

Happy 2019!

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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 2019 with many fun events over the next months! Please read more about them below. Thanks!



Please Welcome Kate Bailey to our Staff!

Kate Bailey started with us at the beginning of the school year as an aide on MWF and Lunch bunch teacher. She is Locke Corwin's mom, too!

This is her first year assisting children in a preschool setting. She enjoys spending time with her sweet family and friends, gardening, photography and designing interior spaces. She grew up in Englewood, Ohio. Her family consists of her significant other, Michael and their son, Lochlan. Kate's favorite foods are street tacos, sushi, brick oven pizza and chocolate covered strawberries!. She loves to vacation anywhere with a beach – preferably the Caribbean with its crystal clear water. Hilton Head Island is also a top pick!

The family has one pet – a beta fish, Finn. Before coming to First School, Kate provided in-home childcare for three years for two boys, ranging in ages from 3 months to 4 1/2 years. In describing why she loves teaching Kate mentioned that she loves the joy and excitement that emerges when a little one accomplishes a task. She also loves their sense of humor—"boy, are they funny!" She is a big sports fanatic and THE Ohio State Buckeyes are her team! "O...H..." Welcome to *our* team Kate! We are glad you are here.

Dates to Remember:

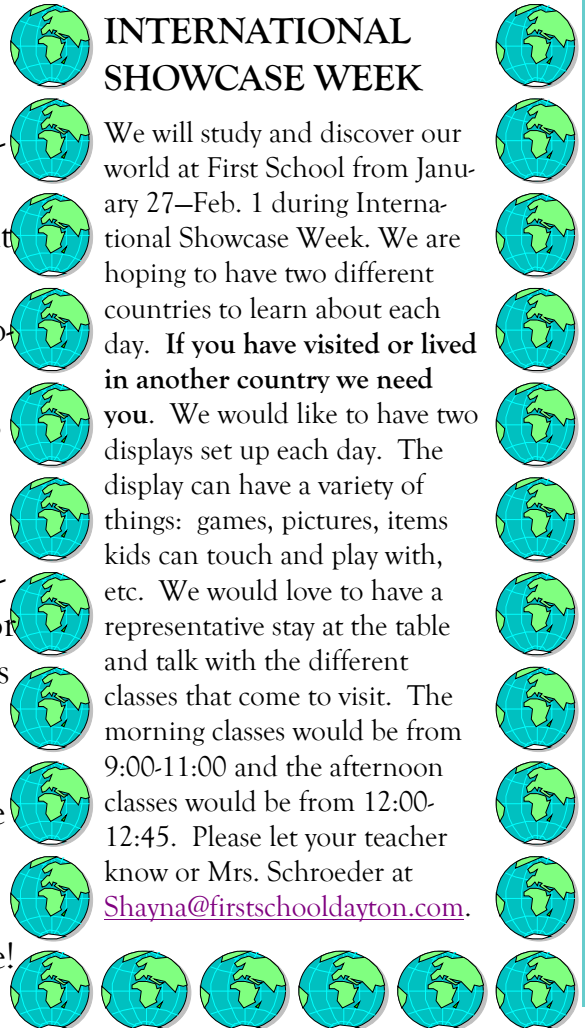
- January 7: School resumes
- January 8: 8 session Mighty Dragons Ninja class starts (Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January)
- January 15 & 16: Spirit Days
- January 17: Kindergarten Info Session 6:00–6:30 p.m.
- January 21: MLK Day NO SCHOOL
- January 24 & 25: Wear BLUE
- January 27–Feb. 1: International Show-

Mighty Dragons class still has openings! Let Stacey know if you are interested. This is an amazing class!



INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE WEEK

We will study and discover our world at First School from January 27–Feb. 1 during International Showcase Week. 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.



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT IS THURSDAY JAN. 17:6:00–6:30 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 Feb. 15.**

**Kindergarten class must have at least five students enrolled to occur.*



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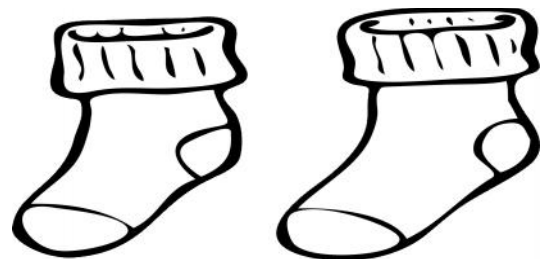
Looking Ahead...FEBRUARY and MARCH Explorer's Club class will be DRUMS ALIVE taught by Dorie Phillips, MT-BC Drums Alive Certified Instructor on Wednesdays from 12:00- 12:40 p.m. This evidence research based program, combining rhythmical drum and dance choreography to motivate movement is what Drums Alive 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 7th. Limited space is available in this class. Sign up early! **This class was wildly popular last year!!!**

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

We love our First School families and hope that you plan on enrolling with us again (if applicable) for the 2019-2020 school year! Please look for your enrollment packet during the week of Jan. 14.

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!



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!