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St. David's Episcopal Day School



January 2012

The New Year is Here!

Happy New Year! Hopefully your family had a great winter break, celebrating with friends and family from near and far, relaxing, making memories and having fun! Now it is back to school!

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? My personal resolution is to "de-clutter." There is so much stuff in my house - clothes I have not worn in years, receipts I do not need anymore (it is all on computer records anyway), tax records from the last century!! Sound familiar? Ask me in March how I am doing!

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness during Christmas! I enjoyed the yummy gifts, the scented gifts and the spendable gifts, too! I know it sounds corny, but your children's presence is a great gift too! Looking at those faces everyday and especially at chapel is so GREAT!

Thank you for your gifts to our community. You gave \$ 205 to the Ronald McDonald House "Share-A-Night," lots of presents to the Adopt-A-Foster Family program and to the American Legion drive for gifts for hospitalized children.

With the celebration of the new year comes the task, for you, of making plans for your preschooler for next year. You received the new tuition rates in December, and on Thursday and Friday, January 5th and 6th, it will be time to register for the 2012 - 2013 school year. For 4 year olds, the options available are Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Monday through Friday. For three year olds, there will again be the two-day (Tuesday and Thursday), 3 day and 5 day.

As you think about your child next year (if he or she is staying here), I ask you also to look ahead one more year. Think about the kindergarten program in your district or that private, charter or parochial kindergarten you may be considering.

I am pleased to say that our program, our curriculum through our staff, prepares the children for any type of kindergarten out there. Our focus on the whole child (including but not limited to the physical and spiritual sides) has our preschoolers ready for great success.

If you have any questions about the various options, please give me a call or drop me an email. Teacher requests cannot be guaranteed.

Please return the registration form in the envelope in which you received it. If you have a younger child enrolling for next year and need a second form, stop by the office. Siblings can be turned in beginning Thursday as well.

If you have friends with children on the waiting list, please let them know that the calls will go out most likely after January 15th (although it could be sooner). And if you have friends who are not on the waiting list, encourage them to call and change that fact!

A calendar reminder: Friday, January 27 is a professional day for the staff - the preschool and extended care will be closed. This is in preparation for our Community Open House on Sunday, January 29th. And in anticipation of our Environmental Rating Scale assessments on January 31 and February 1. More information on this is on page 2 of this edition!

Sincerely,

Janet Leishman

Early Childhood Administrator



What is Delaware Stars and
What is an Environment Rating Scale
Assessment?

Good questions! Delaware Stars for Early Success is the voluntary quality improvement program in our state. It was implemented five years ago as a way of improving the early care and education the children of Delaware receive. It's scope was broadened three years ago to include family childcare homes as well as school-age programs. It is a tiered system, that includes staffing, administration, physical plant aspects and curriculum standards. Monetary awards are made as programs meet the specific criteria for each of the five stars.

St. David's is ready to acquire its third star in the next few weeks. In order to receive this star, it is necessary to have two Environment Rating Scale assessments. Two because of the number of classrooms there are (six), so one-third of the rooms will be assessed. The rooms are randomly chosen, so no one will know until the assessor arrives on Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1. An assessor will be present throughout the morning and into the early afternoon, looking at seven different aspects of the school, divided into 43 individual criteria. For more information you may visit the following website:

<http://ers.fpg.unc.edu/about-environment-rating-scales>

Once the visits are complete, our scores will be totaled and we will receive the results, most likely within a few weeks. I will be sure to let you know how we did—because you have helped us this year, from washing hands in the morning, signing permission forms, adding pages to your handbooks, etc. Thank you so much.

After we receive this star, we will most likely go for four. And, it is my hope to also complete NAEYC accreditation as well!!

Aim for the STARS, they say!

On the Calendar

January . . .

- 2 School Resumes
- 5 Chapel, 9:05
- 5,6 Registration Begins**
- 6 First Friday Family Movie, 6pm, "The Jungle Book"
- 11 Chapel, 9:05
- 16 Martin Luther King Day
Preschool Closed, EC Open**
- 19 Chapel, 9:05
- 24 School Spirit Day
- 25 Chapel, 9:05
- 27 Professional Development
Day—Preschool & EC Closed**
- 29 Open House, 1:30—3:30



**Monday, January 16, 2012
Preschool Closed
Extended Care Open**



CHAPEL

Thursday, January 5
Wednesday, January 11
Thursday, January 19
Wednesday, January 25
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Look for revised class lists -
we welcome several new
families to our school!!**



Looking Ahead to February

Chapels - February 2, 8, 16, 22, 29

First Aid Class - 6pm, February 2

CPR Class - 6pm, February 7

First Friday Family Movie - February 3 "The Lion King"

PTPA Meeting - February 8 (after Chapel)

"Strega Nona" performances - February 9 & 10

4th Annual Silent Auction - February 18

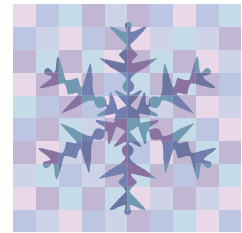
President's Day Holiday - February 20 (Preschool Closed, EC Open)

Inclement Weather

In case you wake up one morning and there is some snow on the ground, here is what you should do:

Call our number - we will change the answering machine if we are closed or opening late!

If the Brandywine School District is CLOSED, St. David's Day School will be closed as well (on the first day of a snow event).



Listen to the following radio stations: WJBR, WDEL, WSTW.

Watch the following television stations: Fox 29, Channel 6 and Channel 10.

Check our website: www.stdavidsde.org



Some Reminders:

The Enrichment Fee (second installment \$ 60) for the 4's is due on Tuesday, January 17th. There will be more specials this spring!

Mittens make for easier and quicker transitions to outside time!

We go outside everyday we can! Thanks!

Parents' Day Out is available everyday your child comes to school!

Bring or Buy—the Choice is Yours!!!



4th Annual Silent Auction

A Night in Italy

**Saturday,
7—10 pm
February 18, 2012
St. David's**

**Featuring an Italian Dinner,
Yummy Desserts,
Great Music,
Fabulous Auction Items,
Raffles,
Classroom Creations
And More!!**

**Tickets On Sale Now
\$ 20 per person
\$35 per couple in advance
\$40 at the door
(if available)**

**Proceeds Benefit The Present & Future Children
Of St. David's Day School!**

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 	2 School Resumes	3	4	5 Epiphany Registration Begins 	6 Registration Continues	7
8	9	10 Scott Vogel Visits	11  Scott Vogel Visits	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Preschool Closed, EC Open	17 Board Mtg	18 All School Sing	19 	20	21
22	23 Lunar New Year	24 School Spirit Day!	25 	26 All School Sing	27 Professional Day Preschool Closed, EC Closed	28
29 Open House 1:30—3:30 pm	30 4's "Clifford" Show Field Trip	31	1 All School Sing	2  Groundhog Day	3	4

January 2012 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chicken Nuggets Fries Peas Apples	3 Cheese Pizza Veggies/ Dip Sherbet	4 Vegetable Lasagna Garlic Bread Green Beans Peaches	5 Chicken Sliders Cheese Broccoli Mixed Fruit	6 French Toast Bacon Syrup OJ Bananas	7 
8	9 Mini Cheese Burgers Corn, "the works" Ice Cream	10 Pasta Butter/ Cheese Meatballs Lima Beans Pears	11 Ham & Cheese Roll-ups Chicken Noodle Soup, Pineapple	12 Macaroni & Cheese Peas Ham Chocolate	13 Sloppy Joe on roll Cheese Veggies/Dip Mandarin Oranges	14
15 	16 Fish Shapes Smiley Fries Carrots Applesauce Oatmeal Cookie	17 Grilled Cheese on wheat Tomato Soup Pretzels Peaches	18 Ravioli in Tomato Sauce, Peas Bread & Butter Pears	19 Waffles Syrup Sausage Grape Juice Orange	20 Dino Nuggets Broccoli	21 
22	23 Turkey Hot Dog on Roll Carrots/Dip Celery & Pickles Vanilla Pudding	24 Beef & Gravy on rice, green beans, applesauce, Ice cream	25 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit Oreos	26 Soft beef tacos, rice, salsa, cheese, corn Yogurt	27 No Lunch Today! No School!	28
29 Open House 1-3	30 Turkey & cheese wrap Salad Ranch Dressing Bananas	31 "Poppin' Pasta" Meatballs Peas Pears	1 Macaroni & Cheese Sausage Mixed Veggies Jello/fruit	2	3	4