



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	7	Vision Screening – MTW 3s & AM 4s
	8	Vision Screening – ThF 3s
	10	Sub Sale Pick-Up – 10 am-12 pm
	12	<b>Book Orders Due</b> – order online
	13	Bring Valentines – MT 2s & AM 4s
	14	Bring Valentines – MTW 3s
	14	<b>FIELD TRIP</b> – American Visionary Arts Museum – 4s AM
	15	Bring Valentines–ThF 3s
	19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - President's Day

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb.	16	Luke V.	4
	22	Ellen D.	5
	22	Kiprono R.	5

### JULY UNBIRTHDAYS

July	5	Annabelle F.	3½
	11	Noah P.	3½
	21	Jaxson S.	2½
	22	Everleigh E.	4½
	27	Asher F.	3½

### FEBRUARY PRAYER

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

### SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

Pick-up day for subs is Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am til 12:00 pm., in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Supporting fundraisers helps us to keep tuitions reasonable.

### "KIDS TO KIDS" OUTREACH

February's outreach - the children will decorate paper hearts in the classroom. We will deliver the Valentines to Chapel Hill Nursing Center before Valentine's Day.

For Lent, we will be collecting money in the preschool hall for the Heifer project. We will purchase Hope Baskets at a cost of \$50.00 each. Lent begins February 14th.

For more information, go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

### THANK YOU...

- ◆ To all who contribute to the "Kids to Kids" projects

### CONGRATULATIONS...

To the Klein family on the birth of Owen. He was born January 3. Eddie in Ms. Sarah's MTW 3s/ThF 3s is the big brother.

### WCPS PRIZE PALOOZA

We are making plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Preschool Prize Palooza. This fundraiser is a calendar drawing, full of great prizes each day!

This is how it works...

We are asking families to sell tickets, \$20.00 each to family and friends. You will receive a calendar, with prizes on each day of April. A ticket will be drawn each day and someone will win one of the great prizes that have been donated to the school, by local business, the staff and classes. You will be notified when you win!

*More information to come in the March Newsletter, be on the lookout!!!*

### FROM THE OFFICE...

#### • 2024-2025 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 3s and 4s morning classes will meet 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. If it is a Lunch Bunch Day, pick up remains at 1:30 pm. You will receive a Remind text from the school.
- Check [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) or [www.carrollk12.org](http://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 transit each day? Whether you drive a car, pedal a bicycle, take a bus or subway, or walk, you and your child are together during that time. 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!

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

