

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

May+June 2017

Dear EDS Families,

Thank you for your trust in us as we have guided your children through this school year. We appreciate all of the help you give to our school's program by driving on field trips, volunteering, supporting fundraisers, contributing ideas and providing suggestions. I send an enormous THANK YOU to all of the PAC members for their service and time.

Our school is blessed to have such devoted, loving teachers. If you wish to express your appreciation to a teacher(s), I invite you to make a \$20 donation toward a library bound book for our school in that teacher's honor. Library bound books are in the school office to choose from. At the time of your donation, your child is welcome to choose the book. Your child's name and the teacher's name will be inscribed in the book for placement in our library.

I hope that you and your children carry your EDS experiences, fond memories, and friendships with you in the years to come. We look forward to seeing many of you back in August for the 2017-2018 School Year! We will miss all of our graduates and those who will not be returning. Have a blessed summer!

Best Wishes,

Suzanne Watkins, EDS Director

SPECIAL DATES

Mon., May 1.....2016-2017 Advance Tuition Deposits Due

Fri., May 5.....3-Day 3K Class Walking Field Trip to Planetarium

Tues., May 9.....5-Day 3K Class Walking Field Trip to Planetarium

Thurs., May 11...4K Class Walking Field Trip to Planetarium

Wed. May 17Fire Drill

Fri., May 19.....4K Class Field Trip to Oconee County Airport, 9:10a.m. departure

Mon., May 22....3-Day 3K Class Field Trip to Barrett's Place Playground

Mon., May 29....Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues., May 30...Splish Splash Day for 4K & ALL 2K Classes*

Wed., May 31....Splish Splash Day for 3-Day 3K & 5-Day 3K Yellow Birds

Thurs., June 1...SCHOOL DAY ONLY, NO EXTENDED CARE - A DAY AT THE PARK for 5-Day 3K Yellow Bird, 4K Red Bird and ALL 2K Blue Bird classes

*drop-off and pick-up at Barrett's Place Playground in Pendleton. DO NOT TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING ON THIS DAY

*3-Day 2K students are invited too.

Fri., June 2.....School Closing Ceremony & 4K Graduation 9:00 a.m. ALL children participate. Dismissal following program. There are NO classes or Extended Care on this day.

May 2017 invoices and statements will be emailed May 1 and payment is due by May 15. Please see me immediately if you are uncertain about the balance on your account. A balance left unpaid by the 15th will prevent a child from participating in class, Extended Care and special school activities, until it is paid in full. **During May and June, payment for As-Needed Extended Care is due at the time of request:** Block A 7:15-8:45 a.m.= \$6.75; Block B 12:00-2:00p.m.= \$10.50; Block C 2:00-5:30p.m.= \$15.75.

Closing Ceremony & 4K Graduation 9:00a.m. Friday, June 2

Please remember that there will be no classes or Extended Care on June 2. First bring your child to his/her classroom by 8:55a.m. and then go to the parish hall for the program. Each family is asked to **bring a snack or finger food to share.** Beverages will be provided by the school. The students will be dismissed to their parents at the end of the program.

Splish Splash Water Days May 30 & 31

We will be celebrating the beginning of summer with a Splish Splash Day full of fun water activities on Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31. See *Special Dates* above for the date that your child's class will have their Splish Splash Day. *The 3-Day 2K Blue Birds students are invited to attend on Tuesday, May 30th from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. for Splish Splash Day! **Please send your child to school dressed in his/her bathing suit with a change of clothes, towel, shoes that can get wet and a second pair of shoes to wear home.** For safety reasons, children will not be allowed to go barefoot on the lawn. Apply sunblock before arriving at school. Also, make sure to put your child's name on his/her towel, water shoes, bathing suit, clothes, etc. Parents are invited to assist in supervising the children as they play on the lawn. Please come if you are able to help on either of these days from 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 1 - Day at the Park
for All 2K, 5-Day 3K, and 4K Classes
Barrett's Place Playground of
Veterans Park in Pendleton**

NO EARLY MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON June 1. DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL. DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP WILL BE AT THE PARK.

- **DROP-OFF:** Teachers will be in the playground parking lot to receive children from 8:45-9:00a.m. When you arrive, inform your child's teachers if you are staying or leaving. Do not leave your child without insuring that he/she has been signed-in by his/her teacher. If you arrive after 9:00 a.m., you will need to park your vehicle and walk through the playground to find your child's teachers.
- Students will be provided with a mid-morning snack at the park.
- **PICK-UP:** Teachers will be in the parking lot to load children into vehicles from 12:00p.m.-12:10p.m. A parent/approved caregiver must sign-out his/her child from his/her teacher before taking the child from the park.
- All parents are encouraged and welcome to stay. Extra supervision and helping hands will be needed and greatly appreciated.
- The **3-Day 2K Blue Bird students are invited** to join their friends at the park on June 1st, since their class will not have a separate trip there.
- **RAIN:** A decision will be made by 8:00a.m. on June 1 if this activity must be cancelled due to rain. Parents will be notified by 8:05 a.m. by email and a notice will be posted on the EDS's Facebook page if this occurs: <https://www.facebook.com/EDSClemson/>. If there is a cancellation due to rain, we will open the school building for drop off at 8:45 a.m. and dismiss all students at 12:00 p.m.
- **NOTE** - The 3-Day 3K class students have a *separate* Barrett's Place Playground trip scheduled on Monday, May 22.

Creative Movement

We enjoyed another month of Nature in Movement. The children always love activities with the parachute. We used it to make waves and talked about the different sized waves we see in the water-ocean vs. lake. We took turns "swimming" under the "ocean". Their imaginations soared while explaining what they saw under the ocean. We also used the parachute to create a "running river". They enjoyed jumping over, into and through the river.

We had a shape and color game with different nature critters and animals in mind to go along with the game. The children always enjoy acting like animals.

I was able to introduce our new exercise/therapy balls this month. This was a successful grant that I applied for. I was so excited to start using these. The children are enjoying them as well! I intend to use these frequently during our exercises. The exercise balls are a great way to build strength, especially core strength.

During May, we will have fun with dancing and games. We will learn about what makes our bodies move and ways we can keep healthy, as well as strong!

Thank you for sharing your children with me. They are a blessing and I enjoyed moving with each and every one of them this school year.

Gini Duncan
Creative Movement Teacher