

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

May+June 2018

Dear EDS Families,

Thank you for your trust in us, as we have guided your children through this school year. We appreciate the support you have given to our school's program by driving on field trips, volunteering, sponsoring fundraisers, and contributing ideas. I extend a special THANK YOU to all of the PAC members for their service and time.

Our school is blessed to have such loving and devoted teachers. One way you may express your appreciation is to make a \$20 donation toward an EDS library bound book in a teacher's honor. A selection of library bound books is in the school office. 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 2018-2019 School Year! We will miss all of our graduates and those who will not be returning. Have a joyful summer!

Best Wishes,

Suzanne Watkins, EDS Director

SPECIAL DATES

Tues. May 1.....4K Class Field Trip to CU Football Complex

Tues. May 8EDS School Spirit Night at

Your Pie Restaurant 5:00-9:00p.m.

Wed. May 16.....DNR Presentations – *Fascinating Critters*

Wed. May 23.....3-Day 3K Class Field Trip to
Barrett's Place Playground

Wed. May 23.....4K Class Walking Field Trip to
Your Pie Restaurant

Thurs. May 24...Splish-Splash Day for 4K & ALL 2K
Classes*

Fri. May 25.....Splish-Splash Day for 3-Day 3K
& 5-Day 3K Yellow Birds

Mon. May 28..... Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs., May 31 - SCHOOL DAY ONLY at Barrett's Place

NO EXTENDED CARE

A DAY AT THE PARK for

o 5-Day 3K Yellow Bird,

o 4K Red Bird and

o ALL 2K Blue Bird classes

*3-Day 2K Blue Bird students are invited too.

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

Fri., June 1..... School Closing Ceremony & 4K Graduation
9:00 a.m. ALL children participate.

Dismissal following program

NO classes or Extended Care on this day

May 2018 Invoices & Statements will be emailed May 1. Full 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, payment for As-Needed Extended Care is due at the time of request.** Block A 7:15-8:45 a.m.= \$7.00; Block B 12:00-2:00p.m.= \$11.25; Block C 2:00-5:30p.m.= \$19.50.

Closing Ceremony & 4K Graduation 9:00a.m. Friday, June 1

There will be no classes or Extended Care on June 1. 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 24 & 25

We will be celebrating the beginning of summer with Splish-Splash Days, full of fun water activities on Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25. 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 Thursday, May 24 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 (no flip flops) 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, May 31 - Day at the Park
for 5-Day 3K, 4K and ALL 2K Classes
Barrett's Place Playground of
Veterans Park in Pendleton**

NO EARLY MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON May 31. 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 May 31, since their class will not have a separate trip there.
- **RAIN:** A decision will be made by 8:00a.m. on May 31 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 Wednesday, May 23.**

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.

We have been using exercise balls a lot during stretches and in our activities lately. The exercise balls are a great tool for building strength. We have especially been using them to help strengthen core muscles and balance.

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