

Dear Parents,

February is right around the corner and we are busily preparing for 2017-2018 registration. Mark your calendars with the important dates located on the Calendar-At-A-Glance and our website. We look forward to seeing you all at the Spirit and Registration Night! Don't miss out on this "early bird" registration opportunity.



Fairfax County has many different **free resources** available for families with young children. Identifying a problem early in a child's life can help a family obtain the service and support needed to promote their child's development. The first few years of a child's life are a sensitive period in the process of development, laying a foundation in childhood and beyond for cognitive functioning; social and emotional skills; behavior and self-regulatory capacities; and physical health. Please take advantage of these opportunities to ensure your child can participate fully in family and community activities.

### Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church Services

Infant and Toddler of Fairfax-Falls Church (ITC) serves children who:

- Are under the age of three years old and
- Live in Fairfax County or the cities of Fairfax or Falls Church and
- Meet **one or more** of the following criteria:
  - Have a 25% or greater delay in at least one developmental area (cognitive, adaptive, receptive, or **expressive language, social/emotional**, fine motor, gross motor)
  - Have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay (examples include but are not limited to Down syndrome, hearing or visual impairment, failure to thrive, etc.)
  - Have demonstrated atypical development (examples include but are not limited to unintelligible speech, feeding concerns, etc.)

More information about typical developmental milestones can be found on the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia's website at: <http://infantva.org/ovw-DeterminationDevelopmentOSEP-v1.htm>.

### Fairfax County Public School Child Find and Identification Services

- Child Find is the process of identifying children with potential special education needs as well as educating the community about child development and the importance of early intervention. Child Find screenings are free to residents of FCPS whose child is 2 through 5 years old.
- If a parent has concerns regarding their child ages two through four, inclusive, they should call 571-423-4121. Upon contact, information will be provided regarding interventions, workshops, screening, and evaluations.

If you have questions about these program, please ask us!

**Blessings,  
Ann**

## Calendar-At-A-Glance



**Thursday, February 2**  
**Open House 6:30 – 7:30**

**Friday, February 3**  
Early Release – 12:00

**Monday, February 6**  
*NO School – FCPS Teacher In-service day*

**Tuesday, February 7** 5:00 – 8:00 PM  
*Spirit Night at King's Park McDonald's*  
*Early Registration for 2015–2016\* at King's Park McDonald's*  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Monday, February 13** 9:30-2:30  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Friday, February 17**  
Funtastic Friday 5:30-7:30 PM

**Monday, February 20**  
*No School President's Day Holiday*

**Tuesday, February 21**  
*After School Session 4 Begins*

**Tuesday, February 21 9:30 AM**  
*Registration for All Families Begins*

## If It's Snowing, Is The WEE Center Closed?

<u>If FCPS is:</u>	<u>The WEE Center is:</u>
Closed	Closed
1 Hour Late	Opens at 11AM
2 Hours Late	Opens at NOON
Early Closing	Closes at NOON

# Just Ahead

## WEE Center Open House

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you and the students as they show off our preschool program. Come out and see what your children are working on now and also visit next year's classroom. You can learn about the curriculum for the older classes. The older students will sing a special song at 7pm.



## WEE Center Spirit Night Kings Park McDonalds

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Join us at the Kings Park McDonalds and 10% of all sales will be donated to the WE E Center. Come inside or take a trip

through the drive-through. The kids will be delighted, and you will be raising funds for our program! Come and join the fun!

## Early Registration Opportunity

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

You can register your child for the 2017 – 2018 school year at the Kings Park McDonalds during Spirit Night.

- Forms will be accepted beginning at 6pm on at the Kings Park McDonald's
- Forms must be delivered in person to a registrar.
- You must pay the \$100 registration fee.
- WE E families must be current with their tuition and fees.

Community registration will begin on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the Preschool Office.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 13

9:30 – 2:00

During the winter, we hold parent-teacher conferences so we can formally share information about your child's progress and discuss programming options for next year. Your child's teacher will contact you regarding this valuable opportunity to discuss your child's development.



Childcare will be provided during your conference time.

## 2017-2018 Class Offerings

I am looking for a few parents who would like to be listed as references for our program. Potential WE E Center parents would call you to ask specific questions about your experience here. Please let me know if you are interested.

Age by 9/30/17	10:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Tuition / Supply
15 Months	Wednesday / Friday	<b>2-Day</b> \$250    \$135
2 Year Olds	Tuesday / Thursday Monday/Tuesday/Thursday	
2 ½ - 3 ½ Year Olds	Tuesday / Thursday Wednesday / Friday	<b>3 - Day</b> \$310    \$150
	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Monday/Wednesday/Friday	
3 - 4 1/2 Year Olds <b>(potty- trained)</b>	Tuesday - Thursday Tuesday-Friday	<b>4 - Day</b> \$375    \$165
	Monday - Friday	
4 Year Olds <b>(potty- trained)</b>	Tuesday - Thursday Tuesday - Friday	<b>5 - Day</b> \$415    \$180
	Monday - Friday	
		Annual Registration Fee: \$100

## Funtastic Friday - Aesop's Winter Fables

5:30 for a pizza and salad dinner

6:30 show

[Please register at Parkwood.org!](http://Parkwood.org)

Our spirited performers take your young audience on a hilarious and highly entertaining journey. They cover valuable lessons from "The Ant and the Grasshopper" to "The Country Mouse and the City Mouse." The audience is guaranteed to walk away with strong character-education influence and a boat-load of uproarious laughter! They'll learn about responsibility, honesty and appreciating what they already have just in time to get into the spirit of the season.



## After-School Session 4

Tuesday, February 21 - Thursday, March 30

All potty-trained, 3 year-olds may attend our After-School Program. A **one-time registration fee of \$25** is required to enroll your child in one or more of these fabulous classes. The more classes you sign-up for, the more you save! Look for the enrollment form in your child's basket or stop by the office for a copy.

**1 day/week = \$50.00**      **2 days/week = \$95.00**  
**3 days/week = \$135.00**

### TUESDAY – Drama Zone

Children will enjoy pretend play and movement as they learn to recreate familiar stories and everyday activities.

### WEDNESDAY – Can We Build It?

Provided with a variety of materials, students will have a chance to discover solutions to an engineering challenge. Working together and individually students can design, construct and explore all possibilities

### THURSDAY – This Land is Your Land

We will enjoy learning about the United States of America as we explore the different areas of our country from the North to the South and from the East to the West!

## From Pastor Mike

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"What's Love Got to Do with It?"

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**"*  
(Col. 3:12-14)

**Everything!** Love has everything to do with it! The Scriptures tell us that all we do should be motivated by love. Even our words should be rooted in love and salted with grace. The Apostle Paul said, *"Speak the Truth in love..."* (Eph. 4:15). This was a challenge for the early church and is still a challenge today. As the church we do have a responsibility to engage in the daily workings of our world but, as believers we are called to do all things in love. As parents we have even a greater responsibility to model for our children how people should treat each other. The Scripture above tells us that it is love that binds us together in unity...not uniformity. We can have different gifts and talents. We can have different opinions and tastes, but we are called to be unified in the love of Christ. Our love for God and each other dictates how we treat each other...how we talk to each other...what we think of each other. In times when tensions are high and emotions seem to rule the day may the church and we, as parents, clothe ourselves with compassion and faithfully *"speak the Truth in love"*.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike