

Dear Parents,

The school year is quickly coming to an end and our calendar is full of fun activities for the students and their families! We hope you will join us for some of the special activities we have planned.

As we are winding down the school year, we will be focusing on God's living world. Watching nature up close is an important part of learning for our students. Thank you Garden Angels, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Negrelli for helping us maintain our gardens. The students enjoyed participating in the weeding and planting. In the next week or so, Mrs. Ingle, Mrs. Fragkiadaki and Mrs. Ocasio will help the students prepare the butterfly habitats with caterpillar larvae and food. The students will enjoy watching the butterfly larvae transform from caterpillars into butterflies in their classrooms and releasing them back in to the world. Our spring is filled with the joys of living things!



***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!***                      **2 Corinthians 5:17**

As many of you know, Mrs. Metts is moving out of state. She has been an integral part of our WEE Center for 14 years and she will be greatly missed. We wish her the best and pray that God will continue to guide her. Ashely Kinzler will be stepping in to replace Mrs. Metts in the Zebra class for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for entrusting your children into our care. We have had a wonderful, blessed year watching them grow, learn and develop. We hope you will join us for **Funtastic Friday on May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is invited to this fun evening celebration but registration is necessary to ensure we have enough food and activities.

For those that are leaving our WEE Center Family, we wish God's blessings on your family wherever He leads you. For those that are returning in the fall, have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September!  
Blessings,

Ann Lipton  
WEE Center Director

## Calendar-At-A-Glance



**Thursday & Friday,  
April 27 & 28**

Teacher Appreciation

**Wednesday, Thursday &  
Friday,**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mother's Day Teas

**Friday, May 19     5:30 -7:30**

Funtastic Friday

Basket Raffle Drawing

**Thursday, May 18**

**10:15 – 11:15**

Volunteer Appreciation

Breakfast

**Thursday, May 25**

Last Day of School

**Monday – Friday, June 5 - 9**

Summer Camp

**Monday – Friday July 24 – 28**

Vacation Bible School



# Just Ahead

## One More Opportunity for Parent Classes

**Play/Social Skills** 6420 Diana Lane  
May 9, Virginia Hills Alexandria, VA

**Understanding your Childs Behavior** 2334 Gallows Rd.  
May 10 Dunn Loring Center, Dunn Loring, VA

**Language Development** 4400 Stringfellow Rd  
May 11 Rocky Run, Chantilly,  
VA

All classes are from 6:00 – 7:30 & childcare is provided.  
Call 571-423-4121

## Mother's Day Teas Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>



Each class will honor mothers in their own special way.  
Please look for more details coming home in your child's  
basket.

## Funtastic Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7:30 pm Fun Fair



There will be activities and games for children and adults  
of all ages!  
Dinner will be served at 5:30 and program will follow.  
Basket Raffle Drawing will take place at 7:00

The event is free but registration is needed by May 17 for  
a proper headcount for food and activities. Register at  
[Parkwood.org](http://Parkwood.org) on the events page.

## Basket Raffle Tickets Sales

\$2.00 each or a sheet of 6  
tickets for \$10.00



There are about 20 baskets (or items)  
to choose from. Want a night out with  
dinner, frozen yogurt and a movie? How about 1 week of  
Tae Kwon Do camp for free? Maybe a Nationals baseball  
game is on your list to do. These are just some of the  
items you can win.

Beginning May 7 we are displaying some of the class  
baskets downstairs but most are in the Fellowship Hall. Be  
sure to take a look!

You may purchase tickets during drop off and pick up  
each day until the drawing on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the  
conclusion of Funtastic Friday.



## Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:15 am - 11:15 am

You know you are a volunteer if you ever...

- Helped with a fundraiser
- Picked up supplies or washed dress-up clothes
- Helped with a class project or read to the class
- Helped with drop-off
- Helped in the office
- Ran an errand for the office or the classroom
- Substituted in the classroom
- Helped as a room parent
- Helped collect things for the class or the school
- Had anything to do with the Basket Raffle
- Helped with picture day
- Helped with the science or garden programs

Our preschool is successful in part because of the many  
volunteers who help us throughout the year. Please join us  
and let us celebrate you!

*Thank you volunteers; we appreciate  
all you do!*

## June Summer Camp

June 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - 2:00 pm

God Made the Summer!



The WEE Center is offering a **one week (Monday – Friday)** summer camp. The cost of camp is \$150 and a \$15 non-refundable registration fee. To reserve your spot, return your registration form and \$15 registration fee to the WEE Center Office by May 12. **Space is limited.**

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)



**Monday - Friday,  
July 24 - 28  
9 am - 12pm**

Registration for students and volunteers has already begun...yes, summer is right around the corner! **Galactic Starveyors will discover the wonder among all wonders – that God wants a personal relationship with each of us!** VBS is for ages 4 (by Sept 30, 2016) – 6th grade (completed by July 2017). Due to available classroom space, we are limiting our four year old enrollment. Priority will be given to those who have older siblings enrolled.

To register online go to [www.parkwood.org](http://www.parkwood.org) and click on “Events & Activities.”

Contact: Jennifer Heiserman, Director of Children’s Ministries for more information, at the Church Office. 703.978.8160

## Looking for a Church?

### Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Service**

**9:30 Praise Worship Service**

**11:00 Traditional Worship Service**

Bible Study, Sunday School and Child Care offered during both Worship Services.

## Thoughts from Pastor Mike

### “Finishing Touches”

*“And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good...and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done.”*  
(Genesis 1:31/2:2)

Whenever we get near the end of a project there are the “finishing touches” before we call it complete. When baking it is the literal “icing on the cake.” It is looking over the freshly washed car with a rag in your hand making sure that all the smudges are wiped off. It is putting the last screw in the new treehouse. Usually these details are just small tweaks that we add at the end to make sure every “i” is dotted and every “t” is crossed. It’s after the “finishing touches” that we know that we have done our best and we can present the results with a sense of satisfaction. We can put the tools away...sit back...and take a rest. I think the verses above describe that moment for God in the creation story. The neat thing is that God continues to create in our world and invites us to be a part of putting on the finishing touches. When I talk with the kids in the WEE Center Chapel I am always reminding them about how God made them and how He loves them and how He wants to take care of them. Your children are created by God and He has put them in your family in order to give you the privilege of taking part in their development. Our teachers at the WEE Center are also honored to be invited to be a part of so great a work. So, as we come to the end of the school year we are putting on the “finishing touches” knowing that we have done our best this year teaching and encouraging your children. Summer will be a time of rest and refreshment, but also a time of preparation for the Fall when we will welcome the opportunity again to partner with God in adding “finishing touches” to His creation.

God bless you!  
Pastor Mike