

First English Lutheran Preschool

Upcoming Events

March and April

March 1-30:

Fall Registration for current and returning families

March 17/23: Pastor Zell reading to classes

March 20: Parent Meeting: Kindergarten News!

March 27-28: Soccer Shots clinic 9:15 and 9:40

March 31:

Fall Registration for New Students, 8:30-11:30

April 3-7: No school

Spring Break

April 14 and 17: No

School : Good Friday and Easter Monday

April 24-28: NAEYC Week of the Young child

April 27-28 No school:

Parent/Teacher conferences

May 3 & 4: St. Jude's

Bike-a thon fundraiser

March 2017



FROM THE DIRECTOR



March seems like it came in with a great big wind this year, all in the middle of the night too! We know that warmer days will be here soon. The playground has gotten some unexpected usage this winter and we hope to have the children continue using it more this month; please send appropriate outdoor clothing by making sure that mittens are tucked into pockets or hats then hats can be placed into coat sleeve. This helps them be ready to go just by getting their coat off their hook.

Thank you to families who attended the Fun Fair/Auction meeting! We have some great ideas to begin working on and I appreciate being able to share the workload. If you would like to help with planning games or contact business for auction items please let me know.

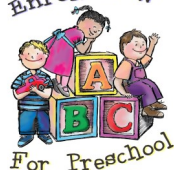
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Spring Conferences

Soon it will be time for spring conferences, April 27-28. We have moved them from March into April so that we can continue taking COR notes until closer to the end of the school year. This will be the time to talk with your child's teacher about their progress and set any goals for your child as we finish out the school year. Each teacher will make her own conference sign-ups available by posting them outside the classroom doors after spring break; Please sign-up for a time that will work for you or ask about alternative dates/times if needed. If you feel that you have regular contact with your child's teacher then you may also request a check in phone call/email. You may also wait until the end of the school year as well!

Enroll Now



For Preschool

2017--2018 Registration Information

Fall registration packets are available for those families who plan to register for preschool next year. Currently enrolled families (and previously enrolled families) may turn in the completed application and \$55 registration fee any time before Friday, March 31 to secure a place for your child (current student and/or sibling). Registering early helps assure you get the days and times you want for your child. Registration forms will also be available online at:

<http://firstenglishlutheranpreschool.org/re-enroll/>

If you know of any interested families, please let them know that new students may register Friday, March 31. Registration forms for new families will also be available online at:

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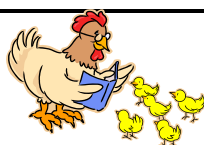


Soccer Shots: We will be hosting a soccer clinic at the end of the month and more information will come home about opportunities to continue with “soccer classes”. There are multiple times and locations this organization makes available if that is something that your and your child are interested in. We also hope to introduce some YOGA opportunities as well before our school year concludes!



March is Youth Art Month

We are lucky to start off the month by displaying our creative art experiences with our art show display. We hope you will take a moment to enjoy the titled and priced finished product your child created during time at preschool in February.



Scholastic Book Orders

Ordering children’s books from the Scholastic order form is a good way to add to your library of children’s books. Orders and payments are due on **March 1**. You can order books online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. You will need to register on the site. When prompted, enter the one-time class activation code: **N8Z6R**. The code ensures that your order is sent to the school. If you prefer to bring the order forms to the school, please make checks payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. Thank you to Kristine Unwin who prepares the book form orders each month for us!



March is the National Month for

Read Across America Day (March 2nd)

Farmer’s Day (March 8)

Everything you do is Right Day (March 16)

French Bread AND Pizza Day (March 21)

Chocolate Covered Raisins (March 24)

Purple Day (March 26)

Here are some happenings in our area to do this month:

Celebrate Dr. Suess’ birthday at Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Sat. March 4 from 10am-1pm

Family Fun Night at Battell Center, Mishawaka March 10 from 6-10pm! Crafts. Snacks and movie \$10 per family

St. Paddy’s Day parade, held Downtown South Bend on March 18th at 11am



Kindergarten News:



While some of our families are already into the Kindergarten mode with older siblings or current Pre K student, it might be beneficial to come hear Mary Schori, our preschool board parent representative and area Kindergarten teacher, share information about this BIG KID step. For some, you might be interested to hear about the Indiana Standards or even what the “round up” experience is all about. Others might find the information helpful as they decide if waiting some additional time at preschool might be something to consider. There are so many Kindergarten programs available to families and each has a process for enrollment. For example, for any South Bend magnet school there is an online application that is available Nov. 1 and due mid-Dec. for the following school year’s enrollment! The evening will be informative with Mary sharing news but also feel free to bring your questions and concerns as we address what Kindergarten is all about, Monday, March 20 from 6:30-7:30pm

St. Jude's Bike-a-thon

Coming May 3-4. First English Lutheran Preschool will be participating in a bike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This is a "community" fundraising event as children will be asked to get sponsors for their bike/trike ride. It is not mandatory that they collect money but it does go towards a great cause especially as we discuss in class how they can help children/families who are experiencing medical situations/needs. St. Jude's provides us with materials for the children to learn about bike safety prior to the bike ride. We will ask children to bring their favorite riding toy along with a helmet for this event. The dates, May 3rd and 4th will be the actual bike ride, weather permitting, as we ride around our preschool/church block. We will set a more specific time for the ride as we get closer to the date!



Donations accepted for paper towels and Kleenex boxes for classroom use or old towels for drying off the playground!


Pre K class says:




We have had a few visitors recently to our classroom as we have been learning about jobs around our town. We started the new year off with our police officers, Andy Silveus and Jarrett Gilpin visiting and then we had Firefighter Travis Schori, Dr. Natalie Sessions, Nurse Nicole Bonek, Flutist Hillary Reese come share their professions. If you have a talent, hobby, job that you would like to share, then please let us know!

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!



Turning  Olivia Kaser, March 6; Londyn Kline, March 13;
Rose deGroot, March 29

Soon to be  Rowan Mullins, March 8; Piper Mullins, March 8; River Mullins, March 8;
Maia Hodges, March 13; Amelia DeCicco, March 14; Nora Slavinskas, March 17;
Milo Houser, March 19; Sophia Moretti, March 21; Katie Sheldon, March 25;
Molly Cummins, March 26; Haley Fullmer, March 29; Adeline Farabaugh, March 31

Number  for Alex VanVynckt, March 1; Stella Thompson, March 10; Addison Karnes, March 11;
Paddy Cline, March 13.