing materials, large dice, card games, small toys, puzzles, and books make great additions to a backpack.

Before a long trip, gather information and read about the destination to help your child look forward to the excursion. Together, map out points of interest along the way.

Games like I Spy, searching for animals, counting colored cars, matching sign shapes, finding silly-named streets, looking for out-of-state license plates, or inventing rhymes amuse away the miles.

When your child's attention begins to wander, switch to another game or take a break. Plan frequent stretch-and-bend stops to satisfy the wiggles. And don't forget that favorite pillow or stuffed animal!

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