



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

March 2019

Dear Day School Families:

March 11-15 is **Severe Weather Awareness Week** in South Carolina. We will have a severe weather drill on March 11th. During the drill, students 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 necessary.

The **Annual EDS Spaghetti Dinner** will be on **Monday, March 11th at 6:00p.m.** Please join us for this fun, family evening of fellowship! The church Vestry and EDS Board will host this complementary dinner for you and your family to attend. During the dinner, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will hold a Silent Auction & Raffle. Raffle tickets are on sale now for a chance to win autographed Clemson athletic balls. Contact me or PAC member to get tickets for family, friends or co-workers. Please help this raffle be our biggest fundraiser of the year! Proceeds will help provide school supplies and special events.

EDS International Week volunteers are needed! Can you share 15-20 minutes with students about another country? Contact me if you are available to share:

- ❖ Monday, March 25 at 9:15a.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, March 26 at 9:15a.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, March 27 at 9:15a.m.
- ❖ Thursday, March 28 at 11:30a.m.

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Suzanne Watkins, swatkins@holyltrinityclemson.org

School Begins at 9:00a.m. . . .

I strongly remind everyone of the importance of promptness for school, even at this early age. There have been a growing number of students arriving late. Morning drop-off is from 8:45-9:00a.m. School begins at 9:00a.m. Please respectfully do not ring the doorbell during our chapel time between 9:15a.m. to 9:35a.m., and know that teachers may wait until the end of our worship time to answer the door. *Thank you!*

Clemson Community Care (CCC) Donation

Drive March 18-29 - We will collect canned goods, non-perishable foods, and household goods for CCC. For information about CCC, visit their website at <http://www.clemsoncommunitycare.org/>. We will count items on April 1st to see which class has collected the most! Please donate and help your child's class win!

SPECIAL DATES

- March 7 PAC Meeting 11:30a.m.
- March 8 PAC Silent Auction Baskets Wrapping 9a.m.
- March 11 Severe Weather Drill
- March 11 EDS Annual Spaghetti Dinner 6:00p.m.
- March 13 Tri-ART Field Trip - 9a.m. departure
 - 4K Red Birds, 3-Day & 5-Day 3K Yellow Birds
- March 15 School Holiday – No Classes/ No Extended Care
- March 18-29 CCC Donation Drive of non-perishable food & household goods
- March 25-28 International Week
 - Volunteer Speakers Needed
- March 27 International Potluck Luncheon 12:00p.m.
 - Bring a traditional family dish to share
- March 29 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - No School/No Extended Care
- April 4-5 Jacob Dean Photography
 - Thursday:* 2-Day 2K, 5-Day 2K, 5-Day 3K
 - Friday:* Staff, 3-Day 2K, 5-Day 2K, 3-Day 3K, 4K
 - *5-Day 2K will have individual photographs taken on the 4th, and class pictures taken on both days.
- April 15-22 Spring Break & Easter Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

Parent-Teacher Conferences Friday, March 29th

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Friday, March 29th. Make sure to sign-up with your child's teacher in advance for a conference time. 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 a child's success. Please feel welcome to contact me whenever 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 29th. Child care will be provided for children only *during* their parent's conference time. Contact Suzanne Watkins 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. During the month we also talked about transportation. We flew, rode bikes, drove fire trucks, cars and more, all to some really fun songs.

In March, we will sing about spring, plants, farmers and flying kites. We also look forward to International Week when we will sing, dance and listen to songs from around the world!

– Suzette Andrus

