

November 2016

Dear WEE Families,

As we enter into this busy time of year, it is important to show gratitude for our many blessings.

How awesome it is to work in a place where we have the opportunity to carry out that call on a daily basis. We see the children learning to be thankful for their blessings. We see them in the classroom engaged in prayer, giving thanks and we are witnesses to them talking about God to the adults and other children in their life.



It can be very easy to make a difference in someone's life while our children are watching. As you reflect about the things in your life for which you are thankful, think about those to whom you could be a blessing. Share a smile, or a hug, or a gift to those in need. Thank you for participating in our Operation Christmas Child Ministry. We hope your children feel the joy in giving to others as they select the toys and goodies for other children.

We are so grateful to all of our WEE Center families. Your involvement in your child's education and school help set the foundation for a lifetime of learning and spirituality. It is a joy and a pleasure to have an opportunity to be a part of your lives. The WEE Center is committed to carrying out God's work here at Parkwood Baptist Church. We do this by loving your children, and your families, while we all learn about God's love. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.



The students really enjoyed the visit to the Parkwood Pumpkin Patch!

Happy Thanksgiving!!!
Ann Lipton
Director

Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord; for He is good; His love endures forever."

Calendar-At A-Glance



Tuesday, November 1
After-School Session 2 Begins

Friday, November 4,
Early Release at 12:00 noon
Funtastic Friday! **5:30-7:30 pm**

Monday, November 7 & Tuesday, November 8
No School

Thursday, November 10
Last Day for Operation Christmas Child Donations

Monday, November 14
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 17
In-House Field Trip;
Under the Sea **11:00 am**

Wednesday, November 23
Noon Dismissal

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25
Thanksgiving Holiday



Just Ahead

After-School Classes Session 2

Tuesday 11/1/16 to Thursday 1/5/2017

no classes on 11/22, 11/23 & 11/24, 12/13 & 12/14

Register your child for one class to three classes a week. For first time participants, remember to include the enrollment form and the one-time \$25 enrollment fee.

1 day a week = \$50 2 days a week = \$95
3 days a week = \$135

Tuesday: Manners Matter

During the preschool years is the perfect time to show the importance of being kind and teaching manners. This class will include games and activities to encourage and nurture good manners

Wednesday: Amazing Authors

Students will develop an appreciation of literature through related activities and experiences.

Thursday: Rocking & Running

This class provides children an outlet to express emotions physically through music.

Funtastic Friday! Illusions & Magic

Friday, November 4

5:30 -7:30 pm

Free Fun for the Whole Family!

Register early for an amazing night of illusions, close-up magic and face painting! **Please register for this event as soon as possible.** www.parkwood.org

5:30 - 6:15 PM (Fellowship Hall) - Dinner & table side magic

6:15 - 7:15 PM (Sanctuary) - Magic Show



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 14

During the fall, we hold parent-teacher conferences so we can formally share information about your child's progress. 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.



Under The Sea In-House Field Trip

November 17

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

All the students will enjoy this special visit from underwater animals. If your child is in the Lambs or Frogs class, they are welcome to attend with a parent. Please check in at the front office and come to the Fellowship Hall by 11:00.

Thanksgiving Holiday Early Release & Closure

November 23, 12:00 noon

In keeping with the FCPS calendar, we will be closing at 12 Noon on Wednesday, November 23 to allow families to begin their Thanksgiving Holiday travels. We will be closed on November 24 & 25.

We wish you a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.



Canned food collection

If you would like to donate to the church Food Pantry, please bring in a nonperishable item. We will have a collection bin near our entrance.

News & Notes

Operation Christmas Child ends November 10



Each year, the WEE Center Staff teach our students about the importance of giving to others. One way we do this is by participating in Parkwood Baptist Church's Operation Christmas Child Ministry. Each class is collecting items to pack in shoeboxes to send off to less fortunate children around the world. We will continue collecting through Thursday, November 10. Parents please bring in small toys, tooth brushes, art supplies, and goodies for our Christmas shoeboxes!

Here are reading recommendations for the Thanksgiving season:

Let's Celebrate God's Blessings on Thanksgiving

By: Lise Caldwell

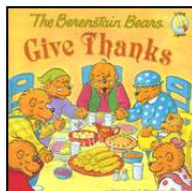
This 16-page booklet teaches children to honor God in the Thanksgiving holiday. The Pilgrims ate good food with friends and family, played games, and thanked God for all their blessings. And so do we!



The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks

By: Jan & Michael Berenstain

Discover Thanksgiving with the Berenstain Bears! The cubs are putting on a Thanksgiving show for their relatives. The whole family is getting involved, and they're even making their own costumes and props for the event! But will Sister Bear's pet turkey play the part of dinner? *The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks* teaches how God provided for the pilgrims and reminds children of God's many blessings.



Classes for Parents

Sponsored by FCPS Early Childhood Identification and services

The Fairfax County Public Schools *Early Childhood Identification & Services* will host the following classes in the month of March. All workshops are held from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.:

Play & Social Skills

Virginia Hills

6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310

703.317.1400

Tuesday, November 15

This workshop will share facts about child social development, techniques to help you play with your child to aid social development, and ways to set up and manage the environment to help your child be successful.

Understanding, Appreciating, and Working with Your Child's Behavior

Dunn Loring

2334 Gallows Rd., Dunn Loring, VA 22027

703.204.6760

Wednesday, November 16

This workshop will share facts about behavior, techniques to help you work with your child, and ways to set up and manage the environment to help your child be successful.

Language Development

Rocky Run

4400 Stringfellow Rd., Chantilly, VA 20151

703.802.7788

Thursday, November 17

This workshop will share facts about language, techniques to help you work with your child, and ways to set up and manage the environment to help your child be successful.

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

Parkwood Happenings



Parkwood Baptist Church
8726 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA
703.978.8160 www.parkwood.org

*Come tour a re-creation
of a street in Bethlehem
at the birth of Christ.
Enjoy live performances,
animals, music,
and refreshments.*

Free Admission
Parkwood's Gift to the Community

Thoughts from Pastor Mike

Turning the Frown Upside down!

What a wonderful time of the year as we approach the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas! It is a time when we celebrate family, friends and our faith. This year, however, we face a rather daunting distraction. The current political climate in our nation has threatened to taint everything we do...and our children can sense that. It is up to us, as parents and caregivers, to continue to provide a positive environment for our children. When I was growing up I remember hearing adults say, "Let's turn that frown upside down".

The world can be a negative place sometimes but children (and adults) need to be reminded that there is always something to celebrate. This is never truer than in this exciting season of the year! At the WEE Center we are committed to providing a positive learning environment for your children every day. We are committed to turning a frown "upside down" in a world that can be scary at times.

I would like to challenge you to keep it positive when talking around your children. Focus on creating an atmosphere of "Nativity" rather than "negativity". You may find that the children are not the only ones that benefit!

We hope that you will have a blessed thanksgiving and Advent season this year. It is worth celebrating!

