

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

March 2017

Dear Day School Families,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Spaghetti Dinner last month! Thank you to the EDS Board Members and Holy Trinity Vestry for the delicious meal. I truly appreciate everyone who participated in the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Silent Auction & Raffle Fundraiser. Thank you to PAC for planning and organizing, to local businesses for their donations, to the many families who contributed, and to everyone who bid during the auction. The fundraiser was a huge success raising over \$3000 for our school!

March 5-11 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in South Carolina. Weather alarms will go off at 9:00am on Wednesday, March 8th to prompt many schools to practice their tornado emergency plans. Since that is drop-off time for us at the Day School, we are planning our drill near 9:45 a.m. on the 8th. During the drill, we will practice going downstairs to the basement to take shelter. I encourage you to practice tornado drills and fire drills at home, too; so that you and your children are prepared to react quickly, if ever needed.

I have recently been speaking with many prospective parents who are considering joining us at the Day School for the 2017-2018 School Year. Please know how important your comments and recommendations of our school are for future enrollment. The staff and I work hard to provide an excellent, enriched educational program within a loving environment, which our Day School families can speak fondly of and take pride in. We are grateful to those who have shared their positive feelings about our school with the community. (https://www.facebook.com/pg/EDSClemson/reviews/?ref=page_internal) Informational flyers are available in the office, so please let me know if you would like to take a few to your friends or place some on a table at your work.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Watkins,
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SPECIAL DATES

Feb. 27 - March 3 International Week
March 3 International Potluck Luncheon 12p.m.
March 6 Visit by Issaqueena Pediatric Dentistry for Dental Health Awareness
March 8 Severe Weather Drill
March 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
March 14 4K Tri-ART Field Trip 9:30a.m. departure
March 20 *Your Pie* School Night for EDS 5-9p.m.
March 23 Fire Drill
April 4 & 5 School Pictures -Jacob Dean Photography
April 10-14 Spring Break & Easter Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
April 17 School Day (Inclement weather make-up day)

CCC Donation Drive

Our March **CCC Donation Drive** has begun! The Episcopal Day School will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable foods, and household goods for Clemson Community Care (CCC) this month. For information about CCC, please visit their website at <http://www.clemsoncommunitycare.org/>. We will count items on March 29 to see which class has collected the most!

Parent-Teacher Conferences Friday, March 10

I look forward to seeing you during **Parent-Teacher Conferences on Friday, March 10th**. This discussion time between you and the teacher is very important. It allows the teacher to share all the wonderful things that we see in your child, his/her discoveries and accomplishments. We appreciate your sharing of insights, concerns, and questions regarding your child. Collaboration between the teachers and parents is key to every child's success. Please feel free to come and talk with me any time you have questions or thoughts that you would like to pass on. The teachers and I invite open, frequent communication. Together, we can address and solve a problem; but only if we are each aware of it. Please remember that children do not have school on March 10th. Child care will be provided for kids only during their parent's conference time on that day. Contact me if you have questions.

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Extracurricular Activities

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Creative Movement

We worked on Health and Self Awareness in Creative Movement during February. We learned all about body parts, while playing some fun games. We also showed and expressed ways that our face and hands show different feelings and emotions. We all played various partner games. This was a lot of fun, and encouraged the children to work together. We did a fun game to help the children learn about making healthy food choices. Stressing the importance of exercise is expressed throughout the year. This past month we did various high intensity moves to help show how exercise is also fun! Watching preschoolers do push-ups and sit ups always puts a smile on my face!!

- Gini Duncan

Music

During February Music time, we sang songs about families, love and Valentine's Day. We also learned about loud and soft. We whispered, talked, called and sang. The children learned their voices are capable of doing all sorts of things! They played drums and triangles and discovered that one is louder than the other. We finished up the month with singing songs from around the world in celebration of EDS International Week.

– Suzette Andrus