

Happy 2018!

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We hope everyone had a nice break. The children will be settling back into their school routines and we are looking forward to a fun filled month here at First School. We are celebrating 2018 with many fun events over the next months! Please read more about them below. Thanks!



Please Welcome Emily Fultz to our Staff!

We initially were going to hire Mrs. Fultz as our new French Language instructor, but now we are going to have two fun classes that she will creatively incorporate together. We

are thrilled that Mrs. Fultz is going to take over the Fun Room job from Mrs. Bishop, who has left to spend more time with her family. Mrs. Fultz will teach the class Monday through Friday and will introduce the French Language to the children sporadically while they are playing and singing and dancing in the class. This is a perfect way to introduce children to foreign language – it comes so easily to them at this age.

Emily has a dance and theater background and has danced with South Dayton School of Dance. She did many productions at Centerville High School and at Muse Machine (including Beauty and the Beast in 2005). She has her Bachelors from OSU in French. She studied abroad in Dijon, France and has done Undergraduate research translating French fairy tales, and an internship translating French articles for Mondokio International News. She has loved teaching her own children French through songs and games and thinks that combining this with our Fun Room time will be a wonderful way to let children express themselves. Welcome Emily! We are excited to have you join our “Family”!

INTERNATIONAL FOLKTALES AND THEATER class on Thursdays in January (and Feb. 1) from 11:10–12:45 still has room available. Learn World Folktales using STEM, sequencing and rhyming. Comparisons of folktales from around the world will be emphasized. The children will write and direct their own Folktale play to perform for the parents. Contact Stacey if you'd like your child to sign up for this fun class. Cost is \$45.

Dates to Remember:

- January 8: School resumes
- January 9: 8 session Mighty Dragons Ninja class starts (Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January)
- January 10: Librarian Visit
- January 11–Feb 1: International Folktales Class
- January 15 MLK Day NO SCHOOL
- January 16 & 17 Color of Month is BLUE
- January 17 INFORMATION Session at 11–11:30 for February DRUMS ALIVE class
- January 17: 6:30–7:30 p.m. KINDERGARTEN information meeting
- January 18 & 19 SPIRIT Wear Days
- January 22–26 INTERNATIONAL WEEK
- January 30 & 31: Experience First School Days 9:30–10:15. Bring a friend to school!

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We continue with our theme this year of Discover the World with First School from January 22-26. We are hoping to have two different countries to learn about each day. If you have visited or lived in another country we need you. We would like to have two displays set up each day. The display can have a variety of things: games, pictures, items kids can touch and play with, etc. We would love to have a representative stay at the table and talk with the different classes that come to visit. The morning classes would be from 9:00-11:00 and the afternoon classes would be from 12:00-12:45. Please let your teacher know or Mrs. Schroeder at Shayna@firstschooldayton.com. We hope you can help us with this wonderful experience for the children.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY JAN. 17-6:30-7:30 P.M.

Are you wondering about the transition from pre-school to Kindergarten? Is your child ready? Wondering what kinds of things you can do to help you child have a great year? Are you wondering what the advantage of First School's Kindergarten might be? We will discuss the following at this informative meeting:

- What children are expected to know going into Kindergarten
- The Kindergarten programs available at First School including Early 5's
- The process of transition from pre-school to **any** Kindergarten
- What you can expect in a typical Kindergarten class – both curriculum and schedule
- What things you can do with your child to assure a great start in any program

A Question & Answer period will follow the presentation. Our Kindergarten Information Night is open to current AND prospective families. **Child care will be available** (Please call us at 937-433-3455 to RSVP so we have enough staff available.) **We also will offer a very special Kindergarten Commitment Tuition Price and Payment Option for those who sign up by January 31.** *Kindergarten class must have at least five students enrolled to occur.



Looking Ahead...FEBRUARY and MARCH Explorer's Club class will be DRUMS ALIVE taught by Dorie Phillips, MT-BC Drums Alive Certified Instructor on Wednesdays from 12:00- 12:40 p.m. .Please come to an **information** session on **WEDNESDAY Jan. 17 from 11-11:30** to see what this evidence research based program, combining rhythmical drum and dance choreography to motivate movement is all about. Each class is designed for whole-body and brain development to encourage children to have fun and get healthy. Fitness balls, drumsticks, manipulatives, drums, instruments and more will be included in each class. Registration forms for the class will be coming home the week of January 8th. Limited space is available in this class. Sign up early!



THANK YOU FOR your very generous sock donations. We donated them to SHOES FOR THE SHOELESS and they were so appreciative. You are the best families, ever!

2018-2019 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

We love our First School families and hope that you plan on enrolling with us again (if applicable) for the 2018-2019 school year! Please look for your enrollment packet during the week of Jan. 15.

If you have questions or concerns or advice, please see Stacey or Shayna. Our goal is to have 100% re-enrollment. We will open enrollment to the public starting on February 1.

We'll have PM Kindergarten and AM Early 5's again, too!

Something New! EXPERIENCE FIRST SCHOOL Days

Tell your friends! We are going to open the school up to prospective families on Tuesday January 30 and Wednesday January 31, 2018 from 9:30 until 10:15 for the general public to get an actual school day experience. **Reservations will be required.** If you bring a friend and they sign up for the 2018-19 school year, we'll reward you with a referral credit on your 2018 tuition as a thank you! This is going to be really fun.