

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

February 2017

Dear Day School Families,

It was very nice to see so many of you at the Christmas Program in December. The teachers and I were very proud of your children's performance! Thank you for bringing tasty refreshments to share, though please always kept in mind that EDS is a peanut/nut free school. It is very important that peanuts and nuts are not sent in classroom snacks, as well as in snacks for special events.

The Tamassee DAR School & Children's Home was extremely appreciative of your donated wish star gifts. Also, thank you to the many of you who gave cards and gifts to the teachers and me. Your kind thoughts and generosity warmed our hearts.

During January, we had early registration for our current students to enroll for the 2017-2018 School Year. Registration is now open to the public; so if you have not registered your child for the upcoming school year, contact me *immediately* to ask about securing a space. Our 4K class roster is already full!

The children will be making valentines for the elderly, ill and some single members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish. We request that each child bring four \$0.49 (or *Forever*) stamps to school, so that the children's handmade cards can be mailed to these special individuals. Please bring the stamps to school by Friday, February 10th. These cards brighten many lives. We appreciate your help to send warm, heart-felt greetings during this chilly season.

I look forward to seeing you at the 13th Annual EDS Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, February 13th at 6:00p.m.! The church Vestry and EDS Board will host this complementary dinner for the Day School families and staff in the Parish Hall. During the dinner, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will hold a Silent Auction & Raffle. Each class is collecting items to assemble a themed basket for the auction. Please help in this effort by contributing an item by February 3rd. The basket themes and suggested items are provided on page 2 of this newsletter. Raffle tickets are on sale now. → Thank you for your donations and your support!
Sincerely,

Suzanne Watkins, swatkins@holyltrinityclemson.org

SPECIAL DATES

- Feb. 1 2017-2018 Open Enrollment begins
- Feb. 1 PAC meeting at 11:30a.m.
- Feb. 6 100th Day of School Celebration
- Feb. 10 3-Day 3K, 5-Day 3K and 4K Field Trip
Jessica Lang Dance, TRI-ART Performance
Departure from school at 9:30a.m.
- Feb. 13 Annual EDS Spaghetti Dinner 6:00p.m.
and PAC Silent Auction & Raffle
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 24 Fire Drill
- Feb. 27-March 3 International Week
Details coming soon!

100th DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, February 6th

To celebrate the 100th day of school on February 6th, we invite each child to bring 100 items to school. Children in past years have brought things like 100 toy cars, 100 Lego blocks, 100 stickers, and 100 Cheerios. Be creative! Items should be placed in the Parish Hall (big room) on this day. All of the classes will join together to look at the 100s of items, hear a story about the 100th day of school, and participate in some counting games!

PAC FOOTBALL RAFFLE

You could win a football signed by the 2016 College Football National Champions - the Clemson Tigers team & Coach Swinney! Tickets are \$5 each and are available to EDS families and staff. Contact Sarah Amick (sarah.amick@yahoo.com) or Suzanne Watkins if you would like to buy tickets for yourself, friends, family or co-workers! Please note that Amick and Watkins will not handle public ticket sales, but welcome *you* to sell tickets to people outside of EDS. The drawing will be held on February 13 during the EDS Spaghetti Dinner. The winner will be contacted February 14th and publicly announced on the EDS Facebook page. Proceeds will support EDS and PAC school efforts/events.

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Extracurricular Activities

February 2017

Creative Movement

Creative Movement was all about Transportation in January. Transportation on the road was a lot of fun with several songs, including The Wheels on the Bus, and another favorite, *Driving in My Car*. We used Hula Hoops for steering wheels, and played a game similar to the classic, Red Light Green Light. We also had a fun game of 'bus stop'.

For Water transportation, we had a blast rowing our boats across the river. We did this using carpet squares on tile floors. Air transportation was fun using our flying imaginations with Helicopters, Jets, and blasting to space in our Spaceships. We had a couple of movement songs of flying to add to the fun.

Our last week was all about transportation on tracks. The children loved the train obstacle we used for this. We concluded our month with everyone receiving a "driver's license."

February in Movement will be all about body parts. We will have a lot of partner games as well. The children are already learning some names of muscles and the importance of staying fit. – Mrs. Duncan

Music

I am so proud of all our children for singing so well for the Christmas Program. Didn't they do great? They learn so quickly.

In January, we started learning about music. We learned that every song has a beat or rhythm and how we can make all kinds of rhythm with our hands and feet. For example, clapping, patting, walking, running, etc. We also learned about fast and slow rhythm by pretending to be a slow, fat cat and a scurrying mouse. Along with that we sang songs about snowmen and dinosaurs. Their favorite was "Once There Was a Snowman". Ask your child to sing it for you.

In February, we will start the month driving and flying cars, planes, trucks and trains during our transportation week! Later in the month we will sing songs about families, Valentine's Day and explore high and low sounds in both nature and music. – Mrs. Andrus

EDS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Silent Auction

SILENT AUCTION: Each class will present a themed basket for the auction and your help is needed to fill them! Bring item(s) to school by Friday, February 3rd to help fill your child's class basket. Suggestions are noted below, but all appropriate items are welcomed. Feel free to donate items for other classes' baskets, too!

2 Year Old Blue Bird Class (Mrs. Haskins & Mrs. Campbell)

ARTS & CRAFTS BASKET: markers, colored pencils, paint, kid scissors, glue, paper, pompoms, wiggly eyes, pipe cleaners, kid-sized craft apron, stickers, stamps, stamp pads, glitter, sequins, craft paper, large basket or Rubbermaid container or tote bag

3-Day 3K Yellow Bird Class (Mrs. Duncan & Mrs. Andrus)

KID'S ROAD TRIP BASKET: travel games, small toys, mini coloring books or notebooks, stickers, etch-a-sketch, small pillow, blanket, window cling-ons, snack containers, travel cups, first aid kit, flashlight, large basket or tote bag

5-Day 3K Yellow Bird Class (Mrs. Russell & Ms. Laura)

NATURE & GARDENING BASKET: gardening tools (small shovel, rake, scissors, pruning shears, etc.), seeds, books, kneeling pads, garden stones or characters, gift card/certificate to local plant nursery, hand lotion, gardening bags or pots, gardening labels or tags, large basket or gardening tote

4K Red Bird Class (Mrs. Nash & Mrs. Henry)

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FAN BASKET: athletic wear, game tickets, ball autographed by coach and/or players, bumper or window stickers, jewelry, hat, keychain, team memorabilia, large basket or Clemson University bag/tote

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! – Sarah Amick, PAC Chair (sarah.amick@yahoo.com)